

January 2010

Dear Great Lakes Region Pony Clubs,

Welcome to the 2010 Great Lakes Region QUIZ RALLY. We will be following the *USPC Handbook and Rules for Quiz Competition* and any addendum thereafter. We will continue with the Quiz format including: Classroom, Stations, Mega Room, and Barn Phase.

Educating parents and club members about this format, rules, and rally protocol can be a very time consuming job, but one that will result in a better rally experience for everyone involved. We would like to remind DC's and team members that *Rules for Quiz Competition* can be obtained at www.ponyclub.org or the USPC Bookstore. Questions for Quiz will be derived from a number of sources. A copy of the current required and recommended reading references for Quiz is located at the USPC Website.

The volunteer form and the Rally release form are included in the packet. The chaperone form is located in the *Horse Management Handbook*. Please refer to the *USPC Handbook and Rules for Quiz Competition* for volunteer job descriptions and team entry forms. Medical releases and Quiz reference/reading list should be obtained from the USPC website, www.ponyclub.org.

Please be aware that a block of rooms has been reserved at the Potawatami Inn under Pony Club. These rooms will only be held until **February 5**, so please get your reservations in early. Inn rules require that **no** food other than that supplied by the Inn be allowed in the meeting rooms. Please consider this when making luncheon reservations.

As with all Pony Club Rallies, success is dependent on volunteers. Maximum parent and sponsor help is greatly appreciated and needed. We cannot run the rally without your support! Please consider how you can best help and let us know. REMINDER – Pony Clubbers must be a C-3 or above, or 18 and older to volunteer in any official capacity except for as runners. Any Pony Clubbers volunteering must include medical release form.

Please attend the Assistant Horse Management Training that will be offered this year. See attached form. Indicate attendance on the volunteer form.

Please read the enclosed information carefully, and make copies for all who will be attending. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 13th at the Rally.

Sincerely,

Julie Graber, Quiz Organizer
Silver Snaffles Pony Club

GREAT LAKES REGION 2010 QUIZ RALLY

IN ORDER FOR REGISTRATION TO BE ACCEPTED, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE MET:

1. All pony clubbers entered must be in good standing with the region. This requires that regional dues have been paid for the entrant. New members joining since November 2009 must have dues sent to the regional treasurer prior to rally entry.
2. All entries must be complete and accurate regarding age for each participant. Team assignments must be made by the local DC. If you have questions about completing the forms, please contact Julie Graber at 260-410-7922 or j2graber@gmail.com.
3. All entries must be postmarked by February 11, 2010. Entries received after that date will be penalized \$5 per person. Incomplete entries not corrected by the closing date will be processed as late entries. Any participants hoping to form scramble teams should get their entry info in ASAP to assist in filling up scramble teams.
4. We will offer the following divisions based on age and rating.
 - Junior D: unrated – D3: 12 years old or less as of 1/01/2010
 - Senior D: unrated – D3: 13 years old or above as of 1/01/2010
 - Junior C: C rated: 14 years old or less as of 1/01/2010
 - Senior C/HB: C rated: 15 years old or above as of 1/01/2010

Teams comprised of both Junior and Seniors will compete in the Senior Division. D and C teams may consist of either 3 or 4 members, please try to form 4 member teams whenever possible.

5. Substitutions, in the event of illness, will be allowed on the day of Rally since each team must have at least 3 members. Therefore, clubs should designate alternates at the time of team formation who meet the age requirements. Substitutes must have all required paperwork!! No refunds will be given for no shows or substitutions
6. Scramble (mixed club) teams are allowed and encouraged; DC's should coordinate. Let me know if I can assist!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Please eat breakfast before you arrive, a busy and fun-filled day is ahead of us!

Horse Management Training TBD: am/pm sessions

- 7:15 - 7:55 AM Volunteer and team check in. Entire team should report to check-in with chaperone. Everyone will be given instructions and program at check-in.
- 8:00 AM Introduction and briefings
- 8:30AM Report to assigned rooms for competition
- 8:40 – 12:00 Morning competition rounds
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break
Pizza Buffet for those prepaid with entry
All others on their own
- 1:00 – 4:00 Competition Continues
- 4:00 – 4:30 Protest Period
- 4:30 – 6:00 Scoring
GLR Silent Auction
- 6:00 PM Awards Ceremony

The Quiz Committee wishes you a fun and educational day!!

The Great Lakes Region silent auction will be held during the Quiz Rally.
No other fundraisers will be allowed

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DUE DATE OF ENTRY FORMS FOR QUIZ RALLY **Postmarked by FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

- WHEN: Saturday March 13, 2010
- CHECK-IN TIME: 7:15 – 7:55 AM (Entire team plus chaperone must be present)
- WHERE: Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola IN
- ENTRY FEE: \$47 per individual (includes competitor tax)
- VOLUNTEERS: **Each Team** must provide 1 chaperone,
2 volunteers, and 1 alternate volunteer
- LUNCH: Pizza Buffet \$7.50 per person
- AWARDS: Team awards will be given to the top teams in each division.
High Point Individual award will also be given.
- DIRECTIONS: Take I-69 Exit 154 (Fremont IN), Follow Signs to Pokagon

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Potawatomi Inn has reserved a block of rooms for Pony Club, to be held until **February 5, 2010**. Please let reservations (260 833-1077) know that you are with this group!

Other accommodations nearby include:

Ramada Inn of Angola	(260) 665-9471
Holiday Inn Express	(260) 833-6464
Hampton Inn	(260) 495-9770
Super 8 Motel	(260) 495-7131

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DC CHECKLIST

Please Double Check to make sure you return all of these items:

CLUB Name:

- _____ Team Entry Form (1 per team) from the Quiz Rulebook
(please include a team form for each scramble clubber)
- _____ Team Name (Please print at top of entry form)
- _____ Competitor's Rally Release Form from this packet (1 per individual)
- _____ Volunteer Commitment Forms (1 form per person, need 2 - 3 volunteers
per team, volunteers cannot be chaperone)
- _____ USPC Medical Release Form (2 per individual) from website
Signatures in blue ink please!
- _____ Uniform Chaperone Rules Form (1 per team) from HM Handbook
- _____ Food Order Form (1 per team, include names of all purchasing meals)
Don't forget to order lunch for volunteers, chaperones, and parents!
Pizza Buffet returning this year. New Low Price!!
- _____ **Club Check made out to Silver Snaffles Pony Club** for total entry fees
(\$47 per individual with a separate check for food)

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 11

Mail Entry to: Julie Graber
1774 CR 68
Auburn IN 46706

Questions: Julie Graber 260-410-7922/can text
j2graber@gmail.com

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COMPETITOR'S QUIZ RALLY RELEASE FORM

Please fill out one per competitor, do not use Rally Release Form C.

My child and I have read and understand the policies and regulations governing the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., and specifically the rules for Quiz as stated in the *USPC Rules for Quiz Competitions* and any addendum thereafter. We agree to abide by these rules at the Great Lakes Region 2010 Quiz Rally on March 13, 2010

Signature of competitor

Date

Rating

Signature of parent

Date

CLUB Name:

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VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM

(Please fill out one per volunteer)

On the day of competition, the most important roles for adults begin when the teams are checked in and continue until the last protest is adjudicated and the team and individual standings are tallied. One of the best ways to observe is to serve in some official capacity. Needless to say, having a successful Quiz Rally requires many prepared volunteers. We must have **2 volunteers per team** and 1 alternate. The volunteers must be different than the chaperones. If your volunteers participate in the AHMJ training, and hopefully they do, please have 3 volunteers per team. If the chaperone would like to attend the training, please contact Julie Graber.

We need volunteers to fill the jobs of scorekeeper, room steward and timer/recorder in classrooms, stations, megaroom and barn phases. We need table judges for stations and megaroom. Full descriptions of these jobs can be found in *USPC Rules for Quiz Competition*. We also need reliable runners to transport scores. Runners may be responsible, non-competing pony clubbers. (Must include medical release) Please circle all you are willing to do.

Assistant Horse Management Training (in addition to job): circle Y N

Timer/Recorder	Scorer	Runner	ANYTHING!
Table Judge	Scoring Room		Barn

I have read and understand the policies and regulations governing the United States Pony Club, Inc., and specifically the rules for the 2010 Quiz Rally as stated in the USPC Rules for Quiz Competition and any addendum thereafter. I agree to abide by these rules, and furthermore, I pledge my commitment to being a prepared volunteer at the Great Lakes Region Quiz Rally on March 13, 2010

Signature of volunteer

Date

Print volunteer name

Team Name:

CLUB Name:

QUIZ 2010 Food ORDER FORM

Food must be purchased in advance with a separate club check with team entries and are not available on the day of the Rally. Please remember that you may NOT bring your own food into the meeting rooms.

Pizza Buffet **\$7.50 per person**

Pizza, breadsticks, tossed garden salad, with iced tea and lemonade.

Please list here clubbers by team and list adults separately.

CLUB Name:

of lunches _____.

Breakfast Buffet: \$10.50

meals:

Please list names:

Enclosed is a check to Silver Snaffles PC for \$ _____

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Assistant Horse Management Training:

CLUB Name:

Please indicate below all who are attending the AHMJ training:

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Additional Information:

Breakfast Buffet: New this year is the breakfast buffet option. This includes the buffet in the main dining room. It includes gratuity and a coupon for an ice cream cone from the Courtyard Café. Pre ordering breakfast tickets will enable us to eat more quickly and hopefully avoid confusion that we have had in the past, as clubbers can pay with the ticket. It is merely recommended. Please email me (Julie) with questions.

Assistant Horse Management Training: contact Lorri Witkowski 734-995-4707 lorri@witkowski.biz with questions. Please indicate those who are attending training on the appropriate form so the different am/pm schedules can be made accordingly.

Indoor Barn: Barn will be horseless this year and inside. I know the children enjoy this aspect, but we are not allowed to bring horses into the park and must rely on an outside source.

DC Information: We will be having an informational meeting Friday night (time TBD) for DCs or the adult representative from your club about quiz. It is mandatory. (If someone from your club cannot attend, please contact me)

Break in the schedule: Quiz management reserves the right to include a structured break in the schedule. This break allows flexibility in the schedule in case phases are running behind. It will not be a study/free time. If you have recommendations for this time, I will take them in consideration.

Attire: Pinnies will be worn. Collared shirt, USPC pin, and neat and clean pants. Belt if pants have belt loops. Footwear may reflect horseless barn. (paddock boots not required).

Outside Food: We are not allowed to bring in outside food. The Inn can't control what happens in the hotel rooms, and they have turned a blind eye towards the snacks as we are good business for them. DO NOT bring outside lunch into the ballroom (main meeting area).

Volunteers: With the AHMJ training, I will need the volunteer participation we have had in the past. If I don't have jobs for the volunteers, I will inform them before Quiz.

Scramble teams: Please include a team form for the scramble clubbers you send. The other team members information does not need to be filled out (names mandatory). I will compile the team form.

Contacting Quiz personnel: email, texting, or numeric page (option given when you call and no answer) are best. Julie Graber 260-410-7922 j2graber@gmail.com

Thanks!