

# 2026 USPC Convention Schedule



\* Indicates a Closed Session  
 \$\$ Indicates an Additional Purchase Required  
 Open General Sessions in Blue  
 Sponsors in Dark Blue



## Wednesday

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Coat Room
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## Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Coat Room
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Pony Paddock \$\$</b> <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Anatomy Room</b> <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine, and Northwest School of Animal Massage</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Horse Management Room</b> <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>RS/DC/CA Leadership Training *</b> <i>Sponsored by the Mattingley Leadership Training Fund, and Western Specialty Insurors</i>	Grand Ballroom A-E
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Attendee Lunch</b>	Grand Ballroom A-E
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Silent Auction and Trade Fair</b>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>HMO Training *</b>	Great Lakes 2
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement Welcome *</b> <i>Sponsored by Dreamers &amp; Schemers and Western &amp; English Sales Association</i>	Iowa & Wisconsin
5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	<b>RS/DC/CA Evening Leadership Event \$\$</b>	Three Embers Restaurant & Marriott Theatre

## Friday

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Coat Room
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Pony Paddock \$\$</b> <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Anatomy Room</b> <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine, and Northwest School of Animal Message</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Horse Management Room</b> <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion

## Friday (CON'T)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Research Project Fair*</b> <i>Presented by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and Supported by Kentucky Equine Research; Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine; and Horses and Humans Research Foundation</i>	Lakeside Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement *</b> <i>Sponsored by Dreamers &amp; Schemers and Western &amp; English Sales Association</i>	Iowa & Wisconsin
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>National Youth Board Meeting *</b>	Council Room
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Silent Auction and Trade Fair</b>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>RS/DC/CA Leadership Training *</b> <i>Sponsored by the Mattingley Leadership Training Fund, and Western Specialty Insurors</i>	Grand Ballroom A-E
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>National Youth Summit</b>	Council Room
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Attendee Lunch</b>	Grand Ballroom A-E
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Teaching Tools for Horse Management — Melissa Dabadie</b>	Great Lakes 1
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Helpful Winter Barn Hacks — Fran Severn</b>	Great Lakes 2
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Get Equine Conformation Right the First Time — Laurie Chapman-Bosco</b>	Great Lakes 3
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>When Mom Can't Volunteer: Multigenerational Families in Pony Club — Karen Hopper Usher</b>	Great Lakes 1
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Equestrian Sports Psychology — Daniel Stewart</b>	Great Lakes 2
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Supporting Your Horse's Nutritional Needs During Travel and Competition — Brandy Miller</b>	Great Lakes 3
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>RIC Training *</b>	Great Lakes 3
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>New Board Member Meet-and-Greet and Board Meeting*</b>	Great Lakes 4
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Barn Night at Saddlers Row (Offsite)</b>	Saddlers Row
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<b>National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement Reception *</b>	Iowa & Wisconsin

## Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Corporation and Complimentary Continental Breakfast</b>	Grand Ballroom A-E
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Coat Room
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Pony Paddock \$\$</b> <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Horse Management Room</b> <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Trade Fair</b>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Grand Marquee Pavilion

## Saturday (CON'T)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Anatomy Room</b> <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine, and Northwest School of Animal Massage</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>National Youth Board Meeting*</b>	Council Room
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Rider Fitness and Bootcamp — Daniel Stewart</b>	Great Lakes 1
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Vet Box Tips &amp; Tricks — Shawna Herrala</b> <i>Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research</i>	Great Lakes 2
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Horse Management: Simple, Fun, and Educational Ideas — Tracie Johnson</b>	Great Lakes 3
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>USA Working Equitation — Kasey Riddle</b>	Grand Ballroom F
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Feeding the Easy Keepers and Managing Metabolic Conditions — Emily Smith</b> <i>Sponsored by Triple Crown Nutrition, the Official Feed Sponsor of USPC</i>	Grand Ballroom G
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Equestrian Sports Psychology — Daniel Stewart</b>	Great Lakes 1
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Be a Research Rockstar: Tips for a Successful Research Project Fair — Shawna Herrala</b> <i>sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research</i>	Great Lakes 2
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Seats of Lameness and How to Find Them — Paula Horne, DVM</b> <i>Sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)</i>	Great Lakes 3
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>A Perfect Seat Starts with Your Saddle — Wintec Saddle Specialist</b> <i>Sponsored by Wintec, the Official Saddle Sponsor of USPC</i>	Grand Ballroom F
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Horse Welfare, Social License, and USPC — Heather Bell and Christina Keim</b>	Grand Ballroom G
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Attendee Lunch/Awards Ceremony</b>	Grand Ballroom A-E
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Bandaging Through the Levels (D-A) — Bunny Hendricks Gerwin</b>	Great Lakes 1
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Breathing for the Rider — Christian and McKrell Baier</b>	Great Lakes 2
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>#Horses—Using Media Literacy to Improve Your Online Equestrian Experience — Karen Hopper Usher</b>	Great Lakes 3
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Progression of Local-Level Riding Expectations, D-1 Through C-2 — Asia Thayer</b>	Grand Ballroom F
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>EHV Exposed: What Every Rider Needs to Know — Holly Helbig, DVM</b> <i>Sponsored by Zoetis, the Official Equine Health and Wellness Partner of USPC</i>	Grand Ballroom G
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Attendee Coffee Break</b> <i>Sponsored by Coach Daniel Stewart, Pressure Proof Coaching Academy</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Hay Analysis 101: Useful and Easier Than you Might Think — Eben Haber</b> <i>Sponsored by Ag Pro Trading</i>	Great Lakes 1
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>All Things Allpony! — Alyssa Sands and Connie Jehlik</b>	Great Lakes 2
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Foxhunting — Leanne and Ed Barnett</b>	Great Lakes 3

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3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<b>Progression of National-Level Riding Expectations, C-3 Through A — Asia Thayer</b>	Grand Ballroom F
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Treasury &amp; Insurance 101 — Bada Faber and Kevin Shewmaker</b>	Grand Ballroom G
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Plaidcast in Person: Sport, Strategy, and Stewardship in the Modern Equestrian World and How YOU Can Make a Difference — Piper Klemm, Christian Baier, and Michael Lenard</b>	Grand Ballroom H
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>The Future is in Your Hands — Lola Michelin</b>	Great Lakes 1
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Festival Education 2026 — Connie Jehlik</b>	Great Lakes 2
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Teacher's Toolkit—Level Up Your Instructor Game! — Sedate Kohler</b>	Great Lakes 3
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Special Opportunities and International Exchanges — Jennifer Merrick-Brooks</b>	Grand Ballroom F
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Founders Reception*</b>	Iowa & Wisconsin
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	<b>General Reception</b>	Grand Ballroom Pre-function
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	<b>Pony Paddock Pizza Party *</b> <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois and Indiana
6:45 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	<b>Saturday Night Banquet and Dance \$\$</b>	Grand Ballroom A-E

## Sunday

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Coat Room
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Pony Paddock \$\$</b> <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting *</b>	Great Lakes 4
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Trade Fair</b>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Horse Management Room</b> <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Getting Back in the Saddle: Release Fear and Reclaim Joy in Your Horse Journey — Sarah Louise Lilley</b>	Great Lakes 1
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Adopting or Buying a Wild Horse/Burro through the Bureau of Land Management — Ben Aynes</b>	Great Lakes 2
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Dressage: A Judge's Perspective — Jennifer Kotylo</b>	Great Lakes 3
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Rider Fitness and Bootcamp — Daniel Stewart</b>	Grand Ballroom F
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Attendee Coffee Break</b> <i>Sponsored by Tribute Equine Nutrition</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>An English Saddle Deconstructed — Adrienne Hendricks</b>	Great Lakes 1

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9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Concussion Recognition and Response — Rachel Skirvin</b>	Great Lakes 2
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Horse Senses: How Different are We? And Why it Matters — Heather Bell</b>	Great Lakes 3
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Creating a Horse-Farm Friendly Pollinator Habitat — Christina Keim</b>	Grand Ballroom F
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>The Pelvis: Rider Position and Theory — Jennifer Kotylo</b>	Grand Ballroom G
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>#Horses—Using Media Literacy to Improve Your Online Equestrian Experience — Karen Hopper Usher</b>	Great Lakes 1
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Are You Prepared for an Emergency? — Nancy Thomas, DVM</b>	Great Lakes 2
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Q&amp;A with Christina Keim, Author, “Unwanted” — Christina Keim</b>	Great Lakes 3
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>From Wild to Wonderful: Discover Chincoteague Ponies — Susan Friedland</b>	Grand Ballroom F
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Evaluating Body Composition of Horses — Sara Mastellar, PhD</b>	Great Lakes 1
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Horse Management: Simple, Fun, and Educational Ideas — Tracie Johnson</b>	Great Lakes 2
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>It's Never Too Late for Horses — Fran Severn</b>	Great Lakes 3
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Expert Tips for Show and Rally Management — Michael Lenard Sponsored by Horse Spot</b>	Grand Ballroom F