

January 2005

Dear Recent Graduate:

Wondering how you can stay involved with Pony Club now that you are over 21? Old Dominion Region is creating a mentorship program with you in mind. We want to help you transition from “pony clubber” to “adult volunteer”. Here are the nuts and bolts of the program:

1. ODRPC will provide a training seminar in February where participants will work directly with the RIC and HMO. Topics covered will vary from discussing club level testing and teaching the standards to HM at rallies and in clubs.
2. Depending on your interest, you will be paired with either the RIC or HMO as your mentor. You will then choose to participate in at least 2 (you can do more) activities during the 2005 pony club year and receive direct feedback on your performance. For example, if you like HM, you may be asked to be an assistant HM Judge at a regional rally and teach an unmounted lesson day for a club.
3. Your mentor will be available to discuss how each activity goes, and answer questions about teaching, judging, and testing.

The goal of this program is twofold. First, we recognize that you are extremely knowledgeable – and we want to capitalize on that to benefit our regional and club programs. Secondly, we want to provide you with the opportunity to practice the skills you’ve learned so that you become better and better – and can achieve your next goal, whether that is to be a club officer, Chief Horse Management Judge, or examiner.

The program will be limited to 4-6 participants per year. To apply, submit your application to the RIC by February 1, 2005. Applications may be submitted as email attachment or via snail mail sent to the address below. Please provide the reference form to a person of your choosing (like your club DC) that has a pony club background. One reference is required.

The 2005 program will be conducted during the weekend of February 19-20, 2005 at the Howard Johnson’s Motor Inn, Lexington, Va. Depending on number of participants this may be a 1 day or 2 day seminar. If overnight stay is required on February 19th, lodging will be provided based on double occupancy. There is no cost for this seminar. Meals and transportation will be on your own. Specific details and schedule will be sent out to registrants at later date. Please do not delay in submitting your application to allow time for planning of the weekend.

Sincerely,

Jakki Avery, RIC
Diane Hinch, HMO

Do not hesitate to contact Jakki Avery with questions. Email address aaavery@adelphia.net. Phone 540-885-5667 (best time to call is after 8:30PM) Send applications to: Jakki Avery

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ODRPC Mentoring Program Application 2005

Name: Club:
Address: Rating:
Phone: Age:
Best time and means of contacting you: Email:

My primary interest is in the Instructional Track Horse Management Track
Please complete the following questions: Use additional paper if needed.

1. Please give us your equine autobiography. For example, what do you do to enjoy horses at this time in your life? What life experiences have the equine industry provided to you that were especially meaningful?
2. How do you relate to children? What ages and levels do you enjoy most/least and why?
3. Describe how you relate to adults. How do you handle differences of opinion?
4. How do you continue your post-pony club equine education?
5. What is your most meaningful pony club memory?

6. Why are you applying to the mentorship program?

Please list the name, address, and phone number of the person you are using as your reference below:

Thank you for your interest in the ODRPC mentorship program. To maintain a quality program, we limit participation to no more than 6 participants per year. Should we receive more applications than we can admit, the RS, RIC, and HMO will choose the individuals they feel are most qualified at this time.

Old Dominion Region Mentorship Reference Form

Thank you for taking the time to provide information about an applicant to our mentorship program. Your comments will be held in strict confidence. The goal of this program is to help recent graduates transition from “pony club member” to “adult volunteer”. We will provide participants with training to assist them in HM Judging and teaching and testing the Pony Club standards. Please send this reference form by February 1, 2005 to address as listed below. Please use additional paper if needed.

Applicant's Name:

Rating upon Pony Club graduation:

How do you know this person?

How well does this person relate to children? Are there ages/levels that he/she works with better than others?

What is this person's greatest strength and weakness?

How does this person relate to his/her peers and other adults? Does this person communicate with tact?

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about this individual?

Thank you for your time.

Your Name: Your signature:

Date:

Send reference form by email or snail mail by February 1, 2005 to:

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