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USPC Announces 2018 Championships East and West Dates and Locations

September 21, 2017 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is pleased to announce the dates and locations for the 2018 Pony Club (USPC) Championships East and West. The USPC Championships East will be returning to the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) in Mill Spring, NC July 25th – 29th. The USPC Championships West will be heading to Donida Farm Equestrian Center in Auburn, WA August 6th – 10th. Eventing Championships West will be held in conjunction with the Area VII Young Rider Benefit Horse Trials in Chehalis, WA August 10th – 12th.

Each year, USPC holds National Championships in Dressage, Western Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Polocrosse, Quiz, Show Jumping and Tetrathlon. All members competing at Championships must 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.

“Pony Club is thrilled to be returning to two top notch facilities for our 2018 Championships. USPC members attending Championships East at the TIEC will get the chance to ride on the same grounds hosting the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018. Both Championships West facilities are excited to welcome USPC back to Washington state.” Said USPC Executive Director Teresa Woods. “We look forward to great competition events in the coming year.”

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. For more information regarding the Championships, please visit the Championships [page](#) of the Pony Club website.

[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.