



What is Greenville Foothills Pony Club?

GFPC is part of the United States Pony Clubs, an organization dedicated to teaching horsemanship, horseback riding skills, leadership, and land conservation. Learn more about USPC at ponyclub.org. GFPC is a large club with about 40 members, about one-third of whom are Horsemasters. Our members live in a wide geographical area, including Greenville, Anderson, and Pickens counties; Columbia, SC; and Asheville/Hendersonville, NC.

Who can join GFPC?

While the USPC organization was originally focused on youth, it is now open to all ages. Regular members (under age 25) and Horsemasters (adults, over age 25) are eligible to participate in all activities.

What kind of activities does GFPC do?

- Our mounted meetings are held one Saturday per month. All members who attend have one mounted lesson, plus two to three unmounted sessions, where the members learn about basic horse care, veterinary knowledge, and safety in handling horses.
- Twice a year we hold weekend-long camps with two mounted lessons per day, as well as unmounted sessions.
- GFPC offers a minimum of two local certifications each year. Members are encouraged to advance their knowledge through completing certifications, and our unmounted sessions are designed with certification preparation in mind.
- Members can also enter regional rallies in all of the disciplines, including Quiz, and qualify to compete in the National Championship rallies each year. There are also regional camps and clinics that our members attend.

What types of riding do GFPC members do?

The USPC started as an organization that taught the sport of Eventing, but has expanded to include educational tracks in Dressage, Hunt Seat Equitation/Show Jumping, and Western riding. GFPC does not currently offer a Western program; our members take part in all other disciplines, and our regular/junior members and Horsemasters participate together in all club meetings and events.

How much does it cost to join GFPC?

Dues are collected at the national, regional and local levels (regional dues are included in local registration fees). National dues are \$155, and local dues are \$105 (\$85 local dues and \$20 regional dues). The membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

How are GFPC activities funded?

All regular mounted instruction is paid for through our fundraising activities. Members do not pay any additional fees to attend mounted meetings. We do charge a small fee to attend Winter and Summer camps. Fees for rallies and certifications are the responsibility of the member.

What kinds of fundraisers does the club do?

We hold three hunter/jumper schooling shows a year, and have an annual yard sale in conjunction with one of our mounted meetings. To continue to keep our meetings free of charge, all GFPC families are expected to volunteer to staff fundraising activities.

Do you have to own a horse to participate?

No, but to fully participate in mounted activities it is helpful to have regular access to a horse. Some members lease horses or borrow them from friends or from a stable where they regularly lesson. Occasionally, GFPC families have an extra horse they can share for use in mounted meetings. We cannot guarantee having a suitable mount available at every meeting but work hard to find opportunities for our members to ride. There are always unmounted activities that we encourage all members to participate in.

How can I find out more information about GFPC?

Please visit our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.

We also encourage people to attend our [regular monthly meetings](#) (without a horse) to see what we have to offer before joining.

You can also contact:

Jill Kelsey, District Commissioner and Beth Miller, Joint District Commissioner at:
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Contact us at greenvillefoothillspc@gmail.com and we can initiate the national and local membership processes.