



*Great Lakes Region  
Pony Club*

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2024 NEWSLETTER





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# Great Lakes Region Membership As of October 1, 2024

**Clubs & Centers = 135 Members**



Central Michigan: 2

Foxwood: 9

Grand River: 9

Highland Hills: 5

Huron Valley: 20

Kalamazoo Valley II: 9

Metamora Hunt II: 7

Orchard Hill: 2

Pierport: 8

Rose Lake: 6

Silver Snaffles: 12

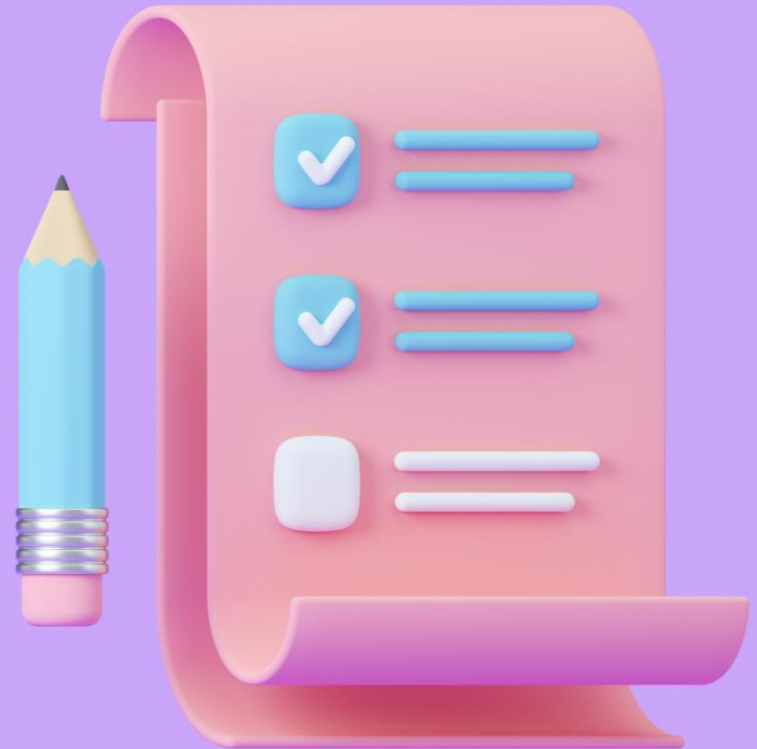
Traverse Bay: 30

Cedar Ridge: 6

K. Colfer Sporthorses: 11

# Leadership Reminders

- Make sure you, your leadership and any adult members have current background checks and current SafeSport trainings on file with the USPC!
- November 15th is the last day to renew current members at the discounted rate for the 2025 year.
- If you are going to have a sponsor meeting soon, make sure you give your sponsors a 30-day notice.
- Nominating committees should be formed before you change over leadership within your club to help renew the current leadership or help seek new leadership.
- Encourage ALL members to join us for the Fall Meeting as well as Convention!
- Thank you for everything you do for your club!





# Fall Round Up Meeting & Tack Sale!

**What:** "Fall Round Up Meeting & Tack Sale" This will be the Regional Council Meeting, JLC Meeting and Unmounted Fall Camp as well as a Tack Sale!

**When:** **Saturday**, November 2nd

**Time:** (8:30 Tack set up) (Shopping at 9:00am) (10:00am-4:00pm Regional Council Meeting)

**Where:** Sparta High School - 475 West Spartan Drive - Sparta, MI

**Who:** EVERYONE!

**FOOD:** Lunch will be provided for everyone that attends!

This meeting is for **EVERYONE, not just leaders!** You will not want to miss it. We will have educational breakout sessions for everyone and this includes the kids!

***We know you all have tack to get rid of!!***



# Tack Sale Details! Horse people LOVE to shop!

**When do we set up?** 8:30am-9:00am! No sooner please.

**When does shopping begin?** 9:00am-So set up quickly! Have your stuff already labeled before you get there.

**Is there a fee to sell stuff?** NO!

**Who can sell stuff?** Any and all members! We know you've been hoarding stuff and there are people that want to buy your stuff!

**What can I sell:** Tack, clothes, equipment, anything equestrian related!

**What do I need to bring?**

- A table to set your items on
- Cash for change or a Venmo/PayPal account. I would suggest printing a QR code to make payment easy for people.
- LABEL your items with a PRICE and your NAME!

**Do I need to have someone watch my table all day?** No! We want you to join our meeting! We will have shopping before the meeting which starts at 10:00am, during lunch and shortly after the meeting ends. We ask that all tack is packed up and out of the school no later than 30 mins following the end of the meeting, which is scheduled to end at 4:00pm.

**Are you a shopper?** Be sure to bring MONEY! Cash, check, Venmo or Paypal!

# JLC Meeting & Unmounted Camp at the Fall Round Up Meeting SATURDAY November, 2nd!

During the Fall Round Up Meeting, our JLC leaders will be hosting an "unmounted camp". After their business meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, they will be hosting an unmounted camp with a variety of topics. Details coming soon!



# Fall Upper Level Clinic & Testing

Sign Up [HERE!](#)

**Clinic on November 9-10 at Lonetree Stables in Rockford MI.** This will be a riding clinic (D3 & higher), yoga instruction and standards & certifications talk to help everyone understand the different parts of the certification process. Mark your calendars to come and join this great event with National Examiner Chris Keim - You won't be disappointed. See Chris Keim's bio on the next slide.

Please email/ text or call the organizer with any questions:  
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# Fall Upper Level Clinic & Testing Chris Keim 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).



# Convention!

## January 22-26, 2025

### Traverse City, MI

#### Convention Updates!

***The United States Pony Club Convention will be held in Traverse City, Michigan at the Grand Traverse Resort! January 22-26, 2025***

- **Attendance:** Try to attend if you can, specifically on Saturday and Sunday. Encourage family members and other friends/family to attend. Encourage any horse friend to attend!
- **Incentives:** At our fall round up meeting we will be voting on supporting some of our members and leaders to attend Convention by helping financially. Please come to the meeting and voice your opinion!
- **Early Registration:** Registration is OPEN NOW! Sign Up [HERE!](#)
- **Silent Auction Items:** PLEASE help if you can by collecting donations for the auction. The money earned from the auction stays in our region. Questions? Ask Stephanie Bugai (231) 631-7783 or Melynda Ziehm (231) 233-1541.
- **Volunteers:** We need YOU! Please consider volunteering, even if it's for one day of convention. No job is too big or too small. Contact Wendy or Kerry to see how you can help!
- **Spirit Wear:** Watch the USPC website for the NEW convention spirit wear. This is also a way you can support our region!
- **Questions?** Contact Wendy Willford [willfordw@gmail.com](mailto:willfordw@gmail.com) or Kerry McKinley [mckinley.kerry@gmail.com](mailto:mckinley.kerry@gmail.com)

# GLRPC Quiz Rally 2025 – Discount Code Open!



**Theme:** The Kentucky Derby

**When:** Saturday, March 8th (spring council meeting to follow on March 9th)

**Where:** Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City, Michigan

**Highlights:** Door prizes, dance party, cotton candy, art contest, costume/team theme contest, silent auction and more!

**Reserve a room NOW! Discount Code = 2503USPO**

Here is a link to the 2024 pictures to get you excited! [2024 Quiz Rally Pictures](#) Thank you Casey Field!





# Important Meeting Announcement!

We will have one last virtual leadership meeting on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30pm to go over any last minute 2024 items, updates on Convention, Quiz and the 2025 calendar of events.

Please plan on joining the meeting. Leaders are expected to participate and members/sponsors are welcome to join us.

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 263 975 486 592

Passcode: sj63bV

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# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Events

- October & November Leadership calls - canceled
- November 2nd - Fall Round Up Meeting (Regional Council Meeting & Tack Sale)
- November 9th & 10th - Upper Level Clinic @ Lonetree
- December 2nd @ 7:30pm - Virtual leadership meeting, all welcome
- January 22-26 - Convention @ The Grand Traverse Resort
- March 8th - Regional Quiz Rally @ The Great Wolf Lodge in TC, MI

# More Updates Coming Soon...

- Fall Round Up Meeting
- Upper Level Clinic
- Updates to the Calendar
- Convention
- Quiz Rally Updates

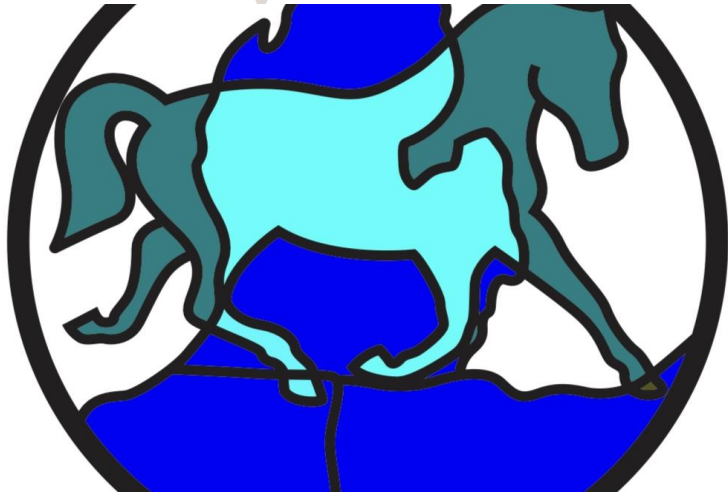
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# The Leadership Team



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

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Lori Page "VRS" Vice Regional Supervisor

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