



*Great Lakes Region
Pony Club*

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HAPPY JULY

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Great Lakes Region Membership As of July 1st, 2024



Clubs & Centers = 133 Members

Central Michigan: 2

Foxwood: 9

Grand River: 9

Highland Hills: 5

Huron Valley: 20

Kalamazoo Valley II: 6

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



Mega Rally was small but MIGHTY!

We had a fabulous time at Wyn Farm for our Mega Rally which featured our members competing in dressage and show jumping. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to all our fantastic volunteers and the rally committee!



Our photographer, Casey Field is working on editing the pictures and should have them available soon! Thank you, Casey!

Thank you White Winter Farm!

Thank you Susy White of White Winter Farm, LLC for purchasing our new Great Lakes Region Pinnies! They looked AMAZING! We will make some improvements on the sizing over the winter.



Important Meeting Announcement!

If you are planning to attend Festival Championships, PLEASE join us Monday, July 1st @ 7:30pm for a very important informational meeting!

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 263 975 486 592

Passcode: sj63bV

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)





Festival

Championships

July 15–19, 2024

Kentucky Horse Park
Lexington, Ky.



If you are going to Champs, please see the feedloop site and guidebook to answer most of your questions!



Link to the everything Festival - [Feedloop](#)



Link to the Festival Guidebook - [Guidebook](#)

Every competitor participating in Festival CHAMPIONSHIPS will meet at the Rolex Arena no later than 6:00pm to get lined up for the opening ceremony! This is a very cool experience. They will announce each region, much like they announce the different countries at the opening ceremony of the Olympics. Competitors must wear their GLR polo tucked into a pair of khaki pants or shorts (with an appropriate hem length) and their GLR belt (the region will provide the shirt and belt). I have GLR colored streamers for everyone to carry as well as our GLR banner that will be carried by our JLC board members.

Opening Ceremonies & Competitor Party

USPC welcomes and celebrates the 2024 USPC Festival. Join us for this short welcome, followed by the Competitor Party. All competitors are invited to walk with their region in the Opening Ceremonies in the Rolex Arena. Line up for the Opening Ceremonies starts at 6 p.m. in the Rolex Arena warm-up.



Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.



Rolex Arena



JLC Ice Cream Social @ Champs!

The Great Lakes Region JLC
invites you to our:



Ice Cream Social

Who's Invited: Everyone! Invite your friends from all regions to come:)

When: July 17th @6:15pm (or when barns close)

Where: Campsite A003

No cost to attend! But as always donations are appreciated and go towards more events hosted by the Great Lakes Region JLC!



Coaching is available at Festival!

Susy White and Jennifer Foreman will be available for coaching our mounted competitors and festival members attending the education part. Please contact them if you have any questions, including rates and availability. Be sure to touch base with them BEFORE you get there! If you are on a scramble team or hear of someone in need of a coach, please have them reach out as well! Thank you, coaches!



Susy White
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USPC Festival Education Entries

There is still time to sign up for Festival Education! The deadline is July 8th!



Festival Education

Mounted Education

Open to any member at a D-2 riding certification level and above who are at least 10 years old. Members that register for mounted education can choose from 2 mounted clinics a day taught by top U.S. equestrians. Includes unlimited unmounted educational opportunities.



Unmounted Education

Participants of any age or certification level may register for unmounted education covering information from the D level to the H-A level (however, at least 8 years old is recommended). Participants will have unlimited access to all unmounted education and may audit mounted clinics.



D Camp

Pony Club members up to the D-2 level between the ages of 6 and 12 who are NOT qualified for Championships will learn basic riding skills, play games, work towards their next certification, and have lots of fun!




Important Dates

Education Open Date	May 1, 2024
Education Close Date	July 8, 2024 at noon Eastern Time

Mounted clinics are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enter early!



Entry Fees

	Mounted Education <i>Includes 4 mounted clinics and unlimited unmounted education</i>	Unmounted Education <i>Includes unlimited workshops and auditing of mounted clinics</i>	D-Camp <i>Includes 5 mounted small group lessons and unmounted instruction</i>
Pony Club Participating Members	\$430	\$245	\$360
Non-Members	\$450	\$265	n/a
Stabling	\$120	n/a	\$120
USPC Parents & Leaders	n/a	\$130 (3 days) \$95 Day Pass	n/a



Festival

Education

July 20–22, 2024

Kentucky Horse Park
Lexington, Ky.

If you are going to Festival for the education part, please see the [feedloop](#) for complete details.

Link to the mounted education - [Mounted](#)

Link to the unmounted education - [Unmounted](#)





New!!
Fall Round Up
Meeting!

We are VERY excited about our fall round up meeting, which will include our fall regional council meeting. Date/Time/Location is yet to be determined.

We are working out the details right now and will have them to you ASAP!

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!

Best of all...there will be a **TACK SALE!!!** More info on this to come...Stay tuned!



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

- July 1 - GLR Champs Q&A Virtual Meeting for EVERYONE @ 7:30PM
- July 8 - USPC Festival Education Entries Due
- July 15-22 - USPC Festival Championships @ Kentucky Horse Park
- Fall round up meeting - TBD
- January 22-26 - 2025 Convention @ The Grand Traverse Resort

More Updates Coming Soon...

- Festival Information
- Updates to the Calendar
- Fall Round Up Meeting

Please contact me for more information or questions!

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January 22-26, 2025

In case you didn't know, Convention is coming to Northern Michigan in 2025!

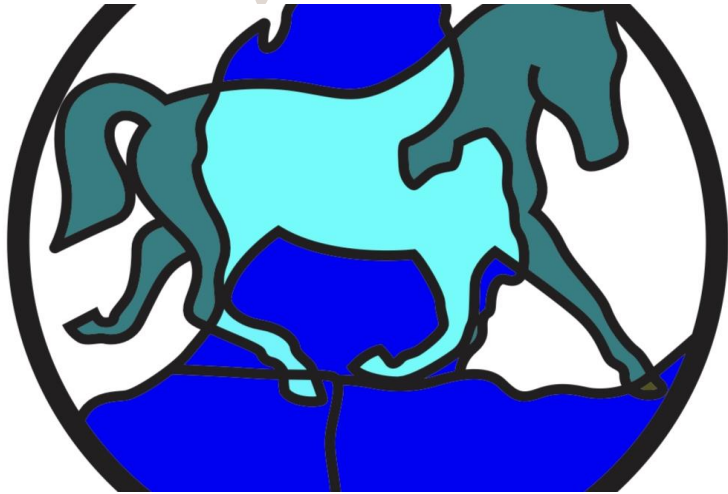
The United States Pony Club Convention will be held in Traverse City, Michigan at the Grand Traverse Resort!

Dates: January 22-26, 2025

MANY, MANY, MANY, volunteers will be needed for this HUGE event! Stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to be part of planning committee for the 2025 USPC Convention, please contact Wendy Willford (regionalliaison@glrponyclub.org) or Kerry McKinley (ric@glrponyclub.org)

The Leadership Team



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

Jenifer Wolf "RS" Regional Supervisor

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Lori Page "VRS" Vice Regional Supervisor

Kerry McKinley "RIC" Regional Instruction Coordinator

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