



River Valley Pony Club

CERTIFIED LOCAL CHAPTER OF [U.S. PONY CLUB](#)

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NATIONAL PONY CLUB: U.S. Pony Club is the largest equestrian educational program in the world represented throughout 30 countries! The United States has over 600 individual Clubs spread amongst 48 states and the Virgin Islands with more than 12,000 members. This is where it all begins! The cornerstones of our foundation are education, safety, sportsmanship, stewardship and FUN. Members learn riding and the care of horses through mounted sports. The skills, habits and values instilled through horsemanship will apply to every part of a member's life.

Pony Club provides opportunities for instruction in riding, horse sports and horse management for children and young adults up to 25 years of age. The term "pony" reflects the age of the members, rather than the size of the mount. Adults joining Pony Club participate with other adult members called "Horse Masters" within our pony club. They may participate in all the activities attended by the younger members. It is not necessary for a child to own a horse or pony, but they must have access to one when required. Horses and ponies of many different breeds, shapes and sizes are seen in Pony Club activities. Everyone begins Pony Club at the same level. As members learn and develop at their own pace, they have the opportunity to progress through the Pony Club Certification system. Certifications are how members show their progress through levels of riding and horse knowledge. Certifications go from grassroots skills at the D-level, all the way up the most advanced A-level. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club.

OUR LOCAL CLUB: River Valley Pony Club currently has 30+ members from ages 7 to 70. Our club meets 2-4 times a month on weekends at various locations in the Landrum/Columbus area. We have members who commute up to an hour each way to participate in club activities. Both mounted and unmounted lessons are held at least once a month. Our club participates in regional Pony Club Rallies, including Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing, Mounted Games, and Horse Management Quiz, as well as

summer & winter overnight camps. Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be supportive cheerleaders of their child and other members of the club. Our volunteer club officers are background checked, participate in the [SafeSport](#) guidelines, and are trained in Concussion & Heat Illness prevention.

CLUB GOALS: We strive to provide our members with education at our mounted & unmounted meetings, competition through our team oriented Rallies, leadership skills and the opportunity to qualify for USPC National Championships at Regional Rallies. Our focus, and the focus of the United States Pony Club, is to educate our youth in all areas of horse care and management as well as helping to develop competent young riders who have a good sense of responsibility, good sportsmanship, and a desire to give back to the community. Our mounted meetings are FREE to members & we try to offset costs for any additional activities & certification fees to keep it affordable for families.

CLUB NEEDS: We are currently seeking donors for our 2021 Annual Budget. This budget is used for hiring trainers to teach our mounted meetings, Special Award funds that help offset costs for members who are eligible, based on regular attendance & good standing, who are participating in regional USPC events & certifications. Our annual budget is also used for venue & insurance costs, in an aim to keep our activities free or budget friendly.

WHY SUPPORT OUR CLUB:

- All of our donors will be advertised and thanked on our website & donors who give \$1000+ will be advertised on our club Tshirts
- All donations are tax deductible and RVPC will provide receipt
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- Our Club's Members are part of the leading youth equine educational program. Dwindling resources and land for equine activities make Pony Club even more significant in our changing world

PONY CLUB PLEDGE:

“As a member of the United States Pony Club, I stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I shall compete for the enjoyment of the game well played and take winning or losing in stride, remembering that without good manners and good temper, sport loses its cause for being. I shall endeavor to maintain the best tradition of the ancient and noble skill of horsemanship, always treating my horse with consideration due a partner.”

River Valley Pony Club Donation Form

_____ (business/name)

has agreed to be a donor for River Valley Pony Club in the amount of
\$ _____.

Name of contact person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Check #/ Payment Type: _____

All our donors will be advertised and thanked on our public website:

<https://www.rivervalleypc.com/>

Donors of more than \$1000 will also be advertised on the back of our club Tshirts.

Please attach a business logo or business card to your sponsorship form or email a digital copy to RiverValleyPonyClub@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to: **River Valley Pony Club, Treasurer Tam Jackson @ 180 Christ School Road. Arden, NC 28704**

[PAY ONLINE LINK](#)-- If you use this online method, please let us know via email!

Your donation will be used wisely & fairly to support USPC and Local Club goals. We are happy to accept donations allocated for a specific purpose in mind and to provide a detailed receipt for tax purposes upon request.

Learn more on the United States Pony Club website: <https://www.ponyclub.org/>