

# Green Mountain Horse Association

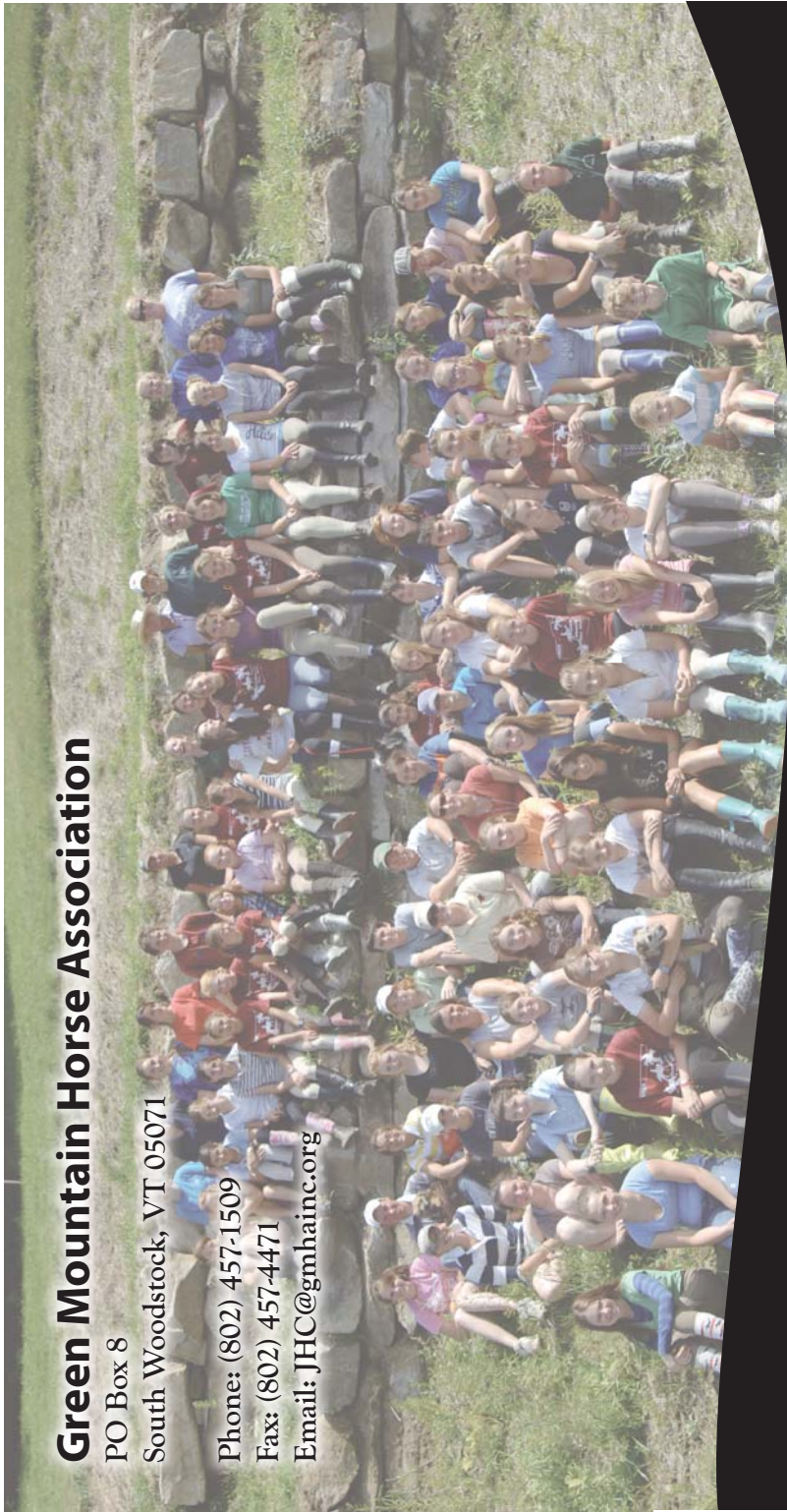
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# Junior Horsemanship Clinic

The Premier Eventing Camp  
for Young Riders Ages 9-17

June 26-July 5, 2011





## GMHA & the Junior Horsemanship Clinic

The Green Mountain Horse Association is a 501 (c)(3) organization currently serving five equestrian disciplines. The GMHA grounds encompass 65 acres in South Woodstock, Vermont.

With permanent stabling for 150 horses, 4 sand rings, numerous grass riding areas, and a full cross-country course, GMHA is one of the leading competition and equestrian education sites in the region. Meeting rooms, bathroom facilities, and an on-site cafe round out the facility's offerings.

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic (JHC), now in its 55th year, is an important tradition at GMHA. The Green Mountain Horse Association has been promoting excellence in riding and caring for horses and ponies for over 80 years, and the JHC is an integral part of our mission to provide educational clinics and events to prepare for the training of our horses and riders.

***Become a part of the tradition!***

## JHC Fees and Scholarships

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic entry fee for 2011 will be \$1100 for GMHA Members, and \$1200 for non-members. This fee includes:

- All Mounted and Unmounted Instruction
- Stabling for 1 horse or pony
- Bedding, hay, and grain
- Entry fees for the Starter Horse Trial
- Closing BBQ for participants and family

Entry fees must be paid in full if paid by check. If paying by credit card, entry fees may be sent in two payments- the first \$500 must be mailed with the application for camp in order to reserve your space UNLESS applying for a scholarship. The remainder of all fees are due April 15th. Scholarship applicants must send \$250 with application to reserve a space, and remainder is due within 1 month of scholarship notification.

### ***Scholarships***

Scholarships are available for young riders who qualify with financial need and demonstrate a high level of motivation to attend JHC. Unfortunately, scholarship funds are limited, and in order to reach as many young people as possible, we generally award partial scholarships and expect families to contribute the remainder. Scholarship applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis. For requirements and details, please see our Scholarship Application.

### ***Refunds***

A \$100 administration fee will be charged on all cancellations received in writing prior to June 15. Unless your space can be filled, no refunds will be given after June 15.



## JHC Competitions

### *Starter Horse Trials*

For the third year, GMHA plans to incorporate a **Starter Horse Trials** into the JHC schedule. Campers will compete on one day (July 2 or 3) in all three phases of eventing. The Starter Trials are also open to a limited number of outside entries in addition to our campers. Pre-Elementary through Training level divisions will be offered.

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 three days of lessons that follow**. Parents, friends, and family are welcome to attend the Starter Trial.

## Other Competitive Opportunities

### *High Horses Schooling Show*

GMHA will be holding a schooling show on Wednesday, July 6th, 2011 to benefit the High Horses Therapeutic Riding Program of Wilder, Vermont. The show will include dressage, jumpers, equitation, and games classes.

This competition is not part of JHC, but participants are invited to attend separate from camp. Stabling is available! Supervision and coaching is not the responsibility of JHC staff. All campers who wish to attend must fill out a separate entry form in the GMHA office. For those interested in attending, a prizelist and entry form can be found on the GMHA website.

### *4-H Horse Show*

On June 25, the Windsor County 4-H group will run a horse show at GMHA. 4-H has invited our participants to attend **SEPARATE FROM JHC**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lisa Muzzey at (802) 885-8386. Note: If you are planning to attend and would like to stable Saturday night, please contact GMHA to secure a stall.

## JHC at a Glance

### *Our Riders:*

- Are between the ages of 9-17
- **Bring one horse or pony to camp**
- **Commute to camp or stay with local chaperones**
- At minimum, should have a secure position and **be 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.



### *Clinic Overview:*

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 lessons are geared to eventing**- all participants will take lessons in dressage, jumping, and cross-country in small groups at the appropriate level.

Unmounted lessons include **daily lectures, demonstrations, and practice sessions on a variety of stable management and horse care topics.**

## Clinic Staff

### **Lead Clinicians: Suzi & Jim Gornall**

Jim and Suzi will be returning for a sixth year of overseeing the instruction of all students. Suzi Gornall 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 and steeplechase rider. He is now a USEF “R” technical delegate and course designer.

### **Clinic Coordinator: Mickey Perry**

Mickey Perry will join the staff this year, taking care of the logistics and planning of camp operations. She is an “B” Pony Club graduate, has 25 years experience as an educator and Head of School.

### **Clinic Administrator: June Hamel**

GMHA staff member June Hamel will be your source for information on camp applications, payments, and prior planning.

### **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.



## Clinic Schedule

Friday, April 29	<b>Deadline for JHC Applications</b> <i>* Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis- please apply early!</i>
Saturday, June 25, 5-7pm or Sunday, June 26, 8-11am	<b>Participants arrive at GMHA</b>
Saturday, July 2 Sunday, July 3	<b>Starter Horse Trials</b>
Monday, July 4: 5pm	<b>BBQ &amp; Awards Ceremony</b> <i>* Parents, family, and friends welcome: Please RSVP!</i>
Tuesday, July 5: 12pm	<b>Camp Ends</b>



### **Parent Policy**

To preserve a structured and focused learning environment for our participants and staff, parents are not allowed to enter the barns or observe lessons at any other time during camp. Unauthorized parents will be asked to leave the barns or lesson areas. Parents are welcome on-grounds during arrival and departure days, during the Starter Trial, and to observe lessons and attend the BBQ on Monday, July 4th.

## Accommodations

GMHA does not have a dormitory, so 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 transportation to and from GMHA are may be included in the fee- please be sure to verify what services are included when speaking with potential chaperones. We suggest checking several options to find the best match for your child. Please note that all housing agreements are strictly between the participant's parents and the service provider.

### Suggested Chaperones

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

### Rental Options

Parents may also rent a room, condo, or house and chaperone their own children, or form a group.

Please visit the "While You're Here" page of our website, [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org), for a list of area accommodations and rentals.

### Food

Lunch may be included by chaperones, or may be purchased through the GMHA Full Cheek Cafe. Parents may choose to set up an account for participants at the cafe for the duration of camp. For more information on the Cafe, please contact Willy at (802) 457-1509.

## Clinic Program & Goals

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

Unmounted instruction focuses on **building knowledge and experience in horse care and stable management** through lectures, demonstrations, practice sessions, and the practical experience of caring for your horse during the ten days of camp.

### Daily Schedule

The schedule will vary based on the fitness of horses and the needs of students. The following is a typical day's format.



7:30-8:30am	Feeding & Barn Chores
8:30-10am	Riding Instruction (Group 1) or Unmounted Instruction (Group 2)
10-11:30am	Riding Instruction (Group 2) or Unmounted Instruction (Group 1)
12-1pm	Lunch- Demonstration/Lecture
1-2:30pm	Riding Instruction (Group 1) or Unmounted Instruction (Group 2)
2:30-4pm	Riding Instruction (Group 2) or Unmounted Instruction (Group 1)
4-5pm	Feeding & Barn Chores
5:30pm	All participants off-grounds

## Horses and Ponies at JHC

### Care of Horses and Ponies

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 hay, bedding, and Poulin grain, included in the cost of the clinic. If your horse has special needs (particular grain, supplements, ect), please plan to supply these materials for the duration of camp.

### Health Requirements

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 2011 coggins test as well as proof of a flu/ rhino vaccination given within 6 months of clinic.** Horses will not be allowed to unload on grounds without a current coggins.



## Conditioning and Exposure

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 for download on the GMHA website.**



Ideally, horses and ponies will have experience with a variety of footing types, passing through water, and working up and down hills and in open areas. The JHC staff will work with each horse and rider to make sure that the daily schedule is appropriate for the horse's fitness level.

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.**

### Veterinarian and Farrier

GMHA retains a highly qualified vet and farrier to be on-call during the duration of JHC. Any emergencies or problems that must be handled in order to ensure the equine's continued participation during JHC will be taken care of by clinic staff with the help of these professionals. Please note that a parent or guardian will be contacted for permission for any non-emergency treatment of a horse or pony by a vet or farrier.

GMHA requires a credit card on record from the parent or guardian of each student, 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.** Bills may be settled with GMHA by cash, check, Visa, or Mastercard.