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**Basic Information**

The Equestrian Team and Club is a college-sanctioned, student-run organization, which prides itself on fostering students’ horsemanship skills and love of horses. The club/team is intended to incorporate students into a welcoming community with horses as a common interest. The team also participates in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) where they compete in Hunt Seat Equitation.

**Facilities**

RQ Stables located in New Castle, PA is the home of the Equestrian Team. The stables are approximately ten minutes from campus.

RQ Stables features include:
- 60’ x 180’ outdoor arena
- 80’ x 120’ indoor arena
- 12’ x 12’ stalls
- 9 large pastures
- Cross country course and trails
- Heated viewing room

Lesson horses are provided for the equestrian team, however team members may board and ride their own horses at RQ. Visits to the Stables and boarding arrangements must be made with RQ Stables.

(See the back for contact information)

**Membership**

Any full-time Westminster College student in good academic standing is welcome to join the team. The team is comprised of individuals with a wide variety of horse experience. In fact, team members do not need prior riding experience at all. Our members have unique and diverse backgrounds. From polocrosse to hunt seat to western pleasure, they are on the team simply for the love of horses and riding.

Membership activities include:
- 15 riding lessons, plus 5 additional hack rides per semester, which ensures individuals ride twice per week
- Regular meetings
- Workshops and other various activities to expose members to the equine world
- Charity events and fundraisers

An annual membership fee is required, which cover some of the cost of lessons. The Student Government Association plays an integral part in providing funding for the equestrian team’s lessons and program fees.

**Non-Riding Membership**

New for the 2011-2012 season, the team will be offering a non-riding membership. This will enable those new to riding to “get their feet wet” in the sport. Non-riding members will be able to attend all activities and will require a small membership fee.

**Showing**

Joining the Equestrian Team gives members the opportunity to show in Intercollegiate Horse Shows. Showing is not a requirement, but rather a way to experience another aspect of the horse world.

The Team competes in Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat and over fences through IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association). IHSA show are unique because all of the riders “catch-ride” on horses provided for the event. Catch-riding puts all riders on unknown (but experienced!) horses and levels the field of competition for everyone. Riders earn points that accumulate toward advancing to the next division. At the conclusion of a winning season, riders may find they have qualified for Regional, Zone, and even National-level competition.

**Coach Lory**

Coach Lory Nagel has over 28 years of experience as an instructor, horse trainer, and competitor. She has participated in as well as instructed for 4-H, Pony Club, and Hunters. She has a strong eventing and dressage background, competing through Preliminary Level eventing and Prix St. George in Dressage.