



Pony Club Rally 2010 for VPC Members Who-What-When-Where-Why?

Rally is one of the most fun-filled, challenging aspects of Pony Club. It is a four-day camp structured around a three-day riding competition where teams compete for ribbons and prizes in Stable Management and Riding. The riding involves Dressage (Friday), Cross Country (Saturday) and Stadium Jumping (Sunday). It will held at the Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre from July 21st-25th. Teams and individuals work independently to impress judges on how well they care for their horses, their equipment and their riders and how effectively they work together as a team. Your parents will help out in such roles as barn supervisors, jump judges, scorekeepers and camp managers, but Pony Club Members are given total responsibility for all aspects of the competition. Last year every one of our VPC Participants won at least one ribbon!



Who Competes?

There are two Rallies that take place at the same time: D Rally and ABC Rally. The teams are a little different for each one:

D Rally Team	ABC Rally Team
Captain (must be C or above with previous Rally experience)	Captain (Usually C or above – could be strong D2)
Three Riders (should be D2)	Two Riders (A, B, B2, C, C1, C2)
Two or three Stable Managers (D, D1 or D2)	One Stable Manager (Usually C or above – could be strong D2)

Last year, nineteen teams came and brought horses and ponies from nine different pony clubs throughout the Lower Mainland. They all stayed in tents and campers in the back field and stabled their horses on the premises, which made for a great opportunity to make friends with people and horses from all over!

How Do You Qualify?

Interested Captains and Stable Managers will be selected for 2010 Rally teams based upon achievement of Pony Club Level before Rally – some may get the opportunity to be on a team with members of other pony clubs. **Riders** must qualify by completing either two events and one two-day cross-country clinic **or** two two-day clinics and one event on the horse and at the level they will be competing at for Rally. Please see attached list for suggested events and clinics.



What Does Rally Cost?

Rally fees have been subsidized by Vancouver Pony Club in the past, making the four-day camp a real bargain for participants. Last year, the cost to VPC members for four days of camping out, food, games and prizes, (LOTS of great team and individual prizes), was only \$120, (add \$15 for a souvenir Rally T-shirt). VPC helps out with amazing materials to decorate tack rooms and stalls, useful hand-outs, training, preparation and guidance to help you compete, learn and enjoy the whole Rally experience.



Where Do You Sign Up?

You can fill out a preliminary interest form today, or take it home and discuss it with your family first and send it in by February 12th 2010. This is an expression of interest, not a commitment, but will help us to keep you informed as Rally details are sent out over the next few months. If you have any questions, please contact your VPC Rally Rep, Helen Jordin, at 604-263-2604 or jordin@macleanfamily.net. Forms can also be dropped off in the VPC box or faxed to 604-263-6556.