



Little Traverse Bay US Pony Club Spring Camp and Testing April 2015

This past week April 1-3, 2015, during spring break, Little Traverse Bay US Pony Club had 6 members attend a 3 day Spring Camp at Cedar Creek Crossings to work with trainer Suzy White and brush up on their riding skills and horse management knowledge. It was an awesome camp with lots of learning, food, fun and companionship! The girls worked very well together, helping each other and cooperating to get done what they came to do. Thank you to all of their parents who worked hard to get their young riders here to participate. Thanks also for all of the food that was brought. It was so much appreciated! Our biggest note of appreciation goes to Suzy, our trainer! Thanks for getting the girls who were testing, ready! Thank you for keeping us safe and helping us to go forward with our riding. Also, thanks for making sure everyone understood what was expected in terms of horse management. When it came time to test, everyone knew their stuff!



After two days of Certification Prep with Suzy, it was time for day 3, the big day of testing for four of the members. These four riders are all new to our club as of this year and wanted to test to the D1 or D2 level. Our three D1 candidates worked very hard to demonstrate proper basic seat position, good control of their mounts, excellent horse care and management and a good, solid base of knowledge in regards to our equine partners and land conservation. Jaedyn demonstrated her skills on Cedar Creek Crossings horse, "Bond", while Sally demonstrated on Cedar Creek Crossings horse, "Rio" and Eme demonstrated on her very own horse, Chloe.

Their hard work paid off in all four girls achieving their D1 Certification.
Congratulations girls and welcome to Pony Club!



Our D2 candidate Krina has worked hard with her pony for almost a year now. She has spent many hours with her pony, taken many lessons, learned her horse management stuff, participated in last month's quiz rally and would have qualified for US Pony Club Nationals this year had she passed this rating test before quiz rally took place in March of 2015. Krina and her pony Angel will hopefully be a valuable member of this year's LTBPC Mega Rally Team. Krina successfully passed her D2 test.

Congratulations on receiving your D2 Certification and welcome to Pony Club.



Our Examiner for this event was Ginger Wisseman from Pier port Pony Club and she did an awesome job for us. She kept the testing moving forward at just the right pace, made the girls feel comfortable, gave great feedback and is a real asset to the Great Lakes Region examiner team! Thank you very much for your support of US Pony Club and our girls in their effort to be the best equine partners they can be!



A big thank you to Marah and Katie as well for your help during the testing. These girls helped keep time and set up jumps and poles and made lunch for the group. They also worked very hard cleaning up after three days of learning, fun and late nights giggling☺

This was a very successful camp and testing experience, thanks to all who participated!

***Next up: our next meeting is un-mounted, here at Cedar Creek Crossings on Sunday, April 19 from 1:00-3:00. If you want to bring your pony and ride afterward or go on a trail ride (weather permitting), you are welcome to do so.

Great Lakes Region Mini Rama is coming up on May 30 & 31. The sign-up forms are now available and it is time to sign up. Anyone interested in being a team member of a volunteer for this event please contact me by April 19. Our club is responsible for concessions at this event so we will need to send club members and adult volunteers to help out. Ideal candidates for this event are un-rated members or members without ponies or members who have not yet been to a rally. This will be a fun time, a great opportunity to meet regional members and be able to get acquainted with your very own mini horse for the weekend!

Happy Spring and 2015 riding Season,

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