

The Green Mountain Horse Association Presents
The 65th Annual

Junior Horsemanship Clinic

June 27 - July 4, 2021



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 & Competitive Endurance/Trail Riding.

Our extensive and historic facility includes:

- 65-acres in beautiful South Woodstock, VT
- 4 all-weather riding rings with geo-textile footing
- A top-quality cross-country course: Pre. Elem thru Intermediate
- 6 permanent barns and stabling up to 220 horses
- An extensive trail network
- Youth Center for meetings and gatherings

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic, now in its 65th year, is an important tradition at GMHA. Since 1926, GMHA has promoted excellence in riding and horsemanship. The JHC is an integral part of our mission to provide educational opportunities for riders and their horses.

GMHA has been an eventing mecca since 1957 when we hosted our first Horse Trials. Since then, it has held a significant place in the development of the sport. Participants will benefit from GMHA's professional team of instructors and barn managers, 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 your own horse or pony
- Commute to camp or stay with a local chaperone
- 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 riders 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 guidance 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 the questions they answer on their application. 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.

Horsemanship Lessons Include...

- Treating common injuries, first aid and bandaging
- We invite clinicians, veterinarians and riding clubs on the topics of Fox Hunting, Working Equitation, equine chiropractic/massage, conditioning, tendon injuries & rehabilitation
- Braiding, clipping, tack maintenance and blanketing
- Anatomy and conformation with the use of washable paints painted on a horse
- Stable management, feeding principles and tack/equipment
- Trailer safety
- Formal jog
- X-Country building, stadium jump course and design



What To Expect...

Important...

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 Break & Barn Chores
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. 16	Deadline for JHC Entry Forms & Scholarship Applications <i>* Apply by Jan. 29th for \$20 discount!</i>
Sun, June 27	Arrival Day 12pm-4pm Campers Arrive 4pm Welcome Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm Campers Only

The JHC will be offering one session in 2021.

The dates of this camp are Sunday, June 27 through Sunday, July 4, 2021.

The GMHA Starter Horse Trials is on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

The Starter Horse Trials will take place the day before camp drop-off. Many of the JHC campers participate in this event to kick off their week-long stay at GMHA and hone their skills from the competition. Stabling after the horse trials is available for a discounted fee of \$30 on Saturday evening.

What level of riding should I be to attend JHC? The clinic will accept Pre-Elementary through Training level riders. However, all riders will be assigned to appropriate riding levels 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 and current Rabies vaccination required (Rabies Titers accepted with letter from Vet)
- GMHA provides shavings and hay for participant's horses.
- Participants must supply ALL grain, supplements, etc. for the duration of the clinic. Everything should be prepackaged 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 available on our web page. This will be emailed to you as well.
- GMHA and the JHC Staff do not provide horses for this clinic. Please be sure to bring a suitable mount for the most productive and safe experience possible. All riders must have basic riding and handling skills to participate.
- 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/horse owners will be contacted for permission for any treatment and the attending Veterinarian or Farrier will provide you an invoice for services rendered.

The Nuts & Bolts

JHC Fees and Scholarships

Clinic fee includes:

- Twice daily ridden instruction
- Twice daily unmounted instruction
- Stabling for your mount
- Hay and shavings provided daily

8 Day Session	\$920.00
Open/Close Dates	January 4th / April 16th

Early Bird Registration Discount: Apply by January 29th and save!! *Registration is only \$900 and needs to be paid in full by April 16th to be eligible for the discount.*

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

Payments: 50% deposit is required with the application. The remaining balance will be due on the closing date, Apr. 16th. It is the responsibility of the

camper/family to submit this payment by this date. If a credit card information is provided, the card will automatically be run on April 16th for the balance due.

Early Bird applicants must be paid-in-full by April 16th to be eligible for the discount.

Scholarships

A limited number of 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 16th. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered. A deposit of \$250 is required with entry when applying for a scholarship. Once the amount is determined, a final payment deadline will be announced.

Send Your Application(s) to...

Green Mountain Horse Association
Attn: JHC
PO Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071

Facebook is a great way to stay informed leading up to camp. "Like" us on Facebook:
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 their fee. Please verify services when speaking with potential chaperones. Housing arrangements and rates 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 as many of them are GMHA business members. Or, contact the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce for additional housing/rental contacts. Book early in the year!

2021 CHAPERONE LIST:

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