



Dear USPC Leaders,

The USPC Convention, to be held January 22–26, 2025, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Mich., is a great way for the entirety of our organization to come together for fun, camaraderie, and to connect about the future of Pony Club.

Meet with Regional Administration at a specially tailored all-day training available exclusively for USPC local and regional leaders on Thursday, January 23, and Friday, January 24, sponsored by the Mattingley Leadership Training Fund. Leadership training covers topics from club/center/region administration and will include an inside scoop on new and exciting programs coming to USPC.

Join us for the Leadership Dinner Event on Thursday evening. Enjoy socializing during dinner and a private concert performed by one of Traverse City's own, Drew Hale, winner of the 34th annual Country Showdown, the oldest and largest country music talent search in the United States, which features its national final at the famous Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.



USPC is excited to welcome back Jay McChord for a Professional Development session, Friday, January 24. Attendees may remember how well-received Jay's presentation was at the 2023 USPC Convention. Through his upcoming session, Relevant Leadership – Leading & Communicating More Effectively in Our Unique Times, USPC leaders will learn new tools for effectively communicating, building stronger communication, and learn how to proactively stay out of hard conversations. This session will also teach attendees how to have the right words to say in a hard conversation, practice hard conversations, and much more.



Register for an All-Access pass to your weekend of leadership education and other activities that the whole family can enjoy. Traverse City and the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is a great location for a family vacation before or after the USPC Convention.

Register early! Registration prices will increase, and meal tickets will not be available, after January 2, 2025.

Please visit the **Convention** page for more information.

We can't wait to see you there!



"It was really fun. I got to connect with some people from my old region. Learning what my responsibilities are is always really important. Learning from people who have been doing it is the best way to learn. Having our support from our peers and having other people that you can rely on to ask those questions is really beneficial."

— Kelsey Cartwright, Joint District Commissioner, Racine Pony Club, Lake Shore Region

"Definitely recommend [attending the USPC Convention] just to have the camaraderie and to know the resources and who's out there, even if you're not making the connection locally, but to realize what is available nationally and just to get that rapport with people who have been there, done that."

— Katie Wright, Club Treasurer, Boise Pony Club, Intermountain Region

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