



Great Lakes Region Pony Club

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NEWSLETTER



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Notes from the RS



Wow! This winter has been brutal. It's beautiful, but hard on the humans taking care of horses and other livestock. Spring is just around the corner, so hang in there!

I am proud and happy to say that we have a HUGE turnout for Quiz considering our small membership numbers in our region. We have 118 members throughout the GLR. We have 71 members are coming from our region and 2 members from the Heartland region are joining us again this year. I am so thankful for the huge turnout!

The executive board is working hard to put some GLR events on the calendar. I know your summer can fill up quickly, so please check out all of our "save the date" events. To make these events possible, we need good participation and volunteers. This is not a Champs year, so let's make the best of it!

Speaking of Champs...even though it is not a Champs year, you can qualify for Champs 2026 at this year's Quiz Rally. We are also working on a mounted rally for this year.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in a couple of weeks at the Great Wolf Lodge. Don't forget about the art exhibition and the silent auction! As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Jen Wolf, RS

Great Lakes Region Membership As of February 20, 2025

Clubs & Centers = 118 Members

Central Michigan: 1 (transferring soon)

Foxwood: 8

Grand River: 5

Highland Hills: 3

Huron Valley: 15

Kalamazoo Valley II: 5

Metamora Hunt II: 4

Orchard Hill: 2

Pierport: 7

Rose Lake: 16 (WAY TO GO!)

Silver Snaffles: 4

Traverse Bay: 40 (holding down the fort!)

Cedar Ridge: 1

K. Colfer Sporthorses: 8



Convention Recap!



Many, many volunteers put in HOURS of work to make this year's United Stated Pony Clubs Convention a HUGE success! Wendy Willford and Kerry McKinley led a team of people from our region including previous GLR executive board members living in other states. They did an outstanding job planning, organizing, putting out fires, attending and running LOTS of meetings, setting up, taking down, fielding questions, problem solving and much more. This was a 5 year long process that ended up being absolutely amazing....some said the best Convention USPC has seen. Stephanie and Melynda were able to put together a silent auction that raised over \$6,400 for our region. There are simply too many people to mention and thank, but I wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone that made this year's Convention a success. Pony Club is a fantastic organization and we have some of the BEST people volunteering right here in the Great Lakes Region.

Great Lakes Region Quiz Rally 2025



When: March 8th 2025

Location: 3575 US 31 - Traverse City, MI

Remember the GWL is a CASHLESS hotel!

***See the Quiz Rally newsletter for more information!**



Spring Regional Council Meeting

When: March 9th

Where: The Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City,
Michigan

Time: 8:00am-12:30pm (Coffee @ 7:45am)

Who: DC or Jt DC Required - All other leaders,
parents or adults that want to attend are
welcome!



Spring JLC Meeting – Please attend!

Attention all youth members!
Please plan to attend the JLC
meeting following Quiz Rally on
Sunday, March 9th @ 9:00am.



Spring Upper Level Clinics & National Test Prep

We have the following dates on the calendar for the UL Clinics but are waiting on confirmation from the National Examiners.

March 22-23, 2025 @ Lonetree Stables

April 5-6, 2025 @ Lonetree Stables

May 31 - June 1 @ Lonetree Stables

**Please email/ text or call the organizer with any questions:
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Fall Upper Level Clinic & Testing

SAVE THE DATE!

November 15th & 16th

Clinic on November 15&16 at Lonetree Stables in Rockford MI. Mark your calendars to come and join this great event with National Examiner Chris Keim - You won't be disappointed. She is also our instructor for the June camp!

See Chris Keim's bio on the next slide. ----->

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Fall Upper Level Clinic & Testing November 15 & 16

Chris Keim's Bio ----->



Chris Keim is an experienced author, educator, and leader specializing in equestrian education and equine-assisted learning and facilitation. She combines her expertise in the fields of professional writing, educational psychology and equestrian science to motivate, educate and inspire clients to succeed both personally and academically. She maintains the highest standards of horsemanship and professional ethics while encouraging and helping clients to reach their personal goals. She is the Senior Lecturer and Head Coach of the University of NH IHSA Team in Durham, NH. She is also the Principal Horseman at Cold Moon Farm in Rochester, NH. Chris is an HA graduate of the United States Pony Club, is on the IHSA Board of Directors and is a USDF and USEF judge. Chris holds her B.S., M.Ed and M.F.A. from the University of NH. She is an extensively published narrative journalist and travel writer whose work regularly appears in top equestrian publications both online and in print. With Sally Batton, she is the co-author of *The Athletic Equestrian* (Trafalgar Square: 2022) and a contributor to the anthology *Ten Piscataqua Writers* (Ten Piscataqua: 2022).



Save the Dates - Upper Level ZOOM Clinics

Our last upper level Zoom clinic will be March 20th with Kate Brown!

EVERYONE is welcome. Links to these clinics will be sent to all members and leaders a few days prior to the meetings. Each clinic will begin at 7:30 pm!

March 20th Lameness w/ Kate

THANK YOU Kate and Brenna for providing stellar clinics!

National Testing Coming to GLR

Save the Date!

The Great Lakes Region has been approved to host a National Testing for mounted C3-A levels at Revel Run on June 23-24, 2025 @ Revel Run in Chelsea, Michigan. If you are eligible to take a mounted National test, please consider this testing date! It is rare to have a National test in our backyard!!



GLR June Camp – Save the Date!

Following the National Testing at Revel Run, the Great Lakes Region will be having a Camp at Revel Run on June 24th-26th for ALL members! Our instructor for the camp will be Chris Keim.

More details coming soon!



GLR Mega Rally – Working on it!

We are working on securing a date and location for a late summer/fall Mega Rally. Please stay tuned! We need volunteers to help organize the rally!



More Updates Coming Soon...

- Updates to the Calendar
- Spring Meeting Agenda
- UL Clinic Details
- National Testing & Camp Details

Please contact me for more information or questions!

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The Leadership Team

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Amy Fidler Secretary

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***As always, we are here to help.
Reach out to us if you have any
questions or concerns.***