

RIO GRANDE REGION | 2025 Kick Off Email



January 15, 2025

Dear Rio Grande Region,

With the start of 2025 kicking off, we are excited to announce a lot of new updates and resources for our local pony clubs in the Rio Grande Region. A huge thank you goes out to the amazing volunteers, board members, coaches, facility owners and members that made 2024 a huge success.

Our region proudly represented Texas at the 2024 USPC Festival this past summer. USPC National Championships are held every other year at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The Rio Grande Region is committed to providing educational opportunities for our members and will continue to support our members to prepare for future national events and certifications.

On behalf of all the clubs, parents, and members, we would like to thank the 2024 volunteers for their commitment to our kids and clubs in the region this past year. In addition, the RGR leadership team is bigger than ever. We are very blessed to have such an active region with so many advisors, board members and active members. Their experience and passion is a perfect combination to execute another successful year. We are always looking for more help at the regional level. So please reach out if you are interested in serving. Thank you to our newest board members Danielle & Kristen. We look forward to serving with you.

There is a lot of information to distribute to our members & clubs. Our website is the main source for information. www.RGRTX.com

We also will continually post on our Rio Grande Facebook Page.

All members are welcome to join the monthly Leadership zoom meeting. The links are located on the "Leadership" Page of our region website.

This spring is going to fly by with all the events and opportunities scheduled. We look forward to seeing you at the February Events.

Sincerely,
Rio Grande Region Board
United States Pony Club
RS@rgrtx.com

RIO GRANDE REGION | 2025 UPDATES



RGR Website | www.RGRTX.com

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RGR Leadership Emails

Regional Supervisors

RS@RGRTX.com

Board Members

Leadership@RGRTX.com

RGR Leadership Zoom Calls | Wednesday - 8:00pm

The RGR board meets virtually (via zoom) every month. All region members are welcome to join and listen in on region business. Local Clubs DC's and CA's are encouraged to join as well.



RIO GRANDE REGION 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

RGR Standards & Certifications Virtual Clinic (S&C Clinic)

January 19-2025 | 1:30pm | Online for 2 weeks!!

Registration Deadline: January 18

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe12SPdxaE9dDVrIOtN--FGSrpeWvPWziYp9mzO64pIPzVtGQ/viewform>

Event Producer: Marsha Lewis (RIC)

The Region will pay for this clinic for those associated with the Rio Grande Region. If you would like to participate in the clinic or would like a link to review the virtual training at your convenience after the live session, please complete the google form below BY SATURDAY 5PM, JANUARY 18:

<https://forms.gle/prz95hWCeWzN85YL9>

What is it?

A "Standards and Certification Clinic" in Pony Club is a **training session designed to educate Pony Club members, instructors, and potential examiners on the detailed skills and knowledge required to pass through the different levels of Pony Club certification**, which are outlined in the "Standards of Proficiency" (SOP). It is a clinic focused on understanding what is expected to successfully test for each certification level within the Pony Club program.

Key points about a Standards and Certification Clinic:

- **Focus on the SOPs:** The clinic will thoroughly review the "Standards of Proficiency" document, which outlines the specific skills and knowledge needed for each certification level, including riding techniques, horse care, and safety procedures.
- **Different levels covered:** Participants can expect to learn about the differences between beginner (D-level) skills and more advanced (C, B, A) skills, allowing them to understand the progression of knowledge and ability.
- **Examiner training aspect:** This information is for those interested in becoming Pony Club examiners, teaching them how to accurately assess a rider's abilities against the SOPs during a certification test.
- **Who attends:** This clinic is open to Pony Club members, instructors, parents, and anyone interested in understanding the certification process, including potential future examiners.

2025 USPC National Convention | Traverse City, Michigan

January 22-26, 2025

<https://www.ponyclub.org/events/convention>

We would love to meet up with you at the event. Let us know if you are going!



January RGR Leadership Meeting-via Zoom

Wednesday, January 29-2025 | 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868782991?pwd=I5gMyAhJFJ2qariawfNBftGeY7gGTa.1&omn=87241934250>

Host: Tina Adams

RGR 2025 Member Kick Off Meeting-via Zoom

Thursday, January 30-2025 | 7:30pm

Calling all members, parents, volunteers.. This meeting will cover all the details for the events RGR is hosting this year. See you on the zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868782991?pwd=7KB3O2nq7qn1kGSnbPunfjsX1JFua5.1&omn=82539917401>

Host: Tina Adams

FEBRUARY

RGR (HM) Horse Management Seminar at 7IL Ranch

Saturday, February 8-2025

This is an incredible opportunity to learn and prepare for the Quiz rally. Additionally, pony club members can qualify for national championships by participation in this event. That is great news for all our young and new members that are just learning the PC basics. Thank you to Alamo Pony Club, Catie & all the HM crew for hosting this event. See Website for Updates & Registration Details| www.RGRTX.com
Volunteers are needed.

RGR Qualifying Quiz Rally

Sunday, February 9-2024

See Website for Updates & Registration Details. Competitors will pay their clubs individually. Volunteers are needed.

Event Producer: Catie Itschner & Alamo Pony Club

February RGR Leadership Meeting-via Zoom

Wednesday, February 12-2025 | 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868782991?pwd=7KB3O2nq7qn1kGSnbPunfjsX1JFua5.1&omn=83464505686>

Host: Tina Adams

RGR Eventing Rally | Pine Hill Equestrian Park-Bellville, Texas

Sunday, February 16-2025

Registration Deadline: February 11

This event is rescheduled from December 2024. Entries are back open. This event is held in conjunction with the Pine Hill Schooling Show. You must register for BOTH the Pine Hill Show & complete the Eventing Rally Form. See below.

FEB 16

EVENTING RALLY

AT THE PINE HILL STEA SHOW

- ✓ Open Date: Jan 21
- ✓ Close Date: Feb 11
- ✓ GAG through Preliminary

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER:

- 1 Enter Pine Hill HT
- 2 Fill out a RGR Online Entry

Links to enter will be posted on the Facebook RGR Group and emailed once open.

(979) 255-6014 eventer80@yahoo.com



Volunteers are needed.

Event Producer: Amy Etheridge & Tejas Pony Club

MARCH

March RGR Leadership Meeting-via Zoom

Wednesday, February 12-2025 | 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868782991?pwd=7KB3O2nq7qn1kGSnbPunfjsX1JFua5.1&omn=89859120628>

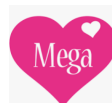
Host: Tina Adams

RGR MEGA RALLY CLINIC WEEKEND

March 29-3, 2025

Lone Star Riding Club | Austin, Texas

RGR will be flying in a USPC National Examiner (Karen Mallory) for an overnight weekend clinic focusing on 1 Day of Show Jumping & 1 Day of Dressage. More information to come.



Event Producers: TBD
Alamo Pony Club
Lone Star Riding Club Pony Club

APRIL

April RGR Leadership Meeting-via Zoom

Wednesday, April 2-2025 | 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4868782991?pwd=7KB3O2nq7qn1kGSnbPunfjsX1JFua5.1&omn=89300654688>

Host: Tina Adams

RGR LEVEL UP CLINIC

Sunday, April 13-2025

Lone Star Riding Club } Austin, Texas

Calling all C's & D's!!

RGR will be hosting a clinic for all the C Level members to have the opportunity to coach the lower level D's while being mentored by a senior level instructor. We will be pouring into our C's and helping them learn how to teach the younger levels. What a great opportunity for all! More details coming!



Event Producers: TBD

MAY

RGR MEGA RALLY | Show Jumping & Dressage

May 2-4, 2025

Pine Hill Equestrian Center

Calling all members to attend RGR 1st Ever MEGA RALLY!. We will be combining both the Show Jumping & Dressage Discipline for this EPIC Rally. Educational Opportunities available too. We are expecting EVERYONE to Attend! More information to come!

MEGA

Event Producers: TBD

Lone Star Pony Club
Lone Star Riding Club Pony Club
Texas Heat Pony Club

May RGR Leadership Meeting-via Zoom

Wednesday, May 7--2025 | 8:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83049047731?pwd=4H67GJOvoNKFwx735Ob2WuZUbnNWAR.1>

JUNE

RGR SUMMER CAMP