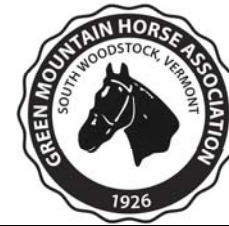


GREEN MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

JUNE 28 - JULY 8, 2009



THE PREMIERE EVENTING CAMP FOR YOUNG RIDERS

- *For dedicated young equestrians ages 9-17*
- *Eventing based curriculum with emphasis on control, balance, & safety*
- *Experienced, professional staff*
- *Beautiful, historic facility in South Woodstock, Vermont*



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the 2009 GMHA Junior Horsemanship Clinic. Last year, we held the 52nd Annual Junior Horsemanship Clinic with over 60 participants and a great staff. We are looking forward to another fun and educational camp experience for our participants.

Suzi & Jim Gornall will be returning for their fifth year as Clinic Co-Directors. We have gathered together a group of highly-qualified instructors to help Suzi and Jim teach mounted and un-mounted lessons during camp. They have backgrounds in Hunter/Jumpers, Eventing, and many hold Pony Club ratings.

The Green Mountain Horse Association has been promoting excellence in riding and caring for horses and ponies for over 80 years, and the Junior Horsemanship Clinic is an integral part of our mission to provide educational educational clinics and events for the training of horses and riders. Our staff looks forward to these two weeks where the grounds are filled with enthusiastic young riders who are committed to learning about horses.

Become a part of the tradition!

Sincerely,

Michaela Whitty

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Junior Horsemanship Clinic Coordinator



JHC Dates & Competition Info

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Deadline for scholarship applications for the JHC.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Deadline for application to JHC. All entries must be postmarked by this date. Entries entered after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Results of scholarship application are mailed.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

All JHC students arrive at GMHA

SATURDAY, JULY 4

JHC Starter Horse Trial & Combined Test (T, N, BN)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

JHC Starter Horse Trial & Combined Test (Elem & Pre-Elem)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

5:00 PM BBQ and General Clinic Awards Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Camp ends– All participants depart grounds by 5pm.

JHC STARTER HORSE TRIALS & COMBINED TEST

GMHA has altered the schedule to include two one day Starter Horse Trials & Combined Tests during camp. Campers will compete on one day only in all phases depending on their level (Saturday: Training, Novice, and Beginner Novice; Sunday: Elementary and Pre-Elementary). This year, the Starter Trials will be open to a limited number of entries outside of camp. These changes will:

- Allow students to participate in a competition with guidance from camp staff.
- Create more specialized competitive opportunities by offering combined test and mixed level options.
- Give campers the unique experience of “volunteering” at an event on the day they are not competing and allow horses and ponies a day off.
- Allow for several days of camp following the Starter Trials for campers to build on their competitive experience.

Parents, friends, and family are welcome to attend the Starter Trial and/or observe riding lessons on the last two days of camp.

Don't forget the end of camp BBQ and Awards Ceremony!

JHC Fees & Scholarship Info

2009 JHC FEES

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic entry fee for 2009 will be \$1000 for GMHA members, \$1050 for non-members. This fee includes:

- morning and afternoon instruction
- lectures & exhibitions
- stabling for one horse/pony in a box stall
- bedding, hay and grain
- entry for the JHC Starter Trials
- closing BBQ for participants and immediate family

The full entry fee must accompany each JHC application.

An exception is made for those clinic participants applying to GMHA for a clinic scholarship, who must include a \$100 deposit.

There will be a review of JHC applications as to the appropriate level of the participants. You will be notified of your acceptance status as soon as possible.

REFUNDS

A \$100.00 handling charge will be assessed on all cancellations received in writing prior to June 15, 2009. Refunds will not be given for cancellations made after June 15, 2009 unless there is a waiting list that will allow GMHA to fill the appropriate spot. No refunds will be given after June 26th 2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for children who qualify with financial need and demonstrate a high level of motivation for participation in the Junior Horsemanship Clinic. In 2008, GMHA awarded over \$3,000 in scholarship money. To reach as many young people as possible, we generally award partial scholarships to the JHC and expect families to contribute the remainder. Scholarship award notifications will be made by May 4, 2009. Any balance owed by a student's family must be paid in full not later than one week prior to the start of the JHC.



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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL: All students will arrive on Sunday, June 28 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. *Special arrangements to arrive early may be possible; please contact GMHA to make special arrangements.*

DEPARTURE: All students will depart GMHA on Wednesday, July 8 at the close of the Junior Horsemanship Clinic and must be off grounds no later than 5:00 PM. *Special arrangements to stay late may be possible; please contact GMHA.*

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GMHA & the Junior Horsemanship Clinic

GMHA

The Green Mountain Horse Association is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization currently active in a variety of equine activities. GMHA was founded in 1926 when a small group of riders wanted to promote the use of horses, provide facilities for horse shows and activities, and develop and maintain bridle trails in Vermont. GMHA has held a significant place in the development of horse sports and equestrians of all levels in the United States.

The Green Mountain Horse Association encompasses approximately 65 acres in South Woodstock, Vermont. With permanent stabling for approximately 160 horses, 4 sand rings, numerous grass riding areas, driving hazards and a cross-country course, GMHA is one of the leading competition and equestrian education sites in the region. Meeting rooms, bathroom facilities, and a on-site cafe' round out the facility offerings.

JHC

We are proud to present the 2009 GMHA Junior Horsemanship Clinic! Under the guidance of returning JHC Directors Suzi & Jim Gornall, the clinic focuses on the fundamentals of eventing, with an emphasis on control, balance and safety.

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic is an opportunity for young riders, ages 9-17 years, to gain knowledge and experience with their horses in the areas of dressage, stadium and cross-country jumping, horse care, stable management, nutrition and conditioning.

The clinic will be directed to the combined training enthusiast but the skills to be taught are equally applicable to that of dressage, hunters and jumpers. Participants will further their training by riding on the flat and over fences in the arena, in the open and across the country. In addition to riding skills, the clinic will include daily lectures, demonstrations, in-stable workshops and practice sessions. Working in small groups allows us to accommodate a wide range of riding levels and abilities.

CARE FOR HORSES/PONIES: Students will have complete care of and responsibility for their mounts throughout the clinic. Instructors will be assigned as stable managers for education in each barn. Students will receive special attention and assistance where needed. Each student must completely strip and clean around his or her horse's stall before departing at the end of clinic.

VET & FARRIER ON-CALL: GMHA retains a highly qualified vet and farrier on-call for the duration of the clinic to handle emergencies and other problems that must be attended to in order to ensure the horse's or pony's continuing participation in the JHC.



PAYMENT OF VET & FARRIER:

GMHA pays the vet and farrier directly for any expenses incurred, and, at the end of the clinic, each rider's parent or guardian is expected to reimburse GMHA for their son's or daughter's vet and farrier bills. Please note that a rider's parent or guardian will be contacted for permission for any non-emergency treatment of a horse or pony by a vet.

GMHA requires a credit card on record from the parent or guardian of each student, to be used only in the event that a rider departs at the end of the clinic with unpaid vet or farrier bills. **Applications will not be accepted without a credit card number.** Parents or guardians may settle their bills with GMHA by cash, check or credit card.

WHAT IF MY HORSE/PONY CAN'T FINISH CAMP? Occasionally, horses/ponies may have soundness or suitability issues that require a camp participant to switch horses during the middle of clinic. Ultimately, it will be your responsibility to make arrangements for a substitute horse.

Horses & Ponies at the JHC

Each rider will bring one horse or pony to the clinic. Ideally, this should be the child's regular mount. Together, they should have experience riding outdoors, and at a minimum, be comfortable at all three gaits and jumping small fences in both open spaces as well as a ring.

AGE: Horses and ponies must be at least five years of age.

CONDITIONING & EXPOSURE: The 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 starting at least 8-12 weeks prior to clinic. Ideally, horses/ponies will have experience with a variety of footing types, passing through water, and working up and down hills and in open areas. We will work with each horse and rider to make sure that the daily schedule is appropriate for the horse's fitness.



SHOTS, WORMING & TEETH: It is essential that all horses/ponies at clinic have had all appropriate shots, worming, and their teeth checked within the past six months. GMHA **must** receive a copy of a 2009 coggins test as well as proof of flu/rhino vaccinations. **We require the Flu/Rhino shot to be given three months to three weeks prior to clinic. HORSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNLOAD ON GROUNDS WITHOUT A CURRENT COGGINS.**

CLINIC CO-DIRECTORS



Suzi aboard Paris Tonight, competing at Intermediate in GMHA's August Horse Trials. Photo by Hoofpix Photography.

Suzi Gornall is one of the leading riders and instructors in this region. A graduate "A" pony clubber, she has over 20 years of experience as a teacher, trainer, & coach. Suzi was an USET Active Rider for 10 years competing through the Advanced Level and is one of the selectors for the USEA Area 1 Young Rider Team.

Jim Gornall, also an "A" Level pony club graduate, is a former Advanced Level Eventer and steeplechase rider. He is now focusing his attention on a busy Officiating Schedule and holds both the USEF "R" Technical Delegate and USEF Course Designer ratings.

RIDING LEVELS OF PARTICIPANTS

The JHC is an opportunity for young, moderately experienced riders to gain knowledge and experience with their horses in the areas of riding, horse care, stable management, nutrition and conditioning. **This clinic is geared for riders preparing to compete in pre-elementary through training level horse trials, as well as those juniors who are active dressage and hunter/jumper/equitation riders who are looking to broaden their base and experiences with their horses.**

As a minimum, participants and their horses need to be competent working at all three gaits, have a secure and stable position, be comfortable riding out in the open with a group, and be jumping small obstacles.

Our most accomplished participants are actively competing at the 3'3" level in eventing and hunters/jumpers/equitation.

Working in small groups allows us to accommodate a range of experience levels. Clinic participants will be selected on a rolling basis to fill divisions at appropriate levels, if accepted.

DAILY ROUTINE

The clinic schedule will vary daily based on the fitness of the horses, scheduled guest speakers, and the needs of the students. The following is a **typical** day’s format.

7:30 AM	Clinic Participants on grounds
7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Feeding, barn chores
8:30 AM –9:45 AM	FIRST MORNING SESSION <u>Block 1</u> <u>Block 2</u> Mounted Stable Management Instruction
10:00 AM –11:15 AM	SECOND MORNING SESSION <u>Block 1</u> <u>Block 2</u> Stable Mounted Instruction Management
12:00 PM–1:00 PM	Lunch - DEMONSTRATION/LECTURE Barns Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM—12:30PM
1:15 PM –2:30 PM	FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION <u>Block 1</u> <u>Block 2</u> Mounted Stable Management Instruction
2:45 PM –4:00 PM	SECOND MORNING SESSION <u>Block 1</u> <u>Block 2</u> Stable Mounted Instruction Management
4:00 PM –5:00 PM	Feeding, barn chores
5:30 PM	Clinic participants off grounds

JHC ACCOMODATIONS

GMHA does not have a dormitory facility, so all students must arrange for accommodations off grounds. Most find board with local families in private homes – a tradition dating back to the beginning of the JHC. Meals, chaperoning and transportation to and from GMHA are generally included in their fee. Lunch may be included by the chaperones or may be purchased through the GMHA Full Cheek Café. Please be sure you verify meals and transportation when speaking with potential chaperones.

Another option parents may wish to consider is renting a condo or house for the duration of the JHC and chaperoning their own children. Groups of students coming from one barn have shared housing in the past with the parents splitting chaperone duties.

Please be aware that many students reserve housing early – don’t wait until the last moment to make your arrangements!

HOUSING OPTIONS

Chaperones: Individuals who are well known to GMHA who take in students for the duration of the JHC. Ages accepted, accommodations, meals, house rules, transportation plans, and pricing may vary. We suggest checking a number of different options to find the best match for your child.

PAULETTE WATSON Woodstock (802) 457-2919 <i>11 girls</i>	LINDA JOHNSON Brownsville (802) 484-1251 <i>14 kids – any age</i>
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JANE SOULE Hyacinth House South Woodstock (802) 457-2442 After May 1: 457-2677 <i>15 children any age</i>	MAGGIE STAVISH South Woodstock (802) 457-4704 <i>4 girls – 12 & over</i>
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RENTAL OPTIONS

HORSEMAN’S HOUSE AT THE VERMONT HORSE COUNTRY STORE.
SOUTH WOODSTOCK, VT; RENTAL FOR UP TO 12 PEOPLE
(802) 457-4677

**Other rental options can be found on our website:
www.gmhainc.org**