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

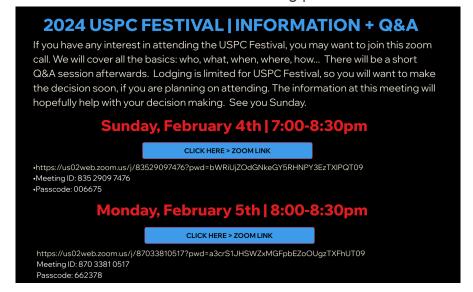
USPC Festival

The week-long <u>USPC Festival</u> 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



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 als 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.



<u>Just Announced... USPC Standards & Certifications Clinic | Spring 2024</u>
A Big THANK YOU goes out to the new RGR RIC, Marsha. We appreciate you putting this together!



One Horse Division Update

One Horse Divisions have been added to most of the 2024 Rallies. If you do not 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 | Driffwood, 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

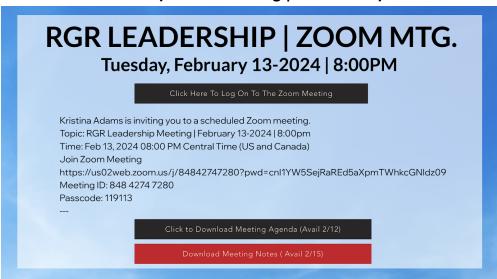
DC's & CA's Action Items

- 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



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-Eventing 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, Eventing 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