

Middle California Region
Quiz Qualifying Rally
Saturday March 8, 2008

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To: District Commissioners & Joint District Commissioners
Middle California Region Pony Clubs

From: Cynthia Walker, Golden Hills Pony Club
Quiz Rally Organizer

RE: 2008 Middle California Region Quiz Rally
Saturday, March 8, 2008
San Martin/Gwinn School, 100 North Street, San Martin, CA 95046

Dear DCs:

Enclosed please find the information packet and entry forms for the 2008 Middle California Region Quiz Rally scheduled for **Saturday, March 8, 2008**. Golden Hills Pony Club will be hosting the rally this year, and we hope to see many of you there given our central location for the rally. This year is a Qualifying Rally for the Eastern Region's Quiz in Lexington VA, but even if your clubber is not planning on traveling to Virginia, it will be a fun, low pressure way for clubbers to demonstrate their HM knowledge!

We ask you to send a list of the competitors planning to attend from your Pony Club by **February 1st**. Please e-mail **Cynthia Walker** at sallen@garlic.com with your club's team information. This preliminary information should include team category (ex: D Senior) and team member names. **This is very important information, and we appreciate your cooperation.** Based on these preliminary counts, scratch teams will be formed with competitors from pony clubs teams that are short on members.

Please distribute the forms and information in this packet to the appropriate organizer(s) within your club and return all paperwork **postmarked by the DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 12, 2008**. Due to a limited number of entries permitted, any entries received *postmarked after the closing day* must include a \$25.00, non-refundable, late fee made payable to Golden Hills Pony Club. Any entries after the due date are on a space available status only. Please mail your club's completed entry packet (including your club check) to:

Golden Hills Pony Club
c/o Anne Rice
1514 Oyama Place
San Jose, CA 95131

You should obtain the current **USPC Quiz Rally Rules** and distribute a copy to your team captains and chaperones so that all competitors will be familiar with the rally format. **ALL COMPETITORS SHOULD WEAR THEIR BARN BOOTS. BARN BOOTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE BARN QUESTIONS.** Remember to also wear your Pony Club Pin. This year's Quiz will comprise 4 phases: classroom, barn, mega-room and stations. If weather is so poor that the barn phase is cancelled, then the written test will be substituted.

This year's Rally **cost is \$70 per competitor**, which includes lunch and an official rally T-shirt.

Please plan to send one chaperone per team competing from your club. Chaperones will direct the team to each session during the day. We look forward to our wonderful Mom and Dad volunteers to assist during the rally. Please let us know as soon as possible if someone cannot attend, be it volunteer or child.

This year's Quiz Rally is a **Qualifying Rally for the Eastern Region championships** in Virginia. If competitors wish to qualify, they must complete the enclosed "Intent to Qualify" form, enclose a non-refundable deposit of \$50 made payable to Mid-Cal Region and return these with this registration packet.

2008 MIDDLE CALIFORNIA REGION QUIZ RALLY

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Location: San Martin/Gwinn School, 100 North Street, San Martin, CA 95046

Schedule: Registration opens at 7:45 AM
Breakfast (available for purchase) from 7:45 - 9:30 AM
Judges and Volunteer's Briefing at 8:30
Teams in classrooms for Competitors' Briefing at 9:00 AM
Competition begins at 9:15 AM
Rally concludes at approximately 4:00 PM

Teams: Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members within the following divisions:

Junior D Division D-1, 2, 3 and Unrated; 12 years of age or less as of 01/01/2008
Senior D Division D-1, 2, 3 and Unrated; 13 through 25 years of age as of 01/01/2008
Junior C Division C-1, 2, 3 and B; 14 years of age or less as of 01/01/2008
Senior C Division C-1, 2, 3, and B; 15 through 25 years of age as of 01/01/2008

Note: Team comprised of both Junior and Senior individuals ("mixed teams") are allowed but must compete at the Senior division. Short teams (less than 3 members), will be combined with other short teams from other clubs to form "scratch teams." No D may compete as a C, and no C may compete as a D. B's abide by C regulations.

Rules: *USPC Quiz Rule Book*

Breakfast: Donuts, bagels, coffee, and juice will be available for purchase starting at 7:45 a.m.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided for each competitor and is included in the entry fee. Chaperones, volunteers, and spectators: lunch will be cooked on location and available for purchase for a reasonable fee (about \$10). **Please let us know on the form how many non-competitors will be interested in purchasing lunch.**

T-Shirts: An official Quiz Rally t-shirt will be provided to each competitor, and is included in the entry fee. **Additional t-shirts may be pre-ordered on the entry form and payment MUST be included with rally fees.**

Chaperones: Adult chaperones must accompany each team from each club. Chaperones should be familiar with the information within this packet. They are expected to supervise their teams during the competition, distribute team lunches, supervise during lunch, and help competitors follow their schedule. A signed "Chaperone's Duties" form from each chaperone should be returned with your packet.

Entry Fee: \$70.00 per competitor. This fee includes lunch and a t-shirt for the competitor. Make checks payable to Golden Hills Pony Club.

Deadline: **February 12, 2008.** No refunds after entries close.

Mail Entries to: Golden Hills Pony Club, c/o Anne Rice, 1514 Oyama Place, San Jose, CA 95131

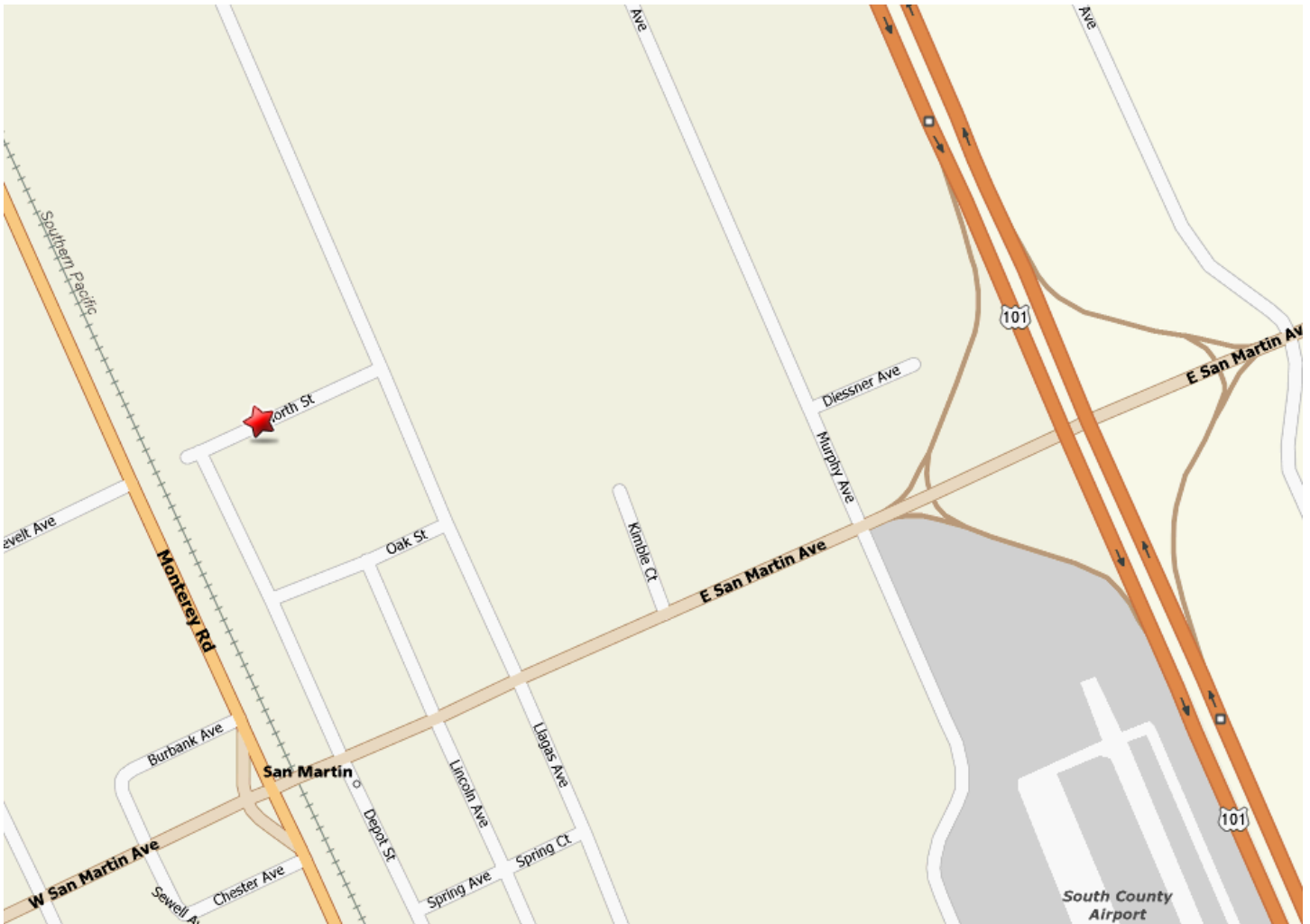
Directions: Please see attached directions and map.

FUN STUFF! Be ready to spend your down time shopping for very reasonably priced second hand tack and clothing, horse blankets and saddles.

DIRECTIONS TO 2008 QUIZ RALLY

SAN MARTIN/GWINN SCHOOL, 100 North Street, San Martin, CA 95046

- Hwy. 101 south or north to San Martin Avenue exit, located between Gilroy and Morgan Hill.
- Turn WEST on San Martin Avenue exit, going towards Monterey Hwy.
- Pass Llagas Ave. and Lincoln Avenue. Turn RIGHT and go North on Depot Street. (Immediately before railroad tracks.)
- Take Depot Street north until it ends in an intersection with North Street. Turn RIGHT.
- Follow signs into the parking lot on the LEFT side of the school.



MAP WILL SHOW WHEN FORM IS PRINTED.

ENTRY PACKET CHECK LIST

The complete entry packet must be returned with the following:

- _____ Team Entry Form (with check/s made payable to Golden Hills Pony Club)
- _____ USPC Medical Release Form for each competitor (2008 copy)
- _____ USPC Competitor's Rally Release Form for each competitor
- _____ USPC Uniform Chaperone Duties Form for each chaperone
(1 chaperone or parent for every team from your club)
- _____ Team Lunch and Additional Lunch Questionnaires and T-Shirt Orders Form
- _____ Volunteer Sign-up Form
- _____ Intent to Qualify Form and \$50 deposit (payable to Middle California Region)

TEAM LUNCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Team competitors will receive a lunch with their entry fee. Lunch consists of a sandwich, bag of chips, piece of fruit and drink. Please ask your competitors to choose the type of sandwich they prefer and tally them below:

of Hamburger/Cheeseburgers _____ Names: _____
of Hot Dogs _____ Names: _____
of Veggie Burgers _____ Names: _____
TEAM Lunches _____

ADDITIONAL LUNCH ORDERS

Please let us know how many chaperones, volunteers, and spectators will be interested in purchasing the same lunch as described above for about \$10. (There are no nearby fast food restaurants.) Payment will be made at the time the lunch order is made. Please give us a head count of how many you expect will be ordering a lunch.

of Hamburger/Cheeseburgers _____
of Hot Dogs _____
of Veggie Burgers _____

FEES ENCLOSED

Quiz Rally Entries \$70.00 per competitor (checks to *Golden Hills Pony Club*) \$ _____

(For simplicity, please submit one club check if possible.)

T-Shirt Order:

Team Sizes: YS x _____ Names: _____
 YM x _____ Names: _____
 YL x _____ Names: _____
 AS x _____ Names: _____
 AM x _____ Names: _____
 AL x _____ Names: _____
 AXL x _____ Names: _____

Total Team Shirts _____

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**Additional T-Shirts** for Chaperones, Volunteers, and Spectators (\$15.00 each)

Specify Sizes \_\_\_\_\_

Number of extras \_\_\_\_\_ x 15.00 each = ===== \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total \$ Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in joining us this year for Quiz 2008! If you have any questions, please email Cynthia Walker at [sallen@garlic.com](mailto:sallen@garlic.com) or call me at 408-842-6421. If family members are coming to help, let me know ahead of time so we can put them in the best place for a fun job while watching their child(ren).

We look forward to seeing you there!