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NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION PONY CLUB

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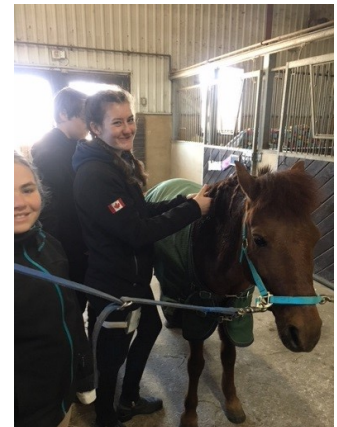
Education is Going Gangbusters in COR

In response to the 2018 membership survey, your regional committee - and especially those in the education “department”- have planned a dynamic series of regional clinics. These are being organized in conjunction with the monthly regional meetings, and have been held in various locations in order to best afford members from across the region a chance to attend.

On February 24th, the topic was First Aid and first aid kits, hosted at Forest Runn and led by Jenn Keeler. Twenty-four members benefited from great information, and the draw prize was two lessons at Forest Runn.

On March 24th, Kyra Holmes shared her insights on Show Prep and braiding with 29 members at Woodwind South. The draw prize of a braiding belt with tools was won by Zara M. of Centaurus.

Keep an eye on facebook, instagram and corcomm for the regional education clinic that will accompany the April 14th meeting. Don't forget that you need to wear appropriate footwear, and bring your passport and medical armband.



Meet your Regional Youth Reps!

Senior Youth Reps:

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Congratulations, Lexi!



Each year, Ontario Equestrian distributes a minimum of five \$1,000 bursaries to youth based on their involvement with horses, their future goals, as well as letters of recommendations from their coaches. Family resources and academic achievements are also considered. The bursaries can be used towards riding lessons, clinics, competition fees, continuing education and other activities that will help them develop their skills. Victoria Pony Club member Alexis Vahey is a 2018 recipient. Alexis will be using her youth bursary money to financially support weekly riding lessons with the goal to show this upcoming 2018 season.

Survey Says!



Your regional committee thanks all of those members who completed the online survey this past winter. It's already been a driving force behind some of our event planning, including what to offer in the current regional clinic series (read more about that on page 2!). Below are some highlights from the survey. You can view the complete survey report at the Central Ontario Region website (centralontario.ponyclub.ca). If you would like to discuss details of the survey, please contact communications chair Hellaina Rothenburg.

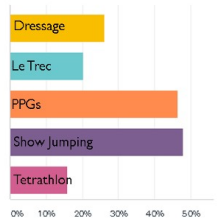
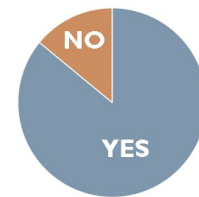
What is your favourite thing about Pony Club?



Your suggested education topics:



Do you participate in Pony Club Competitions?



What motivates you to continue with testing?



- 22% I only test to the minimum required and focus on other aspects of Pony Club
- 40% I enjoy the challenges that come with testing to the higher level
- 7% I continue to test in order to be eligible for National Competitions
- 18% I continue to test because I'm interested in a career with horses
- 13% Other

What is important about Pony Club Competition?

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
It's fun, inexpensive, & local	38%	21%	19%	21%
Schooling my horse or pony	22%	40%	18%	20%
Practicing for other competitions	21%	23%	43%	12%
Gaining points for year-end	10%	15%	26%	48%

COR is Hosting National Dressage



Central Ontario Region is looking forward to hosting the nation... again! Last year it was National Rally, this year: National Dressage. The Essa Agriplex is the backdrop for what will certainly be a great showcase of the talent that Pony Club members across Canada will exhibit.

COR has three members participating as riders: Kaitlyn Henderson and Emily Lindsay in Level 1, and Ryan Simmons in Training level. Other COR members can also be part of this National event, as grooms! If you are at least 12 years old and have tested to any level, you might like to consider grooming at National Dressage. Grooms assist the riding members, and are part of a team for Stable Management. There are options for full participation and meals only. To find out more about being a groom please contact COR Dressage Chair Laurie Blake: ljblake1025@outlook.com.

As important as the members are for the event, so too the horses that make up the "fleet" for participants to ride. Horses are needed for every level offered: Training, First and



Second Levels. The horses are residents at the Essa Agriplex for the duration of the event, and owners must have current Ontario Equestrian memberships. A modest stipend is offered to owners. To find out more about having your horse featured in this National event, please connect with Laurie.

As a region-hosted event, each branch is being asked to contribute two prizes to the event. This may be a sponsored contribution, or from your branch directly. Please be sure to provide your branch's contribution by July 1st. (Please remember that members are coming from across the country, so local gift certificates or large items may not be suitable.)

Yeast is Yeast and Nest is Nest



A fellow goes into his local veterinarian and says "Doctor, I've got a world-famous champion horse, but I can't get the birds to stop nesting in his mane. What should I do?"

The veterinarian says, "Very simple: pick up a box of yeast on your way home, sprinkle it in your horses mane, and the birds will go away."

The horse owner does as he's told, buys a box of yeast on the way home, sprinkles it in his horse's mane, and instantly all the birds fly away, never to return!

The horse owner is ecstatic, rushes back to the veterinarian, and says, "It's a miracle, Doctor! Your recommendation worked after every other treatment I could think of had failed. Tell me, what is the rationale for this strange treatment?"

The veterinarian says, "Very simple: yeast is yeast and nest is nest, and never the mane shall tweet."

As shared by Bob Inglis, once-editor of CORBits and Honourary Life Member of Canadian Pony Club

Featured Discipline:

Le Trec

- LeTrec is the only Pony Club event that lets you use your orienteering skills while having a fun ride in the forest.
- LeTrec is a three-phase competition that scores the rider and horse combination in flatwork, obstacles, and trails.
- LeTrec is tons of fun and even has a spirit award where you and your horse can dress up!

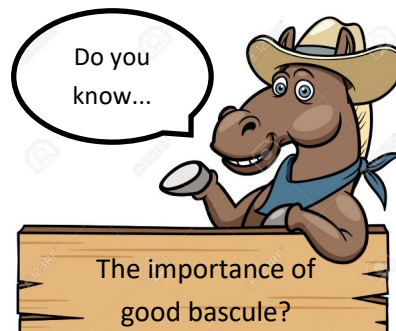
Le Trec is scheduled this year for August 26th, hosted by Durham Pony Club: Keep a lookout for the package!



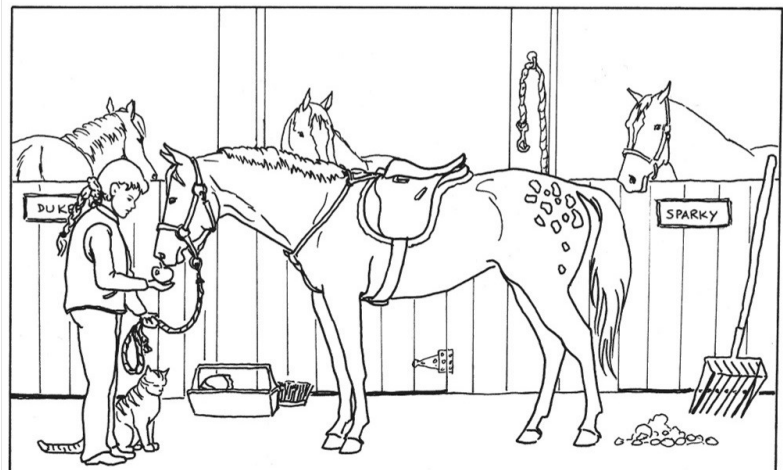
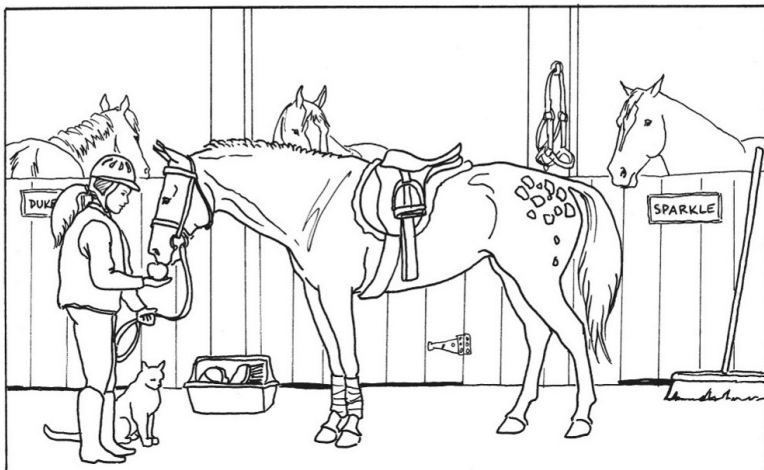
Hold the Dates!

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar... watch out for corcomms and PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE get your registrations in on time!

Examiner & Test Rep Clinic	April 8	Forest Runn
Regional Meeting	April 14	Woodville Arena
Regional Education Clinic	April 14	Brelview Farm
Regional Quiz	April 28	Port Perry High School
PPG Meet #1	May 13	Berg-Solomon Farm
Tetrathlon	May 19&20	Guelph (WOR)
Working Rally	May 25-27	Saddlewood
Show Jumping Qualifier	June 3	Woodwind South
PPG Meet #2	June 10	Woodwind South
Fun Rally	June 23	Berg Solomon Farm
PPG Meet #3	June 24	Berg Solomon Farm
Dressage Qualifier	July 8	Uxbridge-Scugog
Combined Qualifier	July 22	Victoria
National Dressage	July 26-29	Essa Agriplex
Le Trec	August 26	Durham Region



Can you spot 15 things that are different in these 2 pictures



<http://bdsscotland.co.uk/justforfun.php>

Answers: 1. Horse's name sign, 2. missing halter, 3. hanging halter, 4. brush out of box, 5. cat stripes, 6. girl's hair, 7. girl's helmet, 8. stall name sign, 9. horse in stall wearing halter, 10. polo wraps on horse's legs, 11. pitchfork & broom, 12. manure, 13. breastplate on horse, 14. horse's mane, 15. girl's boots