2026 USPC Convention Schedule



* Indicates a Closed Session \$\$ Indicates an Additional Purchase Required

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Wednesday

| 4:00 p.m 7:00 p.m. | Registration | Closing Room |
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Thursday

| 7:30 a.m 6:00 p.m. | Registration | Closing Room |
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| 8:00 a.m 5:30 p.m. | Pony Paddock | Illinois & Indiana |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Anatomy Room Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Horse Management Room Sponsored by the University of Louisville | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m. | RS/DC/CA Leadership Training * Sponsored by the Mattingly Leadership Training Fund, and Western Specialty Insurors | Grand Ballroom A-E |
| 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. | Attendee Lunch | Grand Ballroom A-E |
| 12:00 p.m 5:30 p.m. | Silent Auction and Trade Fair | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | HMO Training * | Great Lakes 2 |
| 4:00 p.m 9:00 p.m. | National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement Welcome * Sponsored by the Western and English Sales Association and Dreamers and Schemers | Iowa & Wisconsin |
| 5:00 p.m 9:30 p.m. | RS/DC/CA Evening Leadership Event \$\$ | Three Embers Restaurant & Marriott Theatre |

Friday

| 7:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. | Registration | Closing Room |
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| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Pony Paddock Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association | Illinois & Indiana |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Anatomy Room Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Horse Management Room Sponsored by the University of Louisville | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Research Project Fair* Presented by Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation and Supported by Kentucky Equine Research | Lakeside Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement * Sponsored by the Western and English Sales Association and Dreamers and Schemers | lowa & Wisconsin |

Friday (CON'T)

| 8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m. | National Youth Board Meeting * | Council Room |
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| 8:00 a.m 6:30 p.m. | Silent Auction and Trade Fair | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m. | RS/DC/CA Leadership Training * Sponsored by the Mattingly Leadership Training Fund, and Western Specialty Insurors | Grand Ballroom A-E |
| 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. | National Youth Summit | Council Room |
| 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. | Attendee Lunch | Grand Ballroom A-E |
| 1:30 p.m 2:45 p.m. | Teaching Tools for Horse Management — Melissa Dabadie, Ginger Wisseman, Cindy Medina, and Karen Skoric | Great Lakes 1 |
| 1:30 p.m 2:45 p.m. | Helpful Winter Barn Hacks — Fran Severn | Great Lakes 2 |
| 1:30 p.m 2:45 p.m. | Get Equine Conformation Right the First Time — Laurie Chapman-Bosco | Great Lakes 3 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | When Mom Can't Volunteer: Multigenerational Families in Pony Club — Karen Hopper Usher and Amy Fidler | Great Lakes 1 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | Equestrian Sport Psychology — Daniel Stewart | Great Lakes 2 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | Supporting Your Horse's Nutritional Needs During Travel and Competition — Brandy Miller | Great Lakes 3 |
| 4:00 p.m 7:00 p.m. | RIC Training * | Great Lakes 3 |
| 5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m. | New Board Member Meet and Greet and Board Meeting * | Great Lakes 4 |
| 7:00 p.m 8:30 p.m. | National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement Reception * | lowa & Wisconsin |

Saturday

| 7:00 a.m 10:00 a.m. | Meeting of the Corporation and Complimentary Continental Breakfast | Grand Ballroom A-E |
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| 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Registration | Closing Room |
| 9:30 a.m 10:00 p.m. | Pony Paddock Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association | Illinois & Indiana |
| 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Horse Management Room Sponsored by the University of Louisville | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 9:00 a.m 5:30 p.m. | Silent Auction and Trade Fair | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 10:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Anatomy Room Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 10:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | National Youth Board Meeting* | Council Room |
| 10:00 a.m 10:45 a.m. | Rider Fitness and Bootcamp — Daniel Stewart | Great Lakes 1 |
| 10:00 a.m 10:45 a.m. | Vet Box Tips & Tricks — Shawna Herrala Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research | Great Lakes 2 |

Saturday (CON'T)

| 10:00 a.m 10:45 a.m. | Horse Management: Simple, Fun and Educational Ideas — Tracie and Tatem Johnson | Great Lakes 3 |
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| 10:00 a.m 10:45 a.m. | USA Working Equitation — Kasey Riddle | Grand Ballroom F |
| 10:00 a.m 10:45 a.m. | Feeding the Easy Keepers and Managing Metabolic Conditions — Emily Smith Sponsored by Triple Crown Nutrition, the Official Feed Sponsor of USPC | Grand Ballroom G |
| .1:00 a.m 11:45 a.m. | Equestrian Sports Psychology — Daniel Stewart | Great Lakes 1 |
| .1:00 a.m 11:45 a.m. | Be a Research Rockstar: Tips for a Successful Research Project Fair — Shawna Herrala Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research | Great Lakes 2 |
| .1:00 a.m 11:45 a.m. | Seats of Lameness and How to Find Them — Paula Horne, DVM Sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) | Great Lakes 3 |
| 11:00 a.m 11:45 a.m. | A Perfect Seat Starts with Your Saddle — Wintec Saddle Specialist Sponsored by Wintec, the Official Saddle Sponsor of USPC | Grand Ballroom F |
| 11:00 a.m 11:45 a.m. | Horse Welfare, Social License and USPC — Heather Bell and Christina Keim | Grand Ballroom G |
| 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. | Attendee Lunch/Awards Luncheon | Grand Ballroom A-E |
| 1:45 p.m 2:30 p.m. | Bandaging Through the Levels (D-A) — Bunny Hendricks Gerwin | Great Lakes 1 |
| l:45 p.m 2:30 p.m. | Breathing for the Rider — Christian and McKrell Baier | Great Lakes 2 |
| 1:45 p.m 2:30 p.m. | #Horses—Using Media Literacy to Improve Your Online Equestrian Experience — Karen Hopper Usher | Great Lakes 3 |
| 1:45 p.m 2:30 p.m. | Progression of Local-Level Riding Expectations, D-1 Through C-2 — Asia Thayer | Grand Ballroom F |
| 1:45 p.m 2:30 p.m. | EHV Exposed: What Every Rider Needs to Know — Holly Helbig, DVM Sponsored by Zoetis, the Official Health and Wellness Partner of USPC | Grand Ballroom G |
| 2:15 p.m 3:15 p.m. | Attendee Coffee Break Sponsored by Daniel Stewart | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | Hay Analysis 101: Useful and Easier than you Might Think — Eben Haber Sponsored by Ag Pro Trading | Great Lakes 1 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | All Things Allpony! — Alyssa Sands and Connie Jehlik | Great Lakes 2 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | Fox Hunting — Leanne and Ed Barnett | Great Lakes 3 |
| 3:00 p.m 3:45 p.m. | Progression of National-Level Riding Expectations, C-3 Through A — Asia Thayer | Grand Ballroom F |
| 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | The Future is in Your Hands — Lola Michelin | Great Lakes 1 |
| 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | Festival Education 2026 — Connie Jehilk | Great Lakes 2 |
| 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | Teacher's Toolkit—Level Up Your Instructor Game! — Sedate Kohler | Great Lakes 3 |
| 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | Special Opportunities and International Exchanges — Jennifer Merrick-Brooks | Grand Ballroom F |
| 3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | Treasury & Insurance 101 — Bada Faber and Kevin Shewmaker | Grand Ballroom G |

Saturday (CON'T)

| 3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. | Plaidcast in Person: Sport, Strategy, and Stewardship in the Modern Equestrian World and How YOU Can Make a Difference — Piper Klemm, Christain Baier, and Michael Lenard | Grand Ballroom H |
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| 5:30 p.m 6:30 p.m. | Founders Reception* | Iowa & Wisconsin |
| 6:00 p.m 6:45 p.m. | General Reception | Grand Ballroom Pre- function |
| 6:30 p.m 9:30 p.m. | Pony Paddock Pizza Party * Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association | Illinois and Indiana |
| 6:45 p.m 11:00 p.m. | Saturday Night Banquet and Dance \$\$ | Grand Ballroom A-E |

Sunday

| 7:30 a.m 11:00 a.m. | Registration | Closing Room |
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| 7:30 a.m 12:30 p.m. | Pony Paddock Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association | Illinois & Indiana |
| 7:30 a.m 11:00 a.m. | Board Meeting * | Great Lakes 4 |
| 8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m. | Trade Fair | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m. | Anatomy Room Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 12:30 p.m. | Horse Management Room Sponsored by the University of Louisville | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m. | Gut Health for Performance Horses — Erin Roddy, DVM | Great Lakes 1 |
| 8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m. | Getting Back in the Saddle: Release Fear and Reclaim Joy in Your Horse Journey — Sarah Louise Lilley | Great Lakes 2 |
| 8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m. | Adopting or Buying a Wild Horse/Burro through the Bureau of Land Management — Natalie Lirette | Great Lakes 3 |
| 8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m. | Rider Fitness and Bootcamp — Daniel Stewart | Grand Ballroom F |
| 8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m. | Dressage: A Judge's Perspective — Jennifer Kotylo | Grand Ballroom G |
| 8:00 a.m 9:30 a.m. | Attendee Coffee Break Sponsored by Tribute Feeds | Grand Marquee Pavilion |
| 9:45 a.m 10:30 a.m. | An English Saddle Deconstructed — Adrienne Hendricks | Great Lakes 1 |
| 9:45 a.m 10:30 a.m. | Concussion Recognition and Response — Rachel Skirvin and Tracy Spitzer | Great Lakes 2 |
| 9:45 a.m 10:30 a.m. | Horse Senses: How Different are We? And Why it Matters — Heather Bell | Great Lakes 3 |
| 9:45 a.m 10:30 a.m. | Creating a Horse-Farm Friendly Pollinator Habitat — Christian Keim | Grand Ballroom F |

Sunday (CON'T)

| 9:45 a.m 10:30 a.m. | The Pelvis: Rider Position and Theory — Jennifer Kotylo | Grand Ballroom G |
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| 10:45 a.m 11:30 a.m. | #Horses—Using Media Literacy to Improve Your Online Equestrian Experience — Karen Hopper Usher | Great Lakes 1 |
| 10:45 a.m 11:30 a.m. | Are You Prepared for an Emergency? — Nancy Thomas, DVM | Great Lakes 2 |
| 10:45 a.m 11:30 a.m. | Q&A with Christina Keim, Author, "Unwanted" — Christina Keim | Great Lakes 3 |
| 10:45 a.m 11:30 a.m. | From Wild to Wonderful: Discover Chincoteague Ponies — Susan Friedland and Rebekah Hart | Grand Ballroom F |
| 11:45 a.m 12:30 p.m. | Evaluating Body Composition of Horses — Sara Mastellar, PhD | Great Lakes 1 |
| 11:45 a.m 12:30 p.m. | Horse Management: Simple, Fun and Educational Ideas — Tracie Johnson | Great Lakes 2 |
| 11:45 a.m 12:30 p.m. | It's Never too Late for Horses — Fran Severn | Great Lakes 3 |
| 11:45 a.m 12:30 p.m. | Expert Tips for Show and Rally Management — Michael and Lindsay Lenard | Grand Ballroom F |