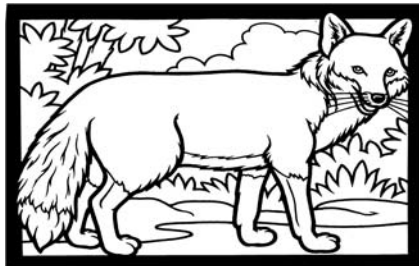


**ACTIVITIES INFORMATION – ROUTE TO:
All D and C Level Pony Club Members**



FOXHUNTING ESSAY CONTEST FOR PONY CLUB MEMBERS

FROM: Kristin Noggle, Foxhunting Committee Chair

RE: Annual Foxhunting Writing Contest

DEADLINE: **May 1, 2007**

The annual Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing contest is open to all D- or C-rated Pony Club members. The winning submission will receive a \$200 cash prize to be spent on Foxhunting dues, hunt capping fees, Pony Club camp or anything related to these activities. Second Place: \$100; Third Place \$50. The winning entries will be published in *USPC News* and in *The Chronicle of the Horse*.

The contest award is from a memorial fund established by friends of Mrs. Ritchie, who was a long-time Pony Club supporter and volunteer. She founded the Colorado Springs Pony Club in 1958 and was its District Commissioner for 30 years. She was Regional Supervisor of the Colorado (now Rocky Mountain) region for 12 years and hosted regional Pony Club camps on her ranch for 20 plus years. She served several terms as a USPC Governor and received the USPC Founders Award in 1989.

THE CONTEST RULES:

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all D- and C-rated Pony Club members in good standing, whether they have hunted or not. Previous first-place winners are not eligible for participation for two years after winning.

OBJECTIVE: To encourage writing skills and imagination and to improve basic knowledge of horsemanship and foxhunting skills.

SUBJECT: Any aspect of Foxhunting.

ENTRIES: Short stories, poems, songs or essays. The maximum length is two double-spaced, typewritten pages, 8-1/2 x 11. Mail to Foxhunting Committee, USPC 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Please include name, address, phone number, age, rating, and brief biographical sketch.

JUDGING: By individuals independent of Pony Club, but with knowledge of foxhunting and writing.

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