



## THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC. PRESS RELEASE

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### Equine Symposium & Convention Hosted by USPC to Take Place January 26-30, 2022

**September 29, 2021 (Lexington, KY)** — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) invites equestrians of all ages and disciplines to attend the 2022 Equine Symposium & Convention Hosted by USPC and the Old Dominion Region, taking place January 26-30, 2022, in Norfolk, VA. The event will offer a blend of in-person, live stream, and on-demand opportunities with 30+ workshops and seminars, as well as trade fair shopping, networking, and more.

“We are excited about the new hybrid meeting format, allowing for in-person connection as well as online opportunities for greater participation, plus extended access and learning,” said USPC Executive Director Teresa Woods.

Meeting attendees, both in-person and virtual, will have access to extensive educational and networking opportunities during the Equine Symposium & Convention, and for six months following. Workshop sessions cover topics ranging from equine health, care, horse sports, and leadership development for both youth and adults.

“Education and connection with horse enthusiasts and equine experts from across the country is what the Equine Symposium & Convention is all about. We invite everyone to come learn, enjoy and ‘Seas the Magic’ with us,” said USPC Activities & Events Director Erin Woodall.

Popular event features include the Anatomy Lab sponsored by Banixx, with support from Blue Ridge Equine Clinic and Old Dominion Equine Associates; the Research Project Fair sponsored by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation; and the Pony Paddock supported by Kenzie and Cora Raniowski. Additional support for the event is being provided by Laura King and the Old Dominion Region of the USPC. Sponsorship and trade fair opportunities are currently available.

Registration for the 2022 Equine Symposium & Convention Hosted by USPC opens October 1, 2021. USPC group rates are available at the Marriott Norfolk Waterside, the host hotel for the event. For more information visit <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/AnnualMeeting/>.

**About The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.** — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC or Pony Club) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization that builds the foundation of teamwork and sportsmanship through riding, mounted sports, care of horses and ponies, while developing and enhancing leadership, confidence, responsibility, and a sense of community in its youth and adult members. USPC is proud to offer instruction and competitive opportunities in more than 10 different disciplines through hundreds of clubs and centers across the United States. USPC's educational standards continue to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools, universities, equestrian professionals, and organizations across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including Olympic team members, as well as successful business professionals and leaders in a variety of fields, have roots in Pony Club.