

2026 USPC Convention Schedule



* Indicates a Closed Session
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 Open General Sessions in Blue
 Sponsors in Dark Blue



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
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Pony Paddock <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Anatomy Room <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Northwest School of Animal Message, and Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Horse Management Room <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	RS/DC/CA Leadership Training * <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.	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 * <i>Sponsored by Dreamers & Schemers and Western & English Sales Association</i>	Iowa & Wisconsin
5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	RS/DC/CA Evening Leadership Event \$\$	Three Embers Restaurant & Marriott Theatre

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7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Closing Room
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Pony Paddock <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	Illinois & Indiana
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Anatomy Room <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Northwest School of Animal Message, and Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Horse Management Room <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.	Research Project Fair* <i>Presented by Grayson-Jockey Club 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.	National Youth Congress / Academy of Achievement * <i>Sponsored by Dreamers & Schemers and Western & English Sales Association</i>	Iowa & Wisconsin
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	National Youth Board Meeting *	Council Room
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 * <i>Sponsored by the Mattingley Leadership Training Fund, and Western Specialty Insurers</i>	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	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	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 *	Iowa & Wisconsin

Saturday

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

Saturday (CON'T)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Anatomy Room <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Northwest School of Animal Massage, and Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	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 <i>Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research</i>	Great Lakes 2
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Horse Management: Simple, Fun and Educational Ideas — Tracie Johnson	Great Lakes 3
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 <i>Sponsored by Triple Crown Nutrition, the Official Feed Sponsor of USPC</i>	Grand Ballroom G
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Equestrian Sport Psychology — Daniel Stewart	Great Lakes 1
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Be a Research Rockstar: Tips for a Successful Research Project Fair — Shawna Herrala <i>sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research</i>	Great Lakes 2
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Seats of Lameness and How to Find Them — Paula Horne, DVM <i>Sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)</i>	Great Lakes 3
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	A Perfect Seat Starts with Your Saddle — Wintec Saddle Specialist <i>Sponsored by Wintec, the Official Saddle Sponsor of USPC</i>	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 Ceremony	Grand Ballroom A-E
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Bandaging Through the Levels (D-A) — Bunny Hendricks Gerwin	Great Lakes 1
1:45 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 <i>Sponsored by Zoetis, the Official Health and Wellness Partner of USPC</i>	Grand Ballroom G
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Attendee Coffee Break <i>Sponsored by Coach Daniel Stewart - Pressure Proof Coaching Academy</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Hay Analysis 101: Useful and Easier than you Might Think — Eben Haber <i>Sponsored by Ag Pro Trading</i>	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.	Foxhunting — Leanne and Ed Barnett	Great Lakes 3

Saturday (CON'T)

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Progression of National-Level Riding Expectations, C-3 Through A — Asia Thayer	Grand Ballroom F
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Treasury & Insurance 101 — Bada Faber and Kevin Shewmaker	Grand Ballroom G
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
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	The Future is in Your Hands — Lola Michelin	Great Lakes 1
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Festival Education 2026 — Connie Jehlik	Great Lakes 2
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Teacher's Toolkit—Level Up Your Instructor Game! — Sedate Kohler	Great Lakes 3
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Special Opportunities and International Exchanges — Jennifer Merrick-Brooks	Grand Ballroom F
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 * <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	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
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Pony Paddock <i>Sponsored by the Arabian Horse Youth Association</i>	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 <i>Sponsored by Michigan State University, Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine and Supported by Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Northwest School of Animal Message, and Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Horse Management Room <i>Sponsored by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program</i>	Grand Marquee Pavilion
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 1
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Adopting or Buying a Wild Horse/Burro through the Bureau of Land Management — Ben Aynes	Great Lakes 2
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Dressage: A Judge's Perspective — Jennifer Kotylo	Great Lakes 3
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Rider Fitness and Bootcamp — Daniel Stewart	Grand Ballroom F

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8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Attendee Coffee Break <i>Sponsored by Tribute Equine Nutrition</i>	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	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
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	The Pelvis: Rider Position and Theory — Jennifer Kotylo	Grand Ballroom G
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	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 Lenard	Grand Ballroom F