

The Green Mountain Horse Association Presents
The 69th Annual

Junior Horsemanship Clinic

June 22-29, 2025



A Premier Eventing Camp for Young Riders



The Green Mountain Horse Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving five equestrian disciplines: Eventing, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Driving & Competitive Endurance/Trail Riding.

Our extensive and historic facility includes:

- 65-acres in beautiful South Woodstock, VT
- 4 all-weather riding rings with geo-textile footing
- A top-quality cross-country course: Pre-Elementary through Intermediate levels (2' - 3'9")
- 6 permanent barns and stabling up to 196 horses
- An extensive trail network
- Youth Center banquet hall for meetings and gatherings

The Junior Horsemanship Clinic, is an important tradition at GMHA. Since 1926, GMHA has provided education and promoted excellence in riding and horsemanship. The JHC is an integral part of our mission to provide educational opportunities for riders and their horses.

GMHA has been an eventing mecca since 1957 when we hosted our first Horse Trials. Since then, it has held a significant place in the development of the sport. Participants will benefit from GMHA's professional team of instructors and barn managers, extensive cross-country course and a variety of beautiful show jumps!

Clinic Program & Goals



Is JHC the place for me?

Our Riders:

- Are between the ages of 9-18.
- Bring your own horse or pony.
- Commute to camp or stay with a local chaperone.
- Have a secure position and are comfortable at all three gaits, jumping small obstacles, and riding in the open on the horse or pony they bring to camp.
- Need not be eventers! Skills taught apply to dressage and hunter/jumper riders looking to diversify their training.

The goal of JHC is to educate young equestrians in all areas of horsemanship.

All participants have **two mounted and unmounted lessons daily** and are responsible for the complete care of their horse or pony, with the guidance of our experienced staff.

Mounted Instruction focuses on the fundamentals of eventing, with an emphasis on control, balance, and safety. Riders will have daily lessons appropriate to their level and the capability of their mounts. Riders are placed into groups based on the questions they answer through our rider survey, and from instructor referrals. Our staff of instructors are experienced professionals. We will cover the practice of dressage, stadium, cross-country, gymnastics and more. All English riding disciplines are welcome. The cross-training is very beneficial to riders from a multitude of disciplines (equitation, jumpers, pleasure, endurance/competitive trail, showmanship, pony club/4-H, etc.)

Unmounted Horsemanship Instruction focuses on educating the campers with interesting and exciting demos, lectures, and hands-on opportunities. The experience of being totally responsible for their horse during camp is a great opportunity to learn safe horse care and the commitment of equine stewardship/ownership.



Horsemanship Lessons Include...

- Treating common injuries, first aid and bandaging
- Guest clinicians on the topics of saddle fitting, rider & equine conditioning, & preparing your horse for an event.
- Braiding, clipping, tack maintenance & blanketing.
- Anatomy and conformation with the use of washable paints painted on a horse.
- Stable management topics such as feeding principles, nutrition, and tack/equipment care/maintenance.
- Trailer safety teaching hook up, maintenance, & loading.
- Formal FEI jog.
- X-Country and stadium jump course design & set-up.
- Cross training principles that apply to all riding disciplines.



What To Expect...

Important...

A typical daily schedule...

7:30 AM	Arrival at GMHA <i>Transportation provided by parents or chaperones.</i>
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Feeding & Barn Chores
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Riding Instruction <i>Group A - (90 min)</i> Horsemanship Instruction <i>Group B - (90 min)</i>
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Riding Instruction <i>Group B - (90 min)</i> Horsemanship Instruction <i>Group A - (90 min)</i>
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Riding Instruction <i>Group A - (90 min)</i> Horsemanship Instruction <i>Group B - (90 min)</i>
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Riding Instruction <i>Group B - (90 min)</i> Horsemanship Instruction <i>Group A - (90 min)</i>
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Feeding & Barn Chores
5:30 PM	All Campers Depart

Dates to remember...

April 18, 2025	Deadline for JHC Entry Forms & Scholarship Applications <i>* Apply by February 1st for a \$30 discount!</i>
June 22, 2025	Arrival Day 12:00 – 4:00 PM: <i>Campers Arrive</i> 4:00 PM: <i>Welcome Meeting</i> 4:30 – 5:30 PM: <i>Barn Chores - Campers Only</i>

JHC will be offering one 8-day session in early summer. The dates of this camp are Sunday, June 22 through Sunday, June 29, 2025.

The GMHA Starter Horse Trials are on Saturday, June 21. Many of the JHC campers participate in this event to kick off their week-long stay at GMHA and hone their skills from the competition. Stabling after the trials is available for a fee of \$35 for GMHA Members / \$50 non-members on Saturday evening.

What level of riding should I be to attend JHC? The clinic will accept Pre-Elementary through Prelim level event riders, or equivalent, ages 9-18. All riders should feel comfortable with their mounts and the maturity to attend an intensive 8-day riding clinic experience away from home.



Horse Information

Participants will have the complete responsibility for their mounts throughout the clinic including daily feeding, stall cleaning, and all other care. Our experienced Barn Management staff will supervise and assist participants during regular barn chores.

- Proof Negative Coggins and current Rabies vaccination required (Rabies titers accepted with vet note).
- GMHA provides shavings and hay for your horse/pony throughout the week. Grain not provided.
- Participants supply ALL grain, supplements, etc. for the duration of the clinic. Everything should be pre-packaged, labeled, and brought in a sealed, labeled storage bin.
- Our experienced Barn Management staff can administer medications if required.
- There is no turnout available, but staff can lunge if necessary. We do not find this to be an issue as we allow time for hand-walking/grazing each day and the horses are worked 2-3 hours daily.
- The JHC is a rigorous workout for horses and ponies and they must be able to withstand 2-3 hours of work per day! To avoid injuries and stress, we recommend following a well-planned conditioning schedule at least 8-12 weeks prior to the clinic. The conditioning outline is in the Welcome Packet on the JHC page at www.gmhainc.org
- GMHA does "not" provide horses for this clinic. Please bring your own suitable mount for a productive and safe camp experience. All riders must have basic riding and handling skills to participate at the walk, trot, canter, and riding over fences in the open. Mounts should be well schooled and have some showing experience. Young/green horses and stallions are not suitable mounts for this clinic.
- What do I need to bring? Check out the "Packing List" included in the Welcome Packet posted on our web-page.

Veterinarian and Farrier

GMHA retains a vet and farrier to be on-call during the JHC. Any emergencies or problems will be taken care of by clinic staff with the help of these professionals. Parents/horse owners will be contacted for permission for any treatment and the attending Veterinarian or Farrier will provide you an invoice for services rendered to be paid by the last day of camp.

Fees, Scholarship & Deadline Information

Junior Horsemanship Clinic Fees...

Clinic fee includes:

- Twice daily ridden instruction
- Twice daily unmounted instruction
- Stabling for your mount
- Hay and shavings provided daily

8 Day Session: 6/22-6/29	\$980.00
Open Date	January 2, 2025
Closing Date	April 18, 2025

Early Bird Registration Discount: Apply by February 1st and save \$30! Registration is only \$950.00 and needs to be paid in full by the closing date to be eligible for the discount.

Refunds: No refunds after April 18th, no exceptions. Refunds prior to April 18th will be honored less a \$100 scratch fee ONLY with a valid personal or medical excuse for horse or rider. Please understand this policy is set in place because we have hired clinicians/staff and our expenses are fixed (horse substitutions permitted through arrival day).

Payments: Pay in full, or 50% deposit is required with the application via check or credit card. The remaining balance will be due on the **closing date of April 18th**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit payment by the closing date. If credit card information is provided, the card will automatically be run after the closing date for the balance due.

Payments via credit card incur a 3% NCA (non-cash adjustment fee)

Scholarships

JHC scholarships are available for young riders who qualify for financial need and demonstrate a high motivation to attend JHC. Scholarship allocations will be determined by mid-May.

Apply online at <https://gmhainc.org/category/youth-scholarships/>

A deposit of \$250 is required with entry when applying for a scholarship. Once the award is determined, any remaining balance is due prior to the start of JHC.

Send Your Application & payment to...

**Green Mountain Horse Association
Attn: JHC
PO Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071**

or

Email all forms to: jill@gmhainc.org

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Housing Information

GMHA does not provide housing for campers. **All JHC participants must arrange for housing off-grounds.** Some of our participants find lodging with local families in private homes – a long standing JHC tradition. Meals, chaperoning, and transportation to and from GMHA are charged independently of JHC and should be included in their fee. Please verify services when speaking with a potential chaperone. Housing arrangements and rates are strictly between the chaperone and camper/parent/guardian. Interested in chaperoning? Please contact Jill (802) 457-1509 x207 or jill@gmhainc.org.

2025 CHAPERONE LIST:

TBD



Renting nearby? We recommend you reserve housing ASAP. See www.gmhainc.org for our lodging partners.