



# Some Facts about Pony Club

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## IT'S FOR A CHILD WHO LOVES HORSES...

Pony Club members start at about age six and graduate at age 25. The term "Pony" reflects the youthful membership rather than the size of the mount. Throughout their years in Pony Club, members progress through a standard evaluation system (called ratings). Each level requires them to learn more about horses and their care and to become increasingly accomplished riders.

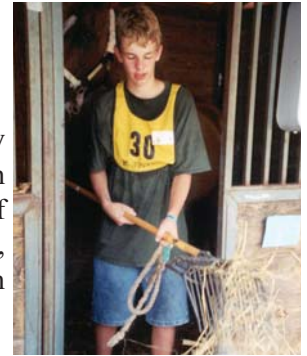


## IT'S FUN AND GAMES...

USPC teaches riding skills and horse care. We think riding should be fun! And it is! Riding sports like Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Polocrosse, Show Jumping and Tetrathlon are taught in Pony Club. Members also participate in Foxhunting and Vaulting in many places.

## IT'S HORSEMANSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP...

USPC believes that the care of the horse – Horse Management – and safety should be primary goals for all riders. Pony Club members participate in team competitions, called rallies, which help them learn the importance of cooperation and friendship. There are rallies and Championships every year, plus Festival, which is a mega-Championships and an educational program held at the Kentucky Horse Park every three years.



## IT'S DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS...

USPC is a volunteer organization. Local clubs are run by volunteers. If it weren't for a dedicated network of volunteers, there would be no Pony Club. Sponsors are parents and other adults who have expressed an interest in the club. They are active adult members who vote for officers and help the leader, called a DC or District Commissioner, plan, organize, and run activities within their club. Pony Club parents help with everything from painting and setting up stadium jumps to sewing costumes for mounted Halloween parades. The help and talents of parents are always needed!



## IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR...

"I think USPC gives your whole family an opportunity to learn about horses and learn, not only the many lessons that you will always remember, but also patience, understanding, and responsibility."

–Lucia Podlipny, Pony Club Member