



**SOUTH REGION
UPPER LEVEL MOUNTED PREP**

March 10 and 11, 2012
(Arrive the evening of March 9.)

Sponsored by: Cahaba Pony Club, Birmingham, Alabama

Pony Club members who are preparing for upper level ratings, C-2's and up, are invited to participate in a prep that will focus on all riding sections of the test. It will include but not be limited to flat work, grids/stadium, longeing and cross country. Candidates will be grouped according to previous experience and the rating level for which they are prepping. Candidates will be accepted by a completed registration packet with check on a first-received basis.

The deadline for first priority registration, for South Region C-2's and above, is **February 15**. After **February 15**, registration will open to South Region C-1's and candidates from outside the Region. South Region C-1's and candidates from outside the Region may send a completed registration form and check as soon as possible to assure waiting list priority. South Region C-1's whose completed registration has been received by Feb. 15 will have priority on the waiting list.

No refunds for cancellations after **February 27, 2012** unless all expenses are covered by remaining enrollment.

NATIONAL EXAMINERS
Claire Harmon and Janna Bankston Ritacco

LOCATION
Blackjack Farms
Birmingham, AL

CLINIC FEE: \$ 260.00
Opening for 12 Candidates

The fee covers stabling for 1 horse and shavings for 2 nights and meals for rider and one parent. Meals include bottled water, snacks and lunch on Saturday and Sunday and a Saturday night "Participants Party and Cook-Out Supper" at Blackjack. It will also cover instruction by two National Examiners and the use of the facilities that include a covered arena, large outdoor jumping arena, dressage arena, cross-country course, and a lounge with a full kitchen. Because of limited stabling, we are limiting each participant to one horse. After the sign-up period has closed and stabling is available for a second horse, we will contact you on a first come/first served basis.

PLEASE BRING:

1. Folding chairs for you and your parent
2. Copy of current Standards for your next rating level
3. Pony Club Manuals and other reading materials (in case you have a question)
4. Feed buckets, blankets all riding equipment needed to ride and care for your mount
5. Stall card for your mount
6. Medical armband with card

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET:

- _____ Participant Information/Registration Form – includes Code of Conduct
- _____ Competitor Activity/Rally Release form
- _____ Copy of mount's current negative coggins
- _____ Housing Information form
- _____ Check for fees

Please mail (U.S. mail) the above items, along with your check payable to Cahaba Pony Club to:

Sarah van Os
3509 Old Leeds Crest
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

*Please email the Rider's Information Sheet found in the registration packet to smvanos@att.net in order to forward the information to the National Examiners. Thanks.

Blackjack Farms, 2420 Burns Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35210

Blackjack Farms is located on the eastern side of Birmingham, between Leeds and Trussville (and between I-20 and I-59). The exit for Blackjack Farm is off of I-459, (the "ring road" around Birmingham), **Exit #31, Derby Parkway**. The farm is 5 minutes from the exit. There are directions on the Blackjack Farms website (**blackjackfarms.net**). Be sure to watch the slide show on the website to see the facility. Please note that MapQuest lists Derby Way as "Gillespie Way."

Someone will be "on duty" at Blackjack on Friday, March 9 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. If you will be arriving after 8:00 or before 4:00, please call Sarah van Os, so that someone can be available to meet you.

For any further questions contact **Sarah van Os (h) 205-879-230 (c) 205-541-7588.**

Cahaba Pony Club Upper Level Prep
March 10 and 11, 2012
Blackjack Farms, Birmingham, Alabama

HOUSING INFORMATION

Cahaba Pony Club, host of our Upper Level South Region Prep, would like to invite each prep participant and one parent to stay in our homes as our guests. Additional family members may be provided for by special request. However, all homes are further from the barn than the hotels located at Exit 32, off of I-459, which are less than 10 minutes away from the barn property.

Please indicate your preferences for accommodations and food below:

Participant Name: _____

Phone: H - _____ Pony Club _____
C - _____ Region _____

Estimated time of arrival at Blackjack: _____

Note: We will have a host member "on duty" at Blackjack to meet you, show you to your stall, and show you where to park your trailer from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday. **If your plans change and you will be arriving later than 8:00 p.m., please call Sarah van Os (h) 205-879-2304 or (c) 205-541-7588 so someone can meet you.**

I would like to bring a second horse. Yes No (Please circle)
I understand that I will be contacted if there is room for my second horse.

Accommodations:

_____ I (participant) would like to be the guest of a Cahaba family. (Sarah van Os will email you the name, address and phone of the family with whom you will be staying.)

I will be accompanied by _____ (name and relationship).

_____ Please call me regarding a special guest (extra sibling, etc.)

_____ I prefer to stay in a hotel and will find my own accommodations. I will be staying at _____ hotel. The phone number is _____.

Suggested hotels: – Off I-459 – Exit 32 (Trussville – Highway 11) Hampton Inn or Hilton Garden Inn, (approx. 5 min. from the barn) with a Japanese steak-house for Friday night supper nearby plus other fast-food restaurants. Slightly further away (5 more min.) off I-59, Exit 141, (Trussville – Pinson) you'll find a Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn and a Jamison Inn, along with a Long John's Steak House and a Cracker Barrel for Fri. night supper. Motel questions? Call Sarah.

MEAL INFORMATION

On Saturday and Sunday, we will have a light breakfast and sandwiches with additional sides for lunch, with peanut butter and jelly as an additional option. We are grilling out Saturday night.

_____ I am a vegetarian and would like to have a vegetable option offered on Saturday night.

2012 South Region
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORM
Clinic / Prep

Name of Participant _____ D.O.B. _____ Age on 1/1/12 _____

Participant Email: _____ Club _____ Region _____

Address _____ Rating Preparing for _____ Next rating Date _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email address _____

Pony Club _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions/allergies? _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Parent's email _____

Parent/Guardian cell _____ Breed of Mount _____

Mount's name (must match coggins) _____ Can your mount be used as a switch horse? _____

Breed of Mount _____ Mount's Performance Level _____

Eventing: Novice _____ Training _____ Preliminary _____ Other _____ SJ Max Height _____ Dressage to Level _____

State Equine Liability Warnings

<p>Florida Warning: Under Florida law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.</p>	<p>Georgia Warning: Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.</p>	<p>Alabama Warning: Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act.</p>
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CODE OF CONDUCT

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents and others participating in any Pony Club activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (*i.e.*, using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following Pony Club activities); failure to follow rules; cheating; and abusing a horse.

I understand that USPC activities operate under the governance of National, Region and Club By-Laws, Policies and Rulebooks. I understand that I have access to these By-Laws, Policies and Rulebooks and that it is my responsibility to read them.

Participation in any USPC activity constitutes a release to be photographed and/or videotaped. Said photographs and/or videotapes may be posted, published or broadcast at the discretion of USPC, Inc. USPC utilizes e-mail to communicate with Members, by submitting this application authorization of this form of correspondence is implied.

Competitors Signature, Date AND _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (only one required), Date

Fee Summary – Payable to Cahaba Pony Club

	Qty.	@	Fee
Registration fee (instruction, meals, stabling)	_____	@	\$260.00 = _____
Auditor fee <i>per day</i> (includes meals-Sat. - \$35, Sun. - \$30, both \$65)	_____	@	_____ = _____

Grand Total = _____

Verification

I/we, the parent(s) of _____ have reviewed the above information and we agree to allow our child to participate in the discipline and at the level as so noted above in the USPC Activity 2012.

X _____
Parent/guardian signature date

Competitor Activity / Rally Release

Name of Competitor _____

I **AGREE** for myself, and/or my child, my/our administrators and assigns, in consideration for my, and/or my child's, participation in all United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) activities (Club, Regional or National) to the following:

- (1) the acceptance of competitor as a participant in the Activity by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. does not constitute a determination of any nature by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., it's affiliates, employees and agents ("USPC") that the Activity is suitable, safe or otherwise appropriate, for Competitor, by reason of Competitor having attained any specific USPC Rating Level or otherwise, and that USPC makes no determinations, evaluation, representation or warranty to any such effect,
- (2) they understand the Activity and the jumps, courses and equestrian performances, competitions and activities (mounted or un-mounted) constituting the Activity, any and all of which may, in fact, be more difficult and different than those constituting the jumps, courses and equestrian performances, competition and activities (mounted or un-mounted) used in establishing, testing for and assigning or awarding any USPC (or other organization's) Rating Level,
- (3) they understand that equestrian activities such as the Activity are inherently dangerous and that they accept the inherent risks involved therein (including, without limitation, the risk of injury, death and damage or destruction to or of horses and other property),
- (4) the decision to participate in the Activity, and any evaluation of the Competitor's ability to safely and competently participate therein, has been made at the sole and absolute discretion of the Competitor and Parent(s) and Competitor and Parent(s) accept complete responsibility for such decision and such participation,
- (5) Competitor and Parent(s) have read and understand the policies and regulations governing the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., participation in activities sponsored or operated by it, and specifically the rules of the Activity, and each agree to abide by such rules, as now in effect, and as amended and in effect from time to time hereafter,
- (6) Competitor and Parent(s) understand that failure to adhere to the code of conduct and/or policies and regulations may result in dismissal from the competition or other such action as deemed necessary by the officials of the competition.
- (7) Competitor's entry into this competition constitutes his/her release to photograph and/or videotape and publish and/or broadcast his/her involvement in this competition to USPC.
- (8) Competitor and Parent(s) each hereby release and agree to hold harmless USPC, its officers , agents, representatives as well as the land owner, his heirs, estate, etc. from and against any claims and causes or action, Competitor or Parent(s) (or their respective successors, representatives, heirs or assigns) may have as a result of Competitor's participation in above stated Activity.
- (9) participation in a USPC Activity/Rally is a privilege, not a right, and entry and/or participation may be refused at any time, with or without cause, for any reason, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Regional Supervisor/ Organizer, including but not limited to the determination that the entry and/or continued participation might obstruct the activity and/or reflect adversely on the USPC.
- (10) they expressly assume all risks of harm to competitor or competitor's mount, including harm resulting from negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity, and specifically agree to the applicable state statute/law regarding equine/farm animal activity liability and signed posting (if any), in any state in which competitor participates in a USPC activity. A true copy of the state statutes in effect at the time of the execution of this agreement is included and incorporated herein.

X _____

Signature of Competitor - if legal age of majority for the participant's state of residence or emancipated Date

X _____

Signature of Parent (only one needed)

_____ Date

Signature of 2nd Parent (Optional)

_____ Date

Rider's Info Sheet

Riders,

Please email me a short paragraph or two about your experience and goals as a rider. I will forward your information to our National Examiners who will use it to help them make plans for instruction. Please include the following in your information. Please be sure that your rider information narrative arrives to me **by email** before Feb. 28.

Thanks.

Sarah van Os

smvanos@att.net

Name:

Age:

Present USPC rating:

Date of next riding rating:

Horse: Age, breed, experience, etc.

Rider's experience, goals, etc.