

RIO GRANDE REGION | UPDATES | February 1-2024



Communication

New RGR Website

- Remember to check the New Rio Grande Website | www.RGRTX.com
- All updates will be posted on this site. It is being updated daily.
- Upcoming events and registration links are posted on this site.
 - This includes tbd events that we are still trying to finalize.
- Helpful links have been added for all aspects of competing, volunteering and education. Hopefully, this will make it easier for our members and sponsors to find the information easier.
- All correspondence sent out to region members is archived on the RGR website.

RGR Facebook

- Vice RS, Stephanie Hanover, will be posting updates to the RGR Facebook page on occasion. However, members should use the RGR website to view the latest information from the region

USPC Festival

The week-long [USPC Festival](#) returns to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Mark your calendar for July 15-22, 2024, for national Championship competition in all of USPC's competitive disciplines, followed by riding clinics in multiple disciplines, D Camp, and lots of educational demonstrations for all levels. Entries open May 1, 2024. Closing for Championships is June 24, 2024, and closing for Education is July 3, 2024. Please note that lodging is limited, so if you are interested in attending, you should make a reservation soon.



Questions.. See Informative Zoom Meeting | Link Located on website

2024 USPC FESTIVAL | INFORMATION + Q&A

If you have any interest in attending the USPC Festival, you may want to join this zoom call. We will cover all the basics: who, what, when, where, how... There will be a short Q&A session afterwards. Lodging is limited for USPC Festival, so you will want to make the decision soon, if you are planning on attending. The information at this meeting will hopefully help with your decision making. See you Sunday.

Sunday, February 4th | 7:00-8:30pm

CLICK HERE > ZOOM LINK

•<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83529097476?pwd=bWRlUjZOdGNkeGY5RHNPY3EzTXlPQT09>
 •Meeting ID: 835 2909 7476
 •Passcode: 006675

Monday, February 5th | 8:00-8:30pm

CLICK HERE > ZOOM LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87033810517?pwd=a3crS1JHSWZxMGFpbEZoOUgzTXFhUT09>
 Meeting ID: 870 3381 0517
 Passcode: 662378

Amy E. & Tina will be heading up the USPC Festival Committee. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about this big event. We should be able to answer most of your questions on the zoom call next week. At this event, all the clubs will compete as a Rio Grande Region Team. RGR will be designing specific RGR gear (to compete in) & spiritwear for this event. It is also a tradition for pony club members to trade club & regional pins at the USPC Festival with other clubs across the country. The region is working on a plan to provide all the resources needed for Festival attendees. If you are planning on attending the USPC Festival and want to help, please let us know.

Update | Meadowcreek Fundraiser Show

- This event was a huge Success! Natalie & the Brazos Pony Club did an amazing job with this event and the Region is very grateful for the \$1k they raised for the region.
- Since the Sunday is being rescheduled, that will give us another opportunity to have the Derby and Cross Country Schooling. We will announce the new make up date soon!
- Check out all the professional photos by Leah Cairns:
 - <https://photosbyleahcairns.mypixieset.com/clients/>

HM Seminar Time | 7IL Ranch | 2:30-5:30pm

The time was originally incorrectly posted on the RGR website as a morning event. It is actually in the afternoon from 2:30-5:30pm. Please make sure to join this event. It will be amazing and we are so blessed to have our very own HM experts hosting this for our kids.

Dressage Rally Date Announced

Saturday, May 4-2024

Thank you Marsha for getting this finalized. It has been updated on the website.

RGR Event Volunteer Info & RGR Volunteer Coordinators Announced

With so many new families joining the region, we will be facilitating more volunteer resources. Please check out the RGR website "Volunteer" page for extensive training

videos. We also thank you in advance... Amy Etheridge and Nina Springer for offering to coordinate volunteers for the region. More information will be posted regarding volunteering. For every event your child competes in, RGR requires a volunteer representative to assist with the event. New families should start familiarizing themselves with this section of the RGR website and brainstorming what duties they would like to assist with at the upcoming event.

NEW SECTION ADDED TO THE WEBSITE

RESOURCES >RGR Email & Update Archive

You will find all the emails that the region has sent out here.

C1-C2 Rating

This event has been added to the calendar and information listed on the RGR Website & RGR Facebook Page. See below.

C1 AND C2 RATING

February 24, 2024 at Pine Hill

\$125 a person includes the Grounds Fee

Limited to 8 riders

Please use the link below for more info and to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/Rb42s7wue2xacqmf9>

Contact Amy Etheridge with question (979) 255-6014



Just Announced... USPC Standards & Certifications Clinic | Spring 2024

A Big THANK YOU goes out to the new RGR RIC, Marsha. We appreciate you putting this together!

SUNDAY, MAY 4 -2024

USPC Rio Grande Region Standards & Certification Clinic

Led by National Examiner | Debra Sue Waters

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBD

The aim is to be consistent across our region examining the lower level ratings and prepare our members to be successful in National ratings. The S&C clinic demonstrates the rising skills required for the D-1 through the C-2 standards of proficiency. The presentation is geared towards instructors who teach Pony Club, leadership, members, and parents. Additionally, anyone who would like to be considered on the Local Level Examiners list. You will learn the difference between a D-2 and D-3 rider. You will learn the Basic Balanced Position. You will learn what riding skills set a C-2 apart from the lower levels. Tips on how to conduct a test will also be included.


Prepare by reviews the SOPs and bring printed copies with you. The morning will consist of a power point presentation and discussion of riding position and effectiveness of aids at each level followed by a lunch break and the afternoon will have demonstration riders that will be evaluated by the participants. Hopefully! We will have demo riders from the dressage clinic and some of them jump... so we will need 2-3 demo riders at each level.

Rolling Ridge Stables
16016 Decker Lake Rd
Manor, TX 78653
512-276-7787

SCHEDULE
TBD

Organizer
Marsha | 512-789-0490

[Click for Rolling Ridge Website](#)



One Horse Division Update

One Horse Divisions have been added to most of the 2024 Rallies. If you do not have a horse or are new to rallying. You need to come to the RGR rallies and join the One Horse Division. Talk to your DC and check out the website for more information!



RGR Summer Camp

The RGR Summer Camp Committee has started planning the annual overnight summer camp. Plan on bringing your horse and having the time of your life! If you are interested in attending or helping out... Please reach out. This year will be better than ever and is perfect for all the new members that have joined this year. A date will be released by February 15th.

2024 Spring & Summer Events | See Website: www.RGRTX.com

Quiz Rally Registration Deadline | February 1

RGR Parent Zoom | USPC Festival Information | Q&A | Monday, February 3rd 8:00pm

HM Seminar	Saturday, February 10th	7IL Ranch, Cat Spring TX (Alamo & Hilltop PC)
Quiz Rally	Sunday, February 11th	7IL Ranch, Cat Spring TX (Alamo & Hilltop PC)
Leadership Zoom	Tuesday, February 13th	See Website > Leadership Tab
C1 & C2 Rating	Saturday, February 24th	Pine Hill-Bellville, Texas (Tejas PC)
SJ Rally Registration Deadline March 1, 2024		
Show Jumping Rally	March 23rd-2024	Driftwood, TX (Lone Star PC & Lone Star RC)
Eventing Rally	April 6-7	Pine Hill- Bellville, Texas (Tejas & Bayou PC)
Dressage Rally	Saturday, May 5-2024	Rolling Ridge-Manor, Texas (Texas Heat PC)
RGR S&C Clinic	Sunday, May 6-2024	Rolling Ridge-Manor, Texas (Texas Heat PC)
Summer Camp	Tentative: June 2024	Tbd
USPC Championships	July 15-19-2024	Kentucky Horse Park-Lexington, KY See Below
Festival Education	July 20-22-2024	Kentucky Horse Park-Lexington, KY See Below

2024 Fall Tentative Events

Eventing Rally	October 12-2024	Tentative Location: Pine Hill-Bellville, Texas
D-Rally	Early November-2024	Location: tbd
RGR Regional Rating	Late December/Holiday Break	Location: tbd

2025 Spring Tentative Events

HM Seminar	February 2025	7IL Ranch
Quiz Rally	February 2025	7 IL Ranch
Show Jumping Rally	Late March 2025	Location: tbd
Dressage Rally	Early May	Rolling Ridge-Manor, Texas

DC's & CA's Action Items

1. Make sure your members know about the RGR website.
2. Make sure all your club members have renewed for 2024.
3. Make sure you have collected your dues from 2023 and 2024. The RGR treasurer will be collecting those next week.
4. We need to know which Rally your club is planning on sponsoring & supporting this Spring. Every club will be coordinating and providing volunteers for one of the Region's rallies.
5. Please email us a copy of your logo to represent your club on the Region's website.
6. Make sure to get your members registered for the rallies.
 - a. **Deadline for Quiz & HM Seminar | February 1st**
7. Start lining up volunteers and get them to sign up (on the website) to help with the upcoming rallies
8. Consider what you can help with for summer camp.

9. Start brainstorming on any corporate sponsors willing to donate for festival.
10. Start thinking about transportation and lodging for festival.
11. All DC's are welcome to join the monthly RGR Leadership Zoom Mtg.

RGR LEADERSHIP

Next Leadership Zoom Meeting | The link is posted online

RGR LEADERSHIP | ZOOM MTG.

Tuesday, February 13-2024 | 8:00PM

[Click Here To Log On To The Zoom Meeting](#)

Kristina Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: RGR Leadership Meeting | February 13-2024 | 8:00pm
 Time: Feb 13, 2024 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84842747280?pwd=cn1YW5SejRaREd5aXpmTWVhkcGNldz09>
 Meeting ID: 848 4274 7280
 Passcode: 119113

[Click to Download Meeting Agenda \(Avail 2/12\)](#)

[Download Meeting Notes \(Avail 2/15\)](#)

Notes from the January 30th meeting are posted online.

LEADERSHIP ZOOM MEETING SCHEDULE (RGR Board, DC's, CA's)

The schedule and zoom links are posted on the "Leadership" tab on the RGR website.

Tuesday, February 13-2024 | 8:00-9:15pm

Agenda Items: Tbd, RIC Update, Discuss March-Show Jumping Rally Plan(Rally Coordinator-Give RGR Board list of needs) , Discuss April-Evening Rally Plan, Quick Feb. Events Recap & Feedback (Fundraiser Show, HM Seminar, Quiz Rally), RGR Summer Camp Update

Tuesday, March 5-2024 | 8:00-9:15pm

Agenda Items: Tbd, Finalize March-Show Jumping Rally Plan, Finalize April-Evening Rally Plan (Rally Coordinator-Give RGR Board list of needs), RGR Summer Camp Update, Start Planning for Summer Festival-Discuss Committees, RIC Update

Tuesday, April 16-2024 | 8:00-9:15pm

Agenda Items: Tbd, Finalize RGR Summer Camp Plan, Quick March & April Events (SJ Rally, Evening Rally) Recap & Feedback, Finalize Summer Festival Plan, RIC Update, Discuss 2024 Fall Event Schedule

Tuesday, May 14-2024 | 8:00-9:15pm

Agenda Items: Tbd, RGR Summer Camp Update, Summer Festival Plan. RIC Update, Finalize Fall 2024 Event Schedule