



This is the 2018 membership package for Seneca Valley Pony Club.

Membership in Pony Club requires two steps. First, a member must be a member of United States Pony Club. For new members, a form for USPC must be completed. Forms for USPC membership are available online

(<https://www.ponyclub.org/ContentDocs/Volunteers/ClubCenter/2018%20Member%20Application.pdf>)

and from Nancy Jones, SVPC membership chair. USPC dues for new members are \$155; if you join between September 1st and December 31st, you have the option to choose a pro-rated membership (\$200), which will allow you to participate in all Club activities through the end of this year (no additional local fees are added to pro-rated memberships).

Existing members will receive a renewal notification directly from USPC or they may contact their primary club and complete renewal.

The second step is membership with Seneca Valley Pony Club and the Capital Region. The attached paperwork is for membership in SVPC and the Capital Region.

If your Pony Clubber is 18 or older, they will need to sign on and renew themselves. Parents, you can still pay for them of course, but they must sign their own forms.

If you have any questions or are having difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Jones (nancy.skylandfarm@gmail.com or 240-601-7127). I am happy to help walk you through the process!

Please print, sign and return to me:

1. 2018 SVPC Membership Form (one per family)
2. Bittersweet Field 2018 Release (one per family)
3. Committee Volunteer Form
4. Sponsor Enrollment Form

Please note that all forms require **ORIGINAL** signatures

The Medical Release Card should be worn at PC activities. Please update the card if any information has changed (you do not need a new card every year). An interactive form can be found on the USPC website <http://ponyclub.org> under M, Medial Card/Interactive in the FORMS tab.

Send your completed forms and check made out to Seneca Valley Pony Club to:

Nancy Jones
27455 Clarksburg Rd.
Damascus, MD 20872

We look forward to your participation in Seneca Valley Pony Club!

Committee Volunteer Form

All families are asked to volunteer. My family will volunteer and support our Pony Club with following committees, as well as help with the activities that my child participates in. Please indicate the activities you are willing to help with during the year.

	ABC Camp		Certifications
	D Camp		Social Activities
	D Program Coordinator		Unmounted Knowledge
	C Program Coordinator		Volunteer Coordination
	Junior Council/Buddies		Open Schooling Days
	Public Relations		Website
	Field Maintenance		Games Rally
	Horse Trials		Polocrosse Rally
	Lessons		Show Jumping Rally
	Membership		Eventing Rally
	Championships		Tetrathlon Rally
	Horsemasters		Dressage Rally
	Newsletter		Quiz Rally

Other Area(s): _____

Disciplines of Interest:

	Quiz		Polocrosse
	Dressage		Tetrathlon
	Eventing		Show Jumping
	Games		Foxhunting

Volunteer Name(s) : _____ Date: _____

2018 SVPC Membership Form

Parent/Guardian: 1 _____ 2 _____

Address: _____

Home Phone	Mother	Father	Member
Work Phone	Mother	Father	Member
Cell Phone	Mother (Father	Member
Email	Mother	Father	Member (if member would like to receive emails)

Member's Name	Date of Birth	Certification	Date of Certification
1.			
2.			
3.			

Membership fees include: \$50/family SVPC, \$25/member Capital Region, \$155 USPC new member fee, if renewing USPC Fees to be paid online directly to USPC (regular renewal=\$145, early bird=\$135)

	Fee	#	Total Amount Due
USPC Membership*	Paid Online unless new member (\$155/member)		(# of new members X \$155)
SVPC Family Membership	\$50 per family	1	\$50
Capital Region Dues	\$25/member (no fee if member of another Capital Region club or center)		(# of new Capital Region members x \$25)
Sponsor Fees	\$5/sponsor		(# of sponsors x \$5, enrollment form attached)
Donation	Optional Amount		(tax-deductible contribution to support our club)
Total Amount Enclosed			

I agree to participate and have fun in and on committees & to help at the annual spring and fall SVPC Horse Trials and other activities so our club can flourish.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian or Member if over 18) Date _____

New members can find the USPC Membership application at:

<https://www.ponyclub.org/ContentDocs/Volunteers/ClubCenter/2018%20Member%20Application.pdf>

Sponsor Enrollment Form 2018

Who can be a SVPC Sponsor? A Sponsor may be any person interested in promoting the goals of Pony Club and in contributing their time and talents to Seneca Valley PC. Sponsorship is not limited to parents and guardians. Only Sponsors have voting rights.

“As a Sponsor, I am committed to the club’s success and I understand that I have voting privileges at Sponsors’ Meetings. I can provide suggestions to the District Commissioner (DC) for the operation and administration of the club, and I will have the right to vote for the officers of the club and on Club Policy additions and amendments. Complete details of my responsibilities and privileges can be found in the USPC Bylaws for Registered Clubs, Article 4. The annual Sponsor fee is \$5.00.”

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please complete this Sponsor Enrollment form below and return it with your Membership materials.

Your Sponsor Fee should be included in your membership check. A separate check is not required.

Sponsor Name	Address (if different)	Telephone (if different)	\$5 Fee
		Total Sponsor Fees:	

2018 BITTERSWEET
FIELD
AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE, WAIVER OF
LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION
COMMITMENT
***[TO BE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO
SIGNATURE]***

The undersigned, in consideration for the right to participate in Horseback Riding Activities at Bittersweet Field, located in the general vicinity of 14401-B Partnership Road, Poolesville, MD 20837 (“Bittersweet”) does hereby provide this Agreement for Release, Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Commitment (“Agreement”), and represent(s) and agree(s) as follows:

1. I have inspected those facilities at Bittersweet property that I desire to utilize, including the parking areas, dressage ring, the stadium jumping area, and the cross-country course (collectively, the “Bittersweet Property”) and am thoroughly familiar with the conditions and potential hazards of all of these facilities. I have inspected each jump that I will school and am familiar with its design and status, and with the footing and other physical conditions around and near each such jump. I have assessed the presence of medical personnel, or lack thereof, present at Bittersweet, deem that level to be acceptable, and understand that I shall be responsible for my own medical care, assistance and expenses.
2. I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, guardians and legal representatives, fully understand that horse riding activities are by their nature very dangerous activities. Horseback riding is classified as a rugged adventure recreational sport activity and there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. The term “Horseback Riding Activities” as used herein includes all riding and handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether mounted or on the ground, including but not limited to taking lessons, or participating in competition, as well as all other activities associated the riding, handling and competing of horses.
3. I understand that in any Horseback Riding Activity I and/or my horse may be injured as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or due to fault of no one, and that horses, even when well trained, can be unpredictable and difficult to control. I accept and assume all risks of injury (even death) to me and my property.
4. I understand that, upon mounting a horse, the rider is in primary control of the horse. I agree that I shall be responsible for the safety, of myself, my horse and other persons and their property, and I will take all reasonable precautions to protect against injury when participating in any Horseback Riding Activities.
5. I am familiar with Section 5-1104 of the Maryland Recreational Use Statute Code and understand that it exempts from any and all liability any landowner who makes his property available for riding without charge, as the owners of Bittersweet have done for Seneca Valley Pony Club, and I understand that the owners may retract such permission to ride, at any time, at their sole discretion.

6. I agree to wear ASTM-approved protective headgear and a Seneca Valley Pony Club issued Pinney when riding at Bittersweet. I also agree to wear an USEA or USPC medical armband. Moreover, when riding or schooling cross-county at Bittersweet, I shall (a) wear an approved protective vest and (b) be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 21 years of age) ground person or other adult rider(s) who shall observe and monitor my riding at all times. I agree to comply with all applicable rules for use of Bittersweet.
7. By my signature below, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, guardians and legal representative, release, exculpate and agree to indemnify and defend all owners of Bittersweet, be they direct or indirect; all family members of Bittersweet owners, (collectively, "Bittersweet Owners"); and all heirs, devisees and other beneficiaries of all Bittersweet Owners; and the United States Pony Club, Inc., a corporation, the Seneca Valley Pony Club, and all of their officers, members, member families, employees, heirs and assigns, (collectively, the "Releasees") against any claim of loss, injury, damage or other harm, of any nature, to the fullest extent permissible by applicable law, to myself, my horse or to third parties as a result of my Horseback Riding Activities.
8. Neither I nor anyone on behalf of myself, my heirs, guardians or legal representative, shall bring any claim, demand, action or litigation, of any nature, against any Releasee for any economic or non-economic loss due to bodily injury, death, property damage or any other damage sustained by me and/or my minor child associated with any Horseback Riding Activities at Bittersweet. Should anyone make any claim because of any injury to me (including death), I (or my representatives) will indemnify those who are released by this Agreement, and I agree to pay reasonable attorneys' fees, in addition to other damages, should I breach any part of this Agreement.
9. This Agreement shall be legally binding upon each of the signatories below, my heirs, guardians and legal representative and any third parties who may otherwise have claims due to their contractual or other relationship with any signatory. It shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state of Maryland. Any disputes regarding this Agreement shall be resolved in a court in Montgomery County, Maryland.
10. By signing below, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable USPC rules and all terms and provisions of the USPC activity. I acknowledge that I enter into this release after having read the same, and place my signature hereto of my own free voluntary act and deed. By signing below, I represent to the USPC that I fully understand its contents, that I do not need any further explanation, and I waive any further explanation.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND THAT I AM SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND I HAVE THE CHOICE NOT TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT, AND THEREFORE NOT TO UTILIZE BITTERSWEET. I HAVE READ THIS TWO-PAGE AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING MY RIGHT TO SUE ANY OF THE RELEASEES. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY, INCLUDING THAT DUE TO ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE BY THE RELEASEES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Rider (Name Printed):

Parent/Guardian (for Minor):

Signature:

Emergency Contact Number:

Date: