



D Rally

WHEN: March 9, 2024
No Rain Date, rain or
shine!

WHERE: Windridge Farm
882 Goodes Creek Church
Mooresboro NC 28114

WHO: Open to U.S. Pony
Club Members
Certification level: UR
(unrated) to D3 mounted*

CLOSING DATE: Entries must be RECEIVED by Friday, March, 1, 2024

Purpose: Fundraising Activity for [River Valley Pony Club](#). Proceeds will go to supporting our non profit club that provides horse management education and horse sports for all ages. This one day rally introduces D level members to competing in Eventing in a fun, safe, and appropriate way.

Introduction to a Combine Training Rally: The jumping course is designed with safety in mind for young or inexperienced riders.

SPONSOR OUR RALLY: Donations over \$100 will be Jump/Fence sponsors. This would be so helpful towards our operating costs! [More info and sign up here](#)

RALLY FEES: \$125 per rider. Includes lunch, stall, shared team tack stall. Does not include shavings.. **Stable Manager:** \$15 **C Advisor** -No fee (rally experienced C1 & above)

PAYMENT: Payment must accompany all entries and be received by closing date. Checks to River Valley Pony Club, mailed to RVPC Treasurer, Casey Delap 619 Germander Ct. Greer, SC 29651. [PayPal accepted here](#) (unchecking "Goods & Services" saves our club 3%, Please pay using 'friends and family')

ENTRY: Entry form & payment must be RECEIVED BY Friday, March 1, 2024. Entries must be in hand with River Valley Pony Club, complete with all necessary forms, signatures, and fees by this date. Incomplete entries will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee which must be paid prior to the member competing. Only exception to “missing paperwork” (incomplete entry) will be for current negative Coggins. Neg. Coggins must be received prior to the start of the rally. No horse will be allowed to compete without a current negative Coggins. [Entry FORM HERE](#)

RULES: [EVENTING RULEBOOK](#), Latest USPC EVENTING Annual Newsletter, [USPC HM HANDBOOK; RULES FOR RALLIES](#) and all current addenda. Abbreviated Required Equipment Check will be used: Horse First aid, Human First Aid, Individual Grooming Kits.

FOOD: River Valley will be providing snacks on site on Saturday for competitors and C advisers.

REFUNDS: Full refund if requested prior to closing date. After March 1 (less \$25 admin fee) refunds are made only with informing of cancellation before the rally begins with Vet or Doctor’s note submitted. Notes must be submitted to RVPC no later than March 9, 2023

LODGING/STABLING: RV camping available \$35/night. RV Sites are booked through [Windridge Farm Services](#). 20 Sites available can be reserved ahead or available upon arrival. **All stalls *must be stripped and swept before you leave.***

TEAM COMPOSITION: Teams may consist of 3 or 4 riders. Teams may be of mixed ratings, levels and/or divisions. The Organizer will put together scramble teams. Teams may be adjusted according to entries if needed in order to preserve continuity. Each team must have a C-Advisor and an adult chaperone, except for Horse Masters (HMX). If a team does not have its own C-Advisor, the organizer will attempt to find one for them. It is highly recommended that the team have a designated coach. A parent may fill this role. Each team may have a Stable Manager, who is a D-rated (or unrated) member that will assist and learn from the C Advisor. This is a great opportunity for a member who is not ready to bring their horse to be on a team, or for a member who wishes to further their HM skills. Volunteers/C Advisors that do not have a team or club specific role but wish to help can sign up here: [D Rally registration form](#). (choose appropriate options for volunteer/C Advisor)

TEAM POSTER: Collaborate with your teammates to come up a team name and poster to introduce all members and mounts.

DIVISIONS:

Note: Competitors entering a CT divisions should do so based on their jumping certification level or the level that BEST fits the horse/rider combination. You are advised not to enter a level higher than your jumping rating.

Tadpole (D-1):

DRESSAGE - [2023 USDF Intro Test A](#)

STADIUM – Course of 6 – 8 obstacles that are small cross rails, logs or verticals no higher than 12”, untimed

Puddle Jumpers (D-2 jumping rating):

DRESSAGE – [2023 USDF Intro Test C](#)

STADIUM – Course of 8–10 obstacles 12” – 18” in height, no oxers, combined with 2-3 cross country jumps.

Starter (D-3 jumping rating):

DRESSAGE -[2022 USEA starter test](#)

STADIUM – Course of 10-12 obstacles 2’3 in height, may have small oxers combined with 3-4 cross country jumps.

STALLS AND TACK ROOMS: Stalls will be assigned by the organizer for your team. Teams will have 1 shared tack stall. Please remember to bring saddle and bridle racks. Each horse will need a stall card and two water buckets with snaps. **Shavings are NOT provided** so please plan on bringing at least one bag per stall.

ATTIRE and TACK: All competitors must wear ASTM/SEI approved, properly fitted helmets with the chin harness secured while riding and for formal inspection. Polo shirts are acceptable for all competitors, jackets will not be required. Half-chaps are allowed. Medical armbands or wristbands and appropriate footwear must be worn by all pony clubbers, both competitors and volunteers. For Tack, D Exceptions, as listed in the Eventing Rulebook, will be permitted for all competitors.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Equipment for one-day rally. Although the complete HM list is not required it is recommended to keep stall and tack area neat and tidy. Two teams from the same club may share a set of Required Equipment. An **Abbreviated Required Equipment Check** will be used for HM judging purposes.

- Horse First Aid
- Human First Aid
- Individual grooming kits.
- See 2024 USPC HM HANDBOOK; RULES FOR RALLIES

VOLUNTEERS: Aside from a few key adults, this rally will be totally run by volunteers and active pony club members. We encourage C1 and above pony club members to volunteer at this rally. It will be a fun and wonderful learning experience for all. Please check the list on the form of volunteer positions or contact RVPC. Rally organizers will do their best to match people to their job of choice. We do still require a Chaperone for each team. Chaperones/Parents please fill out the required portions in the form when completing your child's submitted entry. If you do not have a child or member competing but would still like to volunteer, please fill out the registration form. For Chaperones an additional form is required:

- [Chaperone Duty Form](#)
- Email this Form to: RiverValleyPonyClub@gmail.com please include *Competitor's/Team Name* Chaperone.
- Teams will designate their coaches at arrival check in.

MOUNTS: Mounts must be serviceably sound and suitable for the capabilities of the rider and level of competition. Two members on the same team may share a mount. Horse must be at least 5 years of age, no stallions.

SCORING: Scoring is adapted to the number/combo of entries. We will use ghost scores for any team that is short riders.

AWARDS:

Teams: HM Only (1st – number of teams entered)

Teams: Overall (1st - number of teams entered; combination of riding & HM)

Individual by Division (1st, 2nd & 3rd only; combination of riding & HM)

The D rally is meant to provide a fun, safe and instructional environment for young or new riders. Parents, please allow the competitors to work as a team. Teams will have C-advisors in the barns and to help out where needed and keep competitors on time and on task. Parents and spectators shall refrain from entering the stable/horse management area unless you are an HM volunteer. Enjoy watching your child surprise you with his/her skills and independence. Let them shine! It is our intention that everyone working with these youngsters (adults and Pony Clubbers alike) will emphasize the opportunity for learning teamwork, good sportsmanship, and kind/considerate care of their mounts while de-emphasizing the competitive aspects of the sport. Their mounts should be serviceably sound and reflect evidence of regular care.

Dressage tests may be read if needed. Test callers are allowed but must be provided by the team. Parents may not assist the competitor at any time during the rally at risk of elimination due to unauthorized assistance unless that particular parent is the **designated coach**.

The jumping phases may be done at any gait - walk, trot or canter, although D1s are encouraged to walk or trot. Competitors begin with a Dressage test, followed by stadium jumping. There will be time faults for the Puddle Jumpers & Starter division. Coaches are allowed and highly recommended! The C Advisor will be very busy in the stable area, so should not be doubling as the coach.

- Coaches are highly recommended. At this level, not having a coach is an ill advised idea. Although the C Advisor cannot be a coach while managing a team in the barn area, we do encourage other experienced pony clubbers or a parent to be a coach.
- We intend to keep things fun and educational. It will run like a regular rally, just a little more casual. We are serious about not letting parents in the barn/trailer area.
- The "C Advisor" for each team is a person with rally experience. They are the teacher, mentor, everything, helping the team in the barn area - keeping them safe, teaching them about HM and how rallies work, etc.
- Use a separate entry form for each individual. [Entry Form Here](#)
- Please ensure that name on Coggins matches horse's name on entry form
- Please ensure that all those members who volunteer will be appropriate for jobs requested ***Volunteer Form for individuals without a rider*** [Available Here](#)

Rally Questions: Denise Ritacco (864)414-3185 persimmonpondfarm@gmail.com

EACH ENTRY FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Current Negative Coggins for each Pony (name on Coggins must match entry form)
- ✓ Check or [Paypal payment](#) to River Valley Pony Club in the proper amount for entry (additional charge of \$5. For using PayPal and all fees, add up your fees when completing registration form.
- ✓ Signed Team Chaperone Form - 1 per team or individual [ChaperoneDutiesForm](#).

Saturday *Very Tentative* Schedule

Time	Activity	Info
6:30-7:30 AM	Facility/Barns open/Move in	MUST be moved in by 8:00AM
8:00AM	Competitor Briefing	Office area
8:20AM	Jogs	in order of go
9:00AM	Turnout Inspections, in order of go	5 minutes each

9:40AM	Dressage Rides begin	Arena on hill in trees
11:00	Starter Jumping	Grass Bowl
11:30-2:00	Lunch	Riders eat on their breaks
in order of go	Puddle Jumpers Jumping	Grass Bowl
	Tadpole Jumping	Grass Bowl
	Turnbacks completed	
	Turnback & HM scores submitted	
	Breakdown/Packup	If given clearance
	Awards	Sooner if scores ready early