

## RIO GRANDE REGION | 2024 Kick Off Email

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January 11, 2024

Dear Rio Grande Region,

With the start of 2024 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 2023 a huge success. This is an extra special year with the anticipation of the 2024 USPC Festival this summer. The region is dedicated to providing opportunities for members to qualify and supporting those individuals attending the National Championships this year.

On behalf of all the clubs, parents, and members, we would like to thank the volunteers of 2023 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 that Stephanie Hanover & Amy Etheridge have agreed to serve again on the board. We thank them in advance. Their experience and passion combined with the new board member's energy & knowledge will set us up for a very successful year.

There is a lot of information to distribute to our members & clubs. The RGR has a new website to provide one place for posting event information. This is also detailed in the attached document. We would love your suggestions of how to streamline communication. This will be the main distribution channel with secondary efforts through social media and email.

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



## SPRING 2024 UPDATES

**New Rio Grande Website** | [www.RGRTX.com](http://www.RGRTX.com)

- All the upcoming events are posted. This includes tbd events that we are still trying to finalize.
- Helpful links have been added. Hopefully, this will make it easier for our members that are competing and rating to find the information easier.

### **New Rio Grande Leadership Emails**

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### **February Events**

#### **RGR Fundraiser Show at Meadowcreek.**

We need competitors and volunteers for this event. This show has amazing potential to raise a lot of funds to fund champs this summer. Please support this event by attending, competing, or volunteering. Make sure to bring some extra parents, family, friends or pc members to help out. We need more volunteers. Thank you to Brazos Pony Club, Natalie & Stephanie for hosting this event. Contact information for this event is on the new RGR website: [www.rgrtx.com](http://www.rgrtx.com)

#### **RGR HM Seminar at 7IL Ranch & RGR Qualifying Quiz Rally**

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. Contact information for this event is on the new RGR website: [www.rgrtx.com](http://www.rgrtx.com)

## **2024 Spring & Summer Events | See Website: [www.RGRTX.com](http://www.RGRTX.com)**

USPC Convention	January 24-28-2024	Reno, Nevada   See Below
Show Jumping Rally	Tentative: March 23rd-2024	Driftwood, Texas ( Lone Star PC)
Eventing Rally	April 6-7	Pine Hill- Bellville, Texas ( Tejas & Bayou PC)
Dressage Rally	Tentative: May 2024	Rolling Ridge-Manor, Texas (Texas Heat PC)
Summer Camp	Tentative: June 2024	Tbd
RGR Standards & Rating Clinic	Tbd	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

### **USPC Convention**

Experience Pony Club's USPC Convention with the Sierra Pacific Region during the 2024 USPC Convention. The convention will be loaded with educational and leadership training opportunities for all attendees and will be held at the Peppermill Reno Resort in Reno, NV, on January 24-28, 2024. More information can be found on the [USPC Convention page](#). We have missed the discount deadline, but you can still register and attend.

### **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.

