

LTBPC DC and interested Sponsor go to GLR Leadership Clinic!

On Sunday, February 8th, Richelle and I attended the regional Leadership clinic hosted by Rose Lake PC down in the Lansing area. This is an annual meeting for our region and all DC's are required to attend. Also, it is highly recommended that the Treasurer attends and any other board member or interested sponsors may attend. There was a lot of information to digest that was shared at this meeting which intentionally takes place immediately following the National Annual Meeting that some of our Regional board members and other interested club DC's and JLC members attended out in Virginia. Information that was shared was as "fresh" as it could be.

Topics included were: Club instructional calendar development, What to give to new parents, Goal setting, Ideas for fundraising, Planning club ratings, Club policies, Where to find PC information, HM updates/changes and "all things Treasurer related"!

In all of the topics we learned something that would improve/enhance our club. After hearing from some of the other clubs and what their obstacles are, our club is set up pretty well! We have a "barn home" and "lesson mounts" as well as a couple of parents that are willing to share their "horsey talents" with us! What is needed in our club is a stronger board and parent participation on a regular basis. The lack of this is partly due to being a new club and learning to navigate the PC structure that has already been put in place for us. Our other obstacle is the DC (me) who is fairly independent and needs to do a better job of delegating 😊 Since we all have some distance to travel to meet together and we all have other family obligations beyond our pony clubber, I would like to suggest that we meet after our unmounted meetings (while clubbers are doing clean up or feeding horses) to discuss learning opportunities for our clubbers as well as future direction of this club. We have everything we need to be a great club and our kids have an amazing opportunity to be part of something really great that has the potential to propel them forward in whatever their goals might be-horses or other! Whether horses are your thing or not, this club needs you to make it strong and provide a great learning environment for all of our kids...please let me know where you think you might fit in. Our next unmounted meeting is Sunday, March 1st from 2:00-4:00 (last Quiz prep for our teams), let's see how many parents we can have meeting from 3:30-4:30 to do some brain storming, answer some questions and set some goals! 😊

We are very excited to be hosting our first model horse rally and to have the Pier Port Pony Club bring two more teams to rally with us! It is this weekend, Sunday from 9:00-3:00. So far I have Tamara and Sammie volunteering to serve lunch-thank you very much! We still need to know what everyone is bringing for this event so if you could please shoot me an email of what you would like to bring to share with the group (food or drink-water bottles would be great!) I will know where to fill in the gaps. We do have paper plates, bowls, cups and plastic silverware in the barn. There are several plug ins for crock pots and a refrigerator for sandwich stuff/veggies etc.... Also, Richelle has volunteered to be the HM judge and her daughter Hadassah will be a stable manager for Ashley and Gracyn's team. Brandi has volunteered to take pictures of this event for us. I still need someone to do safety checks (helmet only in this case) and turnout inspection (you will receive a check list of what to look for). Ginger and I will be the ring judges for show jumping and the dressage pattern. It would be helpful if I had one or two more volunteers for HM assistants (again, you will have a check list-no previous knowledge required 😊). This

will be a very fun day and the girls will be able to get an idea what it is like to rally with pony club as well as increase their basic knowledge of safe horse handling and care. Cedar Creek Crossings has donated lots of fun prizes!! So don't forget your smiles.

Next on the list to talk about is Quiz Rally coming up in March. LTBPC is sending two full teams and one C scramble. As of Sunday, February 8, sign up is complete! Parents, please make your travel plans...reserve your room at the Potawatomi Inn and grab another parent to travel with! Working together always makes these events more fun for everyone! Please feel free to contact me for help if you are unsure what to do next. If you have not paid your \$50 for quiz, please get that sent to me ASAP. Don't forget to bring your horse related item or TC related item for the Silent Auction donation for our club. There is a red muck bucket in which to put your donated items into, in the observation room. We need to finish filling it and take a picture of it for the regional website that is going live next week so people know what they want to bid on at quiz.

Polo shirts are in! You can pick them up in the observation room at CCC. All of our new members should have received their welcome packets and PC pin by now. Please let me know if you have not received it. Anyone needing a medical arm band, I have them available for \$8.00 in the observation room. You can also choose to buy the medical wrist band that is now being offered and is acceptable. Again, if you have questions, please let me know.

Dates to remember: Sunday, February 15 from 9:00-3:00 model horse rally

Sunday, February 22 from 1:00-3:00 mounted meeting-games and drill team

Sunday, March 1 from 2:00-4:00 un mounted-quiz prep and parent meeting

Friday, March 13, leave for Quiz Rally in Indiana

Saturday, March 14, Quiz Rally and Silent Auction in Indiana

Sunday, March 15, Regional meeting and JLC meeting in Indiana

Wednesday and Thursday, April 1&2 Spring Camp

Friday, April 3, rating for D1-D2 (we are working on offering D3 and C1 HM rating opportunities here sometime in April as well).

See you Sunday!

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