

Horse *Sense* Pony Club
2006 UNMOUNTED CURRICULUM

JANUARY: Rally Prep/Conditioning

Date scheduled Jan 7 Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Read through the *Horse Management Handbook*, pp. 3-4, 26-48, 57-58, 61-79, 100-102
- Read and practice the questions in the *Horse Management Study Guide*
- Download and read the following HSPC documents: *Rally Prep Overview and Checklist.pdf*; *Rally Team Selection Guidelines.pdf*; *Stable Manager Responsibilities.pdf*; *Horse Management Tips and Advice.pdf*; *Rally Team Captain.pdf*
- Be able to discuss the condition of your own pony, according to your rating level

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapter 6, pp. 162-168 and chapter 7, pp. 195-198 of *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-3:

- Review chapters 6 and 7 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 7 in *USPC C Manual of Horsemanship*
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C-1/C-2:

- Read chapter 7 in *USPC C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Be prepared to teach rally tack room and stall set-up
- Take your horse's vital signs and determine recovery rate for P&R
- C1: Bring a conditioning plan for your pony as if you were getting him ready for the Games rally
- C2: Bring a written outline of a 6-8 week conditioning program for activity of choice

C-3 and up:

- Read chapter 10 in *USPC B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Manual of Horsemanship* for your level
- Horse Management Handbook*
- Your riding helmet
- Wear barn-safe shoes and warm clothing for stall set-up
- C-1 and up: a conditioning plan for your pony, appropriate for your rating level

During the meeting, we will:

- o Check fit of riding helmets
- o Discuss what happens at a rally, for both Pony Clubbers and parents
- o Discuss preparing for a rally with the HSPC Rally Overview/Checklist
- o Pony Clubbers will do an inventory check to prepare HSPC rally kits
- o Pony Clubbers will set up a rally tack room and stall
- o D-1/D-2: Discuss cooling out pony after strenuous work
- o D-3 and up: practice taking vital signs
- o C-1's will present their conditioning plans
- o C-2's and up will critique C-1 plans and present their own conditioning plans

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FEBRUARY: Quiz Competition

Date scheduled Feb 4 Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Review *Horse Management Handbook*, pp. 3-4, 26-48, 57-58, 61-79, 100-102
- Read the *Quiz Rulebook*, pp. 2-13, 17-18
- Read and practice the questions in the *Quiz Study Guide*
- Download the *2006 Quiz Reference List* from the USPC site; read all references for your rating level

D1-D3:

- Read and practice the questions for your rating level in the *D Manual Study Guide*

C1-C3:

- Read and practice the questions for your rating level in the *C Manual Study Guide*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Manual of Horsemanship* for your level
- Horse Management Handbook*
- Quiz Rulebook and Study Guide*
- Wear barn-safe shoes and warm clothing

During the meeting, we will:

- o Set up a mock Quiz Rally, with all 4 phases. Pony Clubbers will divide into teams according to rating level, and will rotate through stations.

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FEBRUARY: Ratings Prep

Date scheduled Feb 18 Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Know all of the Standards for your current level and the level for which you are testing.
- Using the Standards Flowchart, have someone quiz you. Read through the *Manual of Horsemanship* as required for any weak areas of knowledge.
- Read any additional references on the Recommended Reading List for your level.

D-1:

- Read chapter 2 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-2:

- Read chapter 3 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-3:

- Read chapter 4 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

C-1:

- Read chapter 1 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*

C-2:

- Read chapter 2 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*

C-3 and up:

- Read chapter 3 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Part I of the *B,HA, A Manual of Horsemanship*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- A blank Standards Flowchart for your testing level
- Your *Manual of Horsemanship*, and any other references required for your testing level
- Wear correctly informal or formal attire as for a rating.

During the meeting, we will:

- Divide into groups by rating level. Each group will have a parent volunteer.
- Riding Group A (usually D1/D2) will be tested on their mounted Riding Skills in the arena, while Riding Group B (usually D3 and up) will be quizzed on the unmounted standards for their testing level, using the HSPC ratings worksheets and hands-on work in the barn. Then Group B will ride while Group A is tested on the unmounted skills.
- Pony Clubbers will check off each unmounted standard on their flowcharts as it is accomplished.
- The rating prep instructor will check off mounted standards on each flowchart.

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MARCH: Trailer Safety/Tack/Teaching

Date scheduled Mar 4 Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Review saddlery and biting rules in *Horse Management Handbook*
- Download and read the *HSPC Trailer Safety Checklist* from our club website

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapters 5 and 10 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 12 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-3:

- Review chapters 5 and 10 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*

C-1/C-2:

- Read chapter 4, pp.180-184 in *USPC C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 9 in *USPC C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Review chapters 10 and 11 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Review chapter 12 in *USPC D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Trailer Safety Checklist in *USPC B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship* pp 415-418 (required to be familiar with for C-1 rating)
- Review saddlery and biting rules in *Horse Management Rulebook/discipline rulebooks*

C-3 and up:

- Read chapter 6 in *USPC B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 15 in *USPC B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 16 in *USPC B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Cherry Hill's *Trailer Your Horse – A Visual Guide to Safe Training and Traveling*
- Read McBane's *The Horse and the Bit*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your *HSPC binder* and pen/pencil
- Manual of Horsemanship* for your level
- Horse Management Handbook*
- Tack to clean and cleaning supplies
- Wear barn-safe shoes and OLD clothing for tack cleaning

During the meeting, we will:

- o Discuss trailering, using the *HSPC Trailer Safety Checklist*
- o Ride in the trailer to learn what trailering feels like from the pony's point of view
- o Clean tack
- o D-1/D-2: Identify different items of tack; practice a Formal Inspection
- o D-3: Discuss tack cleaning and care, esp. as regards Formal Inspections
- o C1-C3: Practice conducting a Formal Inspection; teach one aspect of tack cleaning

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MAY: Health Care/Veterinary/Bandaging

Date scheduled May 6 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapter 9 USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Usborne *Complete Book of Riding and Pony Care*

D-3:

- Review chapter 9 in USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapters 6 and 9 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read *USPC Bandaging* (by Susan Harris)
- Practice applying protective boots and stable wraps at least once a week this month
- Make sure your Health & Maintenance Record book is updated

C-1/C-2:

- Read chapters 6 and 9 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Hill's *Horse Health Care*
- Read Threshold Guide: *Functional Anatomy*
- Review *USPC Bandaging* (by Susan Harris)
- Practice taking your horse's vital signs until you are proficient
- Practice applying a shipping bandage and a stable bandage at least once a week this month, with supervision
- Make sure your Health & Maintenance Record is updated

C-3 and up:

- Read chapters 12 and 14 in USPC *B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Morgan's *Natural Healing for Horses*
- Read Ramey's *Horsefeathers*
- Read Hayes' *Hands-On Horse Care*
- Accompany your local veterinarian on a day or more of farm calls; observe surgery if possible
- Make sure your Health & Maintenance Record is updated

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- D1/D2: blank copy of Health Maintenance Record
- D-3 and up: up-to-date Health Maintenance Record for your pony
- D-3 and up: bandages to practice with appropriate to your next testing level

During the meeting, we will:

- Hear a veterinarian speak about general health care, equine first aid, and parasites
- Inventory our equine and human first aid kits
- Practice taking pony's vital signs
- Discuss recordkeeping with the Health & Maintenance Record
- D-1/D-2: practice stable wrap, practice filling out Health & Maintenance Record
- D-3 and up: practice bandaging; critique each other's Health & Maintenance Records
- C2 and up: teach stable wrap to D1/D2 group

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JUNE: Pony Parts/Conformation/Lameness

Date scheduled Jun 3 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapter 11 in USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Threshold Guide: *Colours and Markings*

D-3:

- Review chapter 11 in USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 12 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read *USPC Conformation, Movement and Soundness*

C-1/C-2:

- Read chapter 12 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Review *USPC Conformation, Movement and Soundness*
- Read Harris' *Horse Gaits, Balance and Movement*
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C-3 and up:

- Read Kainer's *Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy*
- Read AAEP's *Determining the Age of the Horse*
- Read Rooney's *The Lamé Horse*
- Read Gower's *Horse Color Explained*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Manual of Horsemanship* for your level
- Wear barn-safe shoes and old clothing
- D-1/D-2: a color photo of three different ponies (snapshots or magazine pictures) or three different model horses
- D3 and up: three photos of a horse or pony that clearly illustrate points of conformation or unsoundness
- C-3 and up: lesson plan to teach three conformation faults to C-1/C-2 group, relating each to an issue of movement or unsoundness

During the meeting, we will:

- o D-1/D-2/D-3: Go over parts of the horse, breeds, and coloring, using posters and games.
- o D-3 and above: Discuss pony parts, conformation and unsoundnesses, using conformation cards; identify conformation of various live ponies, appropriate to testing level
- o C-3 and up: Teach three conformation faults to C-1/C-2 group, relating each to an issue of movement or unsoundness

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JULY: Nutrition/Stable Management

Date scheduled Jul 1 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Review *Horse Management Handbook*, pp. 3-4, 26-48, 57-58, 61-79, 100-102
- Collect a sample of your pony's feed, weigh and label it.

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapters 6 and 7 in USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Find out and list in your notebook all the ingredients in your pony's feed
- Help feed your pony occasionally, giving grain, hay, water and salt appropriately
- Write down your pony's feed schedule, including measurements

D-3:

- Review chapters 6 and 7 in USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 5 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Locate different kinds of hay and compare; be able to tell the difference between alfalfa and grass hay. Bag and label samples.
- Locate moldy hay, moldy feed and see what it looks and smells like. Bag and label samples.

C-1/C-2:

- Read chapters 4 and 5 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Burger's *Horse Owner's Field Guide to Toxic Plants*
- Prepare a short lesson on toxic plants in the area; bring plants or a picture and describe toxic parts and symptoms of poisoning

C-3 and up:

- Read chapter 11 in USPC *B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 13 in USPC *B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Piliner's *Horse Nutrition and Feeding*
- Read BHS Management Series: *The Horse at Grass*
- Read Harris' *Grooming to Win*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Manual of Horsemanship* for your level
- Horse Management Handbook*
- D-1/D-2: Feed chart for your pony and sample of your pony's feed; your grooming kit
- D-3: Samples of different types of hay.
- C-1/C-2: lesson plan for unmounted meeting on toxic plants, with samples/pictures
- C-3 and up: lesson plan for parasites, with dewormer samples

During the meeting, we will:

- D-1/D-2: make feed charts for ponies (as if for a rally); weigh different feed types; practice grooming ponies
- D-3: Identify and compare different types of hay; practice cleaning and bedding out stalls, tying hay nets, etc.
- C-1/C-2's will present lesson on toxic plants; practice blanketing a pony; discuss types of bedding, stable vices, clipping and parasites
- C3 and up will present lesson on parasites, and demonstrate using paste dewormer

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AUGUST: Leading and Longeing/Foot and Shoeing

Date scheduled Jul 1 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

D-1/D-2:

- Read chapter 4 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 8 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-3:

- Review chapter 4 in the USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Review chapter 8 in the USPC *D Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read USPC *Guide to Longeing and Ground Training*, chapters 1 and 2

C-1/C-2:

- Read chapter 8 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 10 in USPC *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read USPC *Guide to Longeing and Ground Training*

C-3 and up:

- Read chapters 5-6 in USPC *B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read chapter 9 in USPC *B/H-A/A Manual of Horsemanship*
- Review USPC *Guide to Longeing and Ground Training*
- Read Hill's *Maximum Hoof Power*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder/pen or pencil
- Riding helmet
- C-1 and above: longe line, bridle, gloves, cavesson or surcingle and side reins

During the meeting, we will:

- Watch a farrier demonstrate shoeing and foot care
- Learn and practice the Parelli Seven Games
- D-1/D-2: demonstrate leading, practice techniques for ground training on a leadline
- D-3 and up:
 - perform and discuss a safety check
 - practice longeing
 - Watch the *USPC Guide to Successful Longeing Video*

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SEPTEMBER: Rating Prep

Date scheduled Sep 16 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Know all of the Standards for your current level and the level for which you are testing.
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- Read any additional references on the Recommended Reading List for your level.

D-1:

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D-2:

- Read chapter 3 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

D-3:

- Read chapter 4 in the *D Manual of Horsemanship*

C-1:

- Read chapter 1 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*

C-2:

- Read chapter 2 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*

C-3 and up:

- Read chapter 3 in the *C Manual of Horsemanship*
- Read Part I of the *B,HA, A Manual of Horsemanship*

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- A blank Standards Flowchart for your testing level
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OCTOBER: Annual Meeting/Ghostbusters Clinic

Date scheduled Oct 21 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

- Download from USPC website and fill out membership paperwork for next year and bring it, along with dues, to turn in:
 - o 2 @ 2007 Membership Report Form
 - o 2 @ 2007 Medical Release Forms
- Work with your team to plan one obstacle for Ghostbusters course, and obtain all necessary materials.

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Completed membership paperwork and dues
- Costume for you and/or your pony (safe for riding)
- Materials for your Ghostbusters obstacle

During the meeting, we will:

- o Collect membership paperwork and dues for next year
- o Conduct Annual Meeting according to Bylaws (election of officers, approval of budget, etc.)
- o Ride the Ghostbusters course to learn how to desensitization techniques

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NOVEMBER: Fox Hunting/Fundraising Activity (TBA)

Date scheduled Nov 4 Time: 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Read Riding to Hounds in America*

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil*

During the meeting, we will:

- Play games using fox hunting terms
- Conduct a club fundraising activity – to be determined

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DECEMBER: Awards/Holiday Party

Date scheduled Dec 16 Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Location: The Stables at Eagle Mtn.

Before the meeting:

All Levels:

- Establish at least three goals – both mounted and unmounted – for the coming year in Pony Club

Bring to the meeting:

- Your HSPC binder and pen/pencil
- Your goals for 2007
- An ornament for the Christmas tree
- Safe (and warm!) riding attire
- Your helmet

During the meeting, we will:

- o Collect goals for each Pony Clubber for 2007
- o Give awards
- o Decorate the barn and Christmas tree
- o Free ride for fun for all Pony Clubbers and parents
- o Eat, drink and be merry!