

The Green Mountain Horse Association Presents
The 62nd Annual

Junior Horsemanship Clinic

June 24-July 4, 2018



The Premier Eventing Camp for Young Riders

The Green Mountain Horse Association is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization serving five equestrian disciplines: Eventing, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Driving & Trail Riding.

Our extensive, historic facility includes:

- 65-acres in beautiful South Woodstock, VT
- 4 all-weather riding rings
- A top-quality cross-country course; Pre-Elem- Int
- 6 permanent barns and stabling for 196 horses
- An extensive trail system
- Youth Center for meetings and gatherings
- On-site Cafe

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic, now in its 62nd year, is an important tradition at GMHA. For 92 years, GMHA has promoted excellence in riding and horsemanship. The JHC is an integral part of our mission to provide educational opportunities for horses and riders.

GMHA has been an eventing mecca for over 60 years. Our facility hosted its first Horse Trials in 1957, and has held a significant place in the development of the sport. Participants will benefit from GMHA's extensive cross-country course and a variety of beautiful jumps!



Clinic Program & Goals



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 bring to camp.
- Need not be eventers! Skills taught apply to dressage and hunter/jumper competitors looking to diversify their training.

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 complete care of their horse or pony, with the help of our experienced staff.

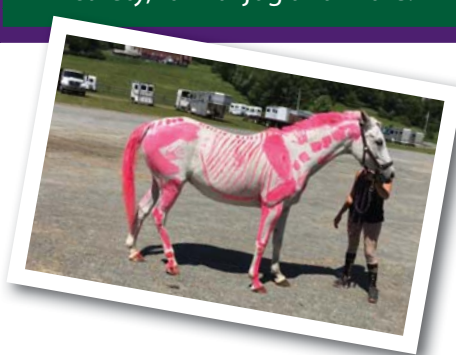
Mounted Instruction focuses on the fundamentals of eventing, with an emphasis on control, balance, and safety. Riders will have lessons in groups of 5-6 riders at the appropriate level. Riders are placed into riding groups based off of the questions they answer on their entry form. Our staff of riding instructors are experienced professionals. Riders will practice dressage, stadium, cross-country, gymnastics and more. All disciplines are welcome. The cross-training is very beneficial to riders of a multitude of disciplines.

Unmounted Horsemanship Instruction focuses on educating the campers with interesting and exciting demos, lectures and hands-on opportunities. The experience of being totally responsible for their horse during camp is a great opportunity to learn proper and safe horse care and the commitment of horse ownership.



2017 Horsemanship Lessons Included

- SK Saddlefit, Sara Kilguss- A demo on proper saddlefitting techniques
- LHS Equine Sports Massage, Lisa Silvester- A demo on sports massage therapy
- Natural Horsemanship Training, Jackie Gilbert
- Farrier, Erin Carey
- Nutrena Feed, Alison Wishere- A lecture on nutrition and feed
- North Country Hounds, The Studers- An interactive discussion with hounds on fox-hunting
- "Foal to Event Horse", Andrea Manley- A presentation on bringing a foal up through the levels of eventing
- As well as, lessons taught by GMHA Barn Managers on topics like braiding, clipping, wrapping, first-aid, anatomy, confirmation, trailer safety, formal jog and more!



What To Expect...

JHC News

A typical daily schedule

7:30am	Arrival at GMHA- Transportation provided by parents or chaperones
7:30-8:30am	Feeding & Barn Chores
8:30-11:30am	Riding Instruction (90 min) Horsemanship Instruction (90 min)
12-1pm	Lunch- Demonstration/Lecture
1-4pm	Riding Instruction (90 min) Horsemanship Instruction (90 min)
4-5:30pm	Feeding & Barn Chores
5:30pm	Pick up by parent or chaperone

Dates to Remember

Fri, Apr. 13	Deadline for JHC Entry Forms <i>* Apply early and avoid the waitlist!</i>
Sun, June 24	Arrival Day 12pm-4pm Campers Arrive 4pm Welcome Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm Campers Only
Sat, June 30	Short Format Campers Depart
Wed, July 4	Long Format Campers Depart

The JHC will continue to offer the Short and Long format options in 2018. The short format camp will run from June 24-June 30. The traditional long format will run June 24-July 4.

The Starter Horse Trials has a new date of June 23rd.

Due to the competitions growing size of outside competitors and logistical challenges it poses for the JHC and grounds, the schooling trials will take place the day before camp drop-off. Worry not campers, JHC will still provide an opportunity for you to showcase your hard work. Stay tuned for more details about a Camp Competition!

The Upper Level Program will not run in 2018. The clinic will continue to accept Pre-Elementary through Training level riders. However, all riders will be integrated into the same camp format and assigned to appropriate groups and instructors.



Horse Information

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.

- Proof of Negative Coggins/ current Rabies vaccination required.
- GMHA provides shavings and hay for participants.
- Participants must supply ALL grain, supplements, etc. for the duration of the clinic. Everything should be pre-packaged and labeled and brought in a sealed, labeled storage bin.
- Our experienced Barn Management staff can administer medications if required.
- There is no turnout available! Staff can lunge if necessary. We do not find this to be an issue, we allow time for ample hand-walking and the horses are worked 2-3 hours daily.
- The JHC is a rigorous workout for horses and ponies, which must be able to withstand 2-3 hours of work per day! To avoid injuries and stress, we recommend following a well-planned conditioning schedule at least 8-12 weeks prior to clinic. This is included in the Welcome Packet.
- GMHA and the JHC Staff are not responsible for providing mounts for this clinic. Please be sure you are bringing a suitable mount for the most productive and safe experience possible.
- What do I need to bring? Check out the Packing List included in the Welcome Packet.

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 treatment.

The Nuts & Bolts

JHC Fees and Scholarships

Clinic fee includes:

- Twice daily ridden instruction
- Twice daily unmounted instruction
- Stabling
- Hay and shavings

Long Format	\$1,200
Short Format	\$850

Refunds: No refunds will be given after June 1, no exceptions. Refunds prior to June 1, will be given less a \$200 scratch fee ONLY with a verifiable medical excuse for horse or rider. Please understand this policy is set in place because we have hired staff by June 1 and our expenses are fixed.

Payments: 50% deposit is required with the entry. The remaining balance will be due on the closing date, Apr. 13. It is the responsibility of the camper/family to submit this payment by this date. If a credit card is given instead of a check, the card will automatically be run.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for young riders who qualify for financial need and demonstrate a high motivation to attend JHC. Scholarship allocations will be decided after the closing date of April 13. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered. A deposit of \$250 is required with an entry applying for a scholarship, once the amount is determined, a final payment deadline will be announced.

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GMHA Junior Horsemanship Clinic

Housing

GMHA does not provide housing for campers. All JHC participants must arrange for housing off-grounds. Most of our participants find board with local families in private homes- a long standing JHC tradition. Meals, chaperoning, and transportation to and from GMHA should be included in the fee. Please verify services when speaking with potential chaperones. Housing arrangements are strictly between chaperones and campers.

Parents may also prefer to 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 of local accommodations.

Marty Hunt- 802-484-3780 or mhunt4@gmail.com. 6 campers, short format campers only.

Carole Hunter- 774-563-0713 or ch@carolehunter.net. 4 campers, long format campers only.

Molly Hutchins- 802-280-5364 or mollyh3838@aol.com. 4 girls, can take up to 6, if campers can drive themselves.

Mickey Perry- 508-325-2541 or VTFarmMBP@comcast.net

Maggie Stavish- 802-457-4704 or magstav@comcast.net. 10 girls, long format campers only.