

FOUR RIVERS PONY CLUB

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. The prospective member and his/her parents should plan on attending at least 2 mounted or unmounted meetings and observe, meet some of the members and sponsors, and get an idea of what goes on at Pony Club. Be sure and talk to the club leader (District Commissioner) and let him/her know what your background is, such as how long the child has been riding, what horse/pony they plan to use for pony club, and what your knowledge base is. Some people come in to pony club with extensive experience and some with very little horse knowledge and the needs of each vary greatly in the beginning.
2. Go to www.fourrivers.ponyclub.org and download “Information for Prospective Members” and “Fee Schedule” for the current year under the Files and Forms section. Study this information and if you have further related questions please ask them at your observational meetings.
3. If the family decides to join Four Rivers, go back to the club website and download “I Want to Join!” and follow the steps. Be sure you have met the District Commissioner and he/she is aware that you are planning to join. You will be required to fill out paperwork and attend an orientation meeting lasting approximately two hours. This meeting can be scheduled on a weekend at a time convenient to you. The youth member joining should also attend this meeting.
4. Around the time of joining, please sign up for the FRPC email list. This email list is the primary means of communication among club members and all scheduling and RSVP's are done via the list. This list is closed, meaning only approved email addresses can join. You must notify the DC when you are joining so your application can be approved in a timely fashion. You can ask the DC to send you a link if you give him/her your email address or you can follow these steps:
 1. Go to www.yahogroups.com
 2. Search box: type “FRPC List”
 3. Click on box “Join the List” and follow any instructions
5. At the time the member joins, they will receive the USPC New Member Booklet. Other educational materials are available for download at the club website (<http://www.fourrivers.ponyclub.org>), at the USPC website (www.ponyclub.org), or may be ordered from the USPC bookstore (also online at www.ponyclub.org). Some time after joining, USPC will send a new member packet which contains the Pony Club pin and other material. New members receive the USPC News quarterly. Local club news and the club calendar/schedule can be viewed at the club website.