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Pony Club Championships Heads West

August 8, 2018 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. USPC Championships West 2018 will be held at Donida Farm Equestrian Center in Auburn, WA & Eventing Championships in conjunction with Area VII Young Rider Benefit Horse Trials will be August 6-12, 2018.

This year's West Championships features National Championships in Dressage, Western Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Quiz, Show Jumping, and Tetrathlon. All members competing at Championships qualify through participation in Regional Rallies, where teams of members are selected. Teams are scored not only on their success in the ring or on the field, but also on their Horse Management skills and knowledge.

“Many Pony Club members put forth hard work, time, and dedication to qualify and compete at the Championships making it a much anticipated event. We thank Capaill as sponsor for Championships West for their recognition of the members commitment it takes to get to Championships. We wish all the competitors the best of luck for a fun and educational week.”
Said Teresa Woods, USPC Executive Director.

The cornerstone of the Pony Club foundation are education, safety, sportsmanship, stewardship and fun. Members learn teamwork, a sense of responsibility, safety, self-confidence, and leadership, through the riding and care of horses. The Championships bring together hundreds of members, volunteers and families as there are activities for all to see and do during the event. The team environment provides a unique experience that creates life-long bonds and for many is the pinnacle of achievement during their Pony Club career.

To learn more about the USPC Championships West 2018 please visit the [Pony Club website](http://www.ponyclub.org) or download the USPC event app today.

About Pony Club - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. Youth members range in age from as young as 4 through age 25. Pony Club also offers educational opportunities to a growing number of adults through Horsemasters membership. ponyclub.org