**Canadian Pony Club National Rally 2012**

**Western Ontario Region**

**Fergus, July 31-August 4, 2012**

**General Information**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 31 – Saturday, August 4, 2012. Participants from out-of-town may arrive on Monday, July 30 and be billeted locally or camp onsite (the latter especially for those shipping in horses). Horses shipping out long distance may be accommodated locally until Saturday 4 August, provided notice is provided in advance.

**Location:** Glenarden Farm, Fergus, Ontario [www.glenardenfarms.com](http://www.glenardenfarms.com)

**Fees:** Riders - $450; Captains & Grooms - $200; Chaperones - $200. All fees payable to “WOR – National Rally”.

**Divisions:** Pre-training

**Horses:** Riders who bring their own horses will be scrambled. Two borrowed horses will be provided to each Region which does not bring horses. All riders from SLOV, COR and WOR are expected to bring horses.

**Form of the Competition:** A complete description of National Rally may be found in the Rules on the national website, [www.canadianponyclub.org](http://www.canadianponyclub.org), but briefly, this competition will consist of:

* A team-based stable management competition, judged to a B level
* Riding tests will include a dressage test, roads & tracks, cross-country, and stadium competition. Warm-ups for each phase are included as part of the competition.
* There will be a Captain’s competition (probably written, more details TBA)
* Captains’ & Grooms’ stadium rides will be offered on an optional basis (ie they do not have to participate), after the Riders’ final competitive ride, but only with those horses for whom we have prior agreement from the horse owner. This means the riding opportunity is not guaranteed. Neither ride will count towards team points, but the best rides will be acknowledged.
* A designated National Rally Coach will be onsite to provide coaching to all riders on the cross-country and stadium course-walks, and to monitor safety in the warmup rings.
* Please note that riders who are deemed unsafe may be disallowed from continuing by the Ground Jury. The Ground Jury’s decision is final.

**Outside of the Competition:** On theTuesday, the day will begin with the horse match. There will be time during the day for meetings and team stable setup. In the afternoon there will be local coaches providing mounted clinics over fences, including on the cross-country course, for all riders. The National Rally Veterinarian will be onsite this day to assess and monitor the fitness of all horses.

With dressage onWednesday, roads & tracks and cross on Thursday, and stadium on Friday, there will be time for all participants to relax and have fun together in both organised and disorganised ways.

Final awards will be Friday evening. Saturday will be spent at an off-site fun activity. A volunteer team of WOR pony club members will remain at Glenarden to care for any horses who remain onsite on Saturday.

**Venue:** Glenarden Farm is a competitive eventing training facility, with cross-country courses from Pre-entry through Training.

The horses will be stabled, but the rally participants will be camping, so bring a sense of humour. A more detailed list of what will be provided and what to bring will be forwarded to those regions who indicate an intention to attend.

**Who May Attend:** Each Region may send one team, at the Pre-training level.

Extra teams, or extra individual participants, may be accepted until we run out of stalls or horses, whichever happens first. We will be able to clarify how many extras may attend after 31 May, the date by which regions will have indicated their intent to attend.

A full team consists of:

* A Captain (tested at least to C)
* Two Riders (tested at least to C1)
* A Groom (tested at least to C)
* A Chaperone (a minimum of 25 years of age on 1 January 2012)

Regions should consult the National Rally Rules when selecting their teams, but in brief:

* Participants must be 2012 Members in Good Standing of a branch of the Canadian Pony Club. Both Active and Affiliate members are welcome, and may be mixed on the same team.
* Participants must have been a minimum of 12 years of age on 1 January 2012
* Applicants’ membership, age, tested level and 2012 PSO membership will be verified by the National Rally organising committee through the National Membership Chair
* Regions are encouraged to ensure that participants are given catch-riding experience prior to attending Rally
* All participants must have attended at least one Regional Rally in the two years prior to National Rally
* All riders must have completed, without elimination, and within the two years prior to National Rally, at least one cross-country course at a Pony Club Rally or recognised Event at a level equal to or higher than the level at which they will be competing at National Rally

**Entries:** The Regional Intent to Enter form, which is part of this package (Form A), must be received in WOR by 31 May 2012 to guarantee a place for a Regional Team. This form must be accompanied by a deposit of $500.

The complete Regional entry, along with individual entry forms for participants and chaperones (Forms B, C & D), along with the balance of the fee, are due in WOR by 22 June 2012.

Horse Information and Arrival Plans (Forms E & F) are due in WOR by 15 July 2012.

These forms should be mailed to: National Rally, c/o Jacqui Dennis, 8189 Wellington Rd 124, RR#1 Guelph, N1H 6H7. Receipt will be acknowledged by email to the stated regional contact person. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please email jacquipdennis@gmail.com so we can ensure the package has not gone astray.

Any questions in general may be directed to Jacqui at the above email.

Looking forward to seeing you in Fergus!

Western Ontario Region and its Pony Club Members.