

The Green Mountain Horse Association Presents

The 56th Annual

Junior Horsemanship Clinic

The Premier Eventing Camp for Young Riders Ages 9-17

June 24-July 3, 2012



Become Part of the Tradition!

The
Ideal Location
for Your
Camp Experience

GMHA & the Junior Horsemanship Clinic

The Green Mountain Horse Association is a 501 (c) 3 organization serving five equestrian disciplines.

Our extensive, historic facility includes:

- 4 all-weather riding rings
- A complete, newly renovated cross-country course
- 6 permanent barns
- An extensive trail system
- Youth Center & Snack bar

All located on 65 acres in picturesque South Woodstock, Vermont!

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic, now in its 56th year, is an important tradition at GMHA. For 80 years, GMHA has promoted excellence in riding and horsemanship. The JHC is an integral part of our mission to educate horses and riders.

GMHA has been an eventing mecca for over 50 years. Our facility hosted its first Horse Trials in 1957, and has held a significant place in the development of the sport. **This year's participants will also benefit from GMHA's upgraded cross-country course with many brand new jumps!**

Be the first campers to see and ride the new cross-country course!

All About the JHC



Clinic Program & Goals

The goal of the JHC is to educate young equestrians in all areas of horsemanship.

All participants have two mounted and unmounted lessons daily, and are responsible for the care of their horse or pony, with the help of our experienced staff. The clinic focuses on the fundamentals of eventing, with an emphasis on control, balance, and safety.

Mounted instruction focuses on preparing horse and rider for competition in eventing at the Pre-Elementary through Training Level, by offering specialized instruction in dressage, stadium jumping, and cross-country. Riders will have lessons in small groups at the appropriate level. You do not need to be an eventer to benefit from JHC!

Unmounted instruction focuses on building knowledge and experience in horse care and stable management through education and the practical experience of caring for your horse during the ten days of camp. Unmounted lessons include daily lectures, demonstrations, and practice sessions on a variety of stable management and horse care topics.

"I love JHC because I always leave with more knowledge, friends, and confidence in my riding!"

Is JHC the Place for Me?

Our Riders:

- Are between the ages of 9-17
- Bring one horse or pony to camp
- Commute to camp or stay with local chaperones
- Have a secure position and are comfortable at all three gaits, jumping small obstacles, and riding in the open on the horse or pony they will bring to camp.
- May actively event up to Training Level, or compete at the 3'3" height in hunters, jumpers, or equitation.
- Need not be eventers! Skills taught apply to dressage and hunter/jumper competitors looking to diversify their training.

Our Staff



Suzi and Paris Tonight compete over GMHA's Intermediate course.

Lead Clinicians: Suzi & Jim Gornall

Jim and Suzi will be returning for a sixth year of overseeing the instruction of all students. Suzi Gornall (photo) is one of the leading riders and instructors in the region. Suzi, an "A" Pony Club graduate, has over 25 years experience as a teacher, trainer, and coach. She has competed through the Advanced Level. Jim Gornall, also an "A" Pony Club graduate, is a former Advanced Level eventer. He is now a USEF "R" technical delegate and course designer.

Clinic Instructors

We are joined each year by an enthusiastic group of highly qualified instructors, specializing in either riding instruction or barn management. Many of our instructors hold Pony Club ratings, and have a strong background in eventing.

Office Manager: Robin O'Farrell will be your source for information on camp applications, payments, planning, and any issues during camp.

A Day in the Life...



Daily Schedule

The schedule will vary based on the fitness of horses and the needs of students. A typical day includes:

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| 7:30-8:30am | Feeding & Barn Chores |
| 8:30-11:30am | Riding Instruction (90 min) Unmounted Instruction (90 min) |
| 12-1pm | Lunch- Demonstration/Lecture |
| 1-4pm | Riding Instruction (90 min) Unmounted Instruction (90 min) |
| 4-5:30pm | Feeding & Barn Chores |

Food

Lunch may be included by chaperones, or may be purchased through the GMHA Cafe. Parents may choose to set up an account for participants at the cafe for the duration of camp. Please make sure to have a lunch plan in place!

Accommodations

All JHC participants must arrange for housing off-grounds. Most of our participants find board with local families in private homes- a long standing tradition. Meals, chaperoning, and travel to and from GMHA are may be included in the fee. Please verify services when speaking with potential chaperones. (See back page.)



Starter Horse Trials

All participants will have the opportunity compete in GMHA's **Starter Horse Trials on Sunday, July 1** as part of their clinic experience.

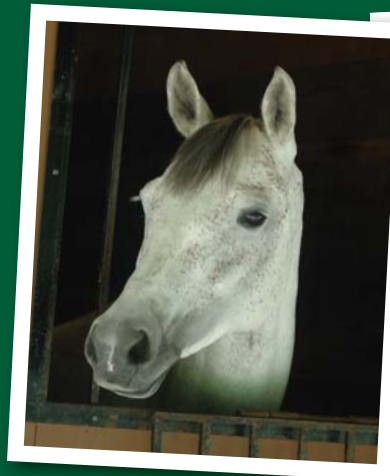
The Starter Trials gives participants the **opportunity to compete with guidance and coaching from the JHC staff**, and to **build on their experiences in the lessons that follow**. Parents, friends, and family are welcome to attend **or become a volunteer!**

Horses, Ponies & the JHC

Participants will have complete responsibility for their mounts throughout the clinic, including daily feeding, stall cleaning, and all other care. Our experienced Barn Management staff will supervise and assist participants during regular barn chores.

GMHA provides bedding and 1 bale of hay per day for each participant. **Participants must supply ALL grain, supplements, etc. for the duration of the clinic.** Please be sure that everything is pre-packaged and labeled for each day and brought in a sealed, labeled storage tote.

JHC provides a rigorous workout for horses and ponies, which must be able to withstand 2-3 hours of work per day. To avoid stress-related injuries, we recommend following a well-planned conditioning schedule beginning at least 8-12 weeks prior to clinic.



A suggested conditioning schedule is available on the GMHA website.

Veterinarian and Farrier

GMHA retains a vet and farrier to be on-call during JHC. Any emergencies or problems will be taken care of by clinic staff with the help of these professionals. Parents will be contacted for permission for any non-emergency treatment of a horse or pony.

The Nuts & Bolts



Dates to Remember

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| Friday, April 27 | Deadline for JHC Applications <i>* Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis- please apply early!</i> |
| Sunday, June 24 | All Arrive at GMHA by 11am |
| Sunday, July 1 | Starter Horse Trials |
| Tuesday, July 3 12:00pm | Luncheon & Awards Ceremony All Depart Camp |

JHC Fees and Scholarships

The entry fee for 2012 will be \$1000 for GMHA Members, and \$1030 for non-members (fee includes membership). Clinic fee includes:

- All mounted and unmounted instruction
- Stabling for 1 horse or pony
- Bedding and 1 bale of hay per day
- Entry fees for the Starter Horse Trial
- Closing Luncheon for participants and family

If paying by **check**, full amount is due with registration form. If paying by **credit card**, \$500 will be charged upon receipt of the registration packet. The remaining balance will be charged to the credit card on April 27th. If applying for a **scholarship**, a \$250 deposit is required with the registration form. The remainder will be due within 1 month of scholarship notification.

Refund Policy: A \$200 fee will be charged on all cancellations received in writing prior to June 1. Unless your space can be filled, no refunds will be given after June 1.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for young riders who qualify with financial need and demonstrate a high motivation to attend JHC. Scholarship applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis.



Visitor Policy (Families & Chaperones)

To preserve a focused learning environment for our participants and staff, families and chaperones are not allowed to enter the barns or observe lessons at any time during camp (except for July 1 & 3). Any issues should be discussed with our Office Manager either by phone or in the main office.

Suggested Chaperones

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| Linda Johnson, 15 girls, any age. | (802) 484-1251 |
| Hyacinth House, 15 kids, any age. | (802) 457-2442 |
| Paulette Watson, 8 girls, any age. | (802) 457-2919 |
| Maggie Stavish, 4 girls, 12-17 | (802) 457-4704 |
| Ruth Little, 5 girls, any age. | (802) 457-1751 |
| Lynn Davenport, 4-6 girls, 14-17 | (802) 763-2417 |

Please note that all arrangements are strictly between the participant's parents and the service provider.

Rental Options

Parents may also rent a room, condo, or house and chaperone their own children, or form a group. Please visit our website (www.gmhainc.org) for a list.

Requirements for Participation

It is essential that horses have had all appropriate vaccinations, worming, and their teeth checked within six months of attending camp. **GMHA MUST receive a copy of a 2012 coggins test. No horses will be allowed on grounds without this document!**

GMHA requires a credit card on record to be used only in the event that the participant departs JHC with unpaid vet or farrier bills. **Applications will not be accepted without a credit card number.**

Occasionally, horses and ponies may have soundness or suitability issues that require a JHC participant to switch horses during the clinic. **GMHA and the JHC staff will do our best to assist in finding a suitable replacement, but it is ultimately the participant/parent/guardian's responsibility to make arrangements for a replacement.**

There will be an EMT on grounds during all mounted instruction. **Please make sure to include ALL relevant health information for participants!**