

## **Canadian Pony Club Introduces the Horsemasters Program – a Program for Adult Volunteers**

This will be a pilot project for 2015 and 2016. No Region or Branch will be required to participate.

Canadian Pony Club develops young horse people in both riding and stable management skills. We develop character, loyalty and sportsmanship. We teach leadership, responsibility and the value of teamwork. All of this is developed through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports. Safety of the members and their horses and ponies is one of the prime considerations during all activities.

Canadian Pony Club is developing a program for Adult Volunteers who understand and support the aims and objectives of Pony Club. They will follow the Pony Club standards to learn more about riding and horse care, share their knowledge with the Active Members, and enjoy meeting and sharing time with like minded adults. As they develop their own skills, they will be encouraged to help with teaching the younger members and may also wish to become part of the examiners' list in their Region.

### Criteria

1. Must be an Associate member of a CPC approved Branch.
2. Must be a Pony Club Parent, Volunteer or Alumni.
3. Membership in the Horsemasters Program is a privilege, not a right. All members are expected to be familiar with all our policies and to adhere to our rules and philosophies.
3. Must be at least 21 prior to Jan.1 of the year in which they wish to become a member. May not be both an Active Member and a Horsemasters member at the same time.
4. Must have a current PSO membership in the Region in which they reside, prior to joining.
5. Must pay the Branch, Regional and National fees, as set out by the Branch, Region and National from time to time.
6. Members of the Horsemasters Program will have access to lessons, clinics and camps (mounted and unmounted) offered by the Branch or the Region, providing the needs of all Active Members have already been met. The cost of such activities will be set by the Branch or Region hosting the activity.
7. HM Members will be expected to give back to PC with volunteer hours.
8. Branches and Regions are encouraged to invite HM members to any activities deemed appropriate.
9. Testing will not be offered in the first year of the pilot project but may be offered after that if there is sufficient interest.
10. DC's will collect the fees and applications and submit them to the Regional Membership Chair just as they do for Active Members.