

LongShot Farm's Teenybopper Show Team Riders 2026

We are very pleased to offer this partnership between Mytalisha's Dream Teenyboppers and the LongShot Farm Show Team to bring students a very unique opportunity.

With all of the amazing things happening at Mytalisha's Dream all summer, the Teenybopper program does not allow for shows due to amount of kids served and the goal of making the horse program accessible to as many young people as possible. We realize there are some kids who TRULY want to learn more and be more competitive and progress farther ... so we want to give you that opportunity.

LongShot Farm is a full service riding academy and training center with a Show Team that travels to local and national level shows in many disciplines. The LongShot Farm school horses are themselves champions in many areas and have much to teach riders of all ages. Kari and Jennifer bring many years' experience to the table and are excited to help new riders grow their horsemanship to enter into the world of equestrian competition.

The Teenybopper Show Riders are selected from current Mytalisha's Dream Teenyboppers. Selected riders will have the opportunity to compete at the Bit and Spur regular (WSCA) shows and/or western/traditional dressage on a LongShot Farm school horse. Which shows/discipline will be determined once the kids and horses are selected. LongShot Farm will supply weekly group lessons for the Teenybopper riders with their LongShot Farm show horses as well as coaching at the shows, which are normally benefits for which riders pay their trainers.

Teenybopper Riders will be invited to compete at a minimum of one show and a maximum of three shows in a season.

Teenybopper Riders will have to **work** for this opportunity. We want these kids to know the sky is the limit, but it's not up to their parents or coach or anyone else... The work they put in, is what they will get out of this.

Requirements To Apply:

Applicants must be a part of the Teenybopper Program in good standing, with a good letter of recommendation from Sharlyn.

Students must have completed two years of lessons at any local and approved barn. Students must also have had a minimum of two lessons at LongShot Farm prior to applying.

Students must submit a written application (below) to LongShot Farm by March 1st. Either drop it in the box at the barn, or email it to info@longshotfarm.net

Provide a letter of recommendation from **both** a parent and a peer, also by the March 1st.

Submit a one minute video telling us why you would be a good choice for this program.

Videos MUST be unlisted YouTube links emailed to info@longshotfarm.net. Videos must be received by March 1st.

Students are required to pay for two lessons per month at LongShot Farm, from April through August.

How The Program Works:

New this year, we are offering Subscription based lessons for the selected Teenybopper riders. We want these students to feel absolutely prepared to show. We do not want finances to be a limiting factor. We will bill for the required two paid lessons per month at the beginning of each month April through August, however for these select riders this is actually a monthly subscription/membership allowing each student to sign up **for up to 3 lessons per week!** Instructors can help riders choose which lesson spots will be most appropriate to achieve goals. **Students are required to come at least once per week for lessons at LongShot Farm to stay on the team.**

Students are required to attend Show Team Practice the day before each competition, usually Fridays prior to a Saturday show. These days are often long, as students will need to ride, clean tack, pack, groom, and sometimes help transport horses and settle them in at the show grounds. When applicable, we may practice at the show grounds the afternoon before the show. We expect students to be focused on their event, equipment, team, and the needs of their horse.

Just as important as growing horsemanship skills is LongShot Farm's emphasis on building a strong Team. The Teenybopper Riders compete right alongside the rest of the LongShot Farm Show Team who pay for coaching, training, hauling, and leases with us to be able to compete at these events with our guidance. What we ask of the Teenyboppers is eight hours of community service per month. This can be extra hours at the horse show, helping our Show Team at a different horse show, special projects at the barn, helping others with lessons at LongShot Farm, or participating in LongShot Farm's After School Program. We want you to look around and see something that needs to be done and reach out and make a difference. If you're not sure where to start, we can help find a good fit for you. We are volunteering our time, and we expect these riders to do the same.

We expect riders to cheer on their LongShot Farm Teammates, even those they've just met. Our Show Team is always there to support the Teenyboppers, we expect Teenyboppers to support others.

Riders will be responsible for the cost of their classes and stall at each show. We will provide appropriate tack and even show clothes if needed. Show clothes are to be returned to us within a week of the close of the competition cleaned and ready for the next rider. Students will be billed for damaged or destroyed tack or equipment. We make a living with our tools and we expect our horses and equipment to be treated with respect. This show opportunity package is a \$5,000+ value per student. We expect riders to treat the experience accordingly.

Students will be invited to special grooming and tack care days outside of regular lessons. These sessions are highly educational and usually very low cost. It just requires time. Attendance is very much encouraged.

I'm Interested, What Happens Next?

Applications (attached below) for the Teenybopper Riders open February 1st, 2026 and must be received no later than March 1, 2026. Up to three teens will be accepted!

Applications and videos will be reviewed and the finalists will be notified no later than March 15th. Once the finalists are chosen, we will hold riding tryouts during lessons the last two weeks of March. The 2026 Teenybopper Show Team Riders will be announced April 1st.

Notes From The Instructors...

We want this to be the experience of a lifetime!! And we want kids in this program that will acknowledge that and treat it as such.

True horse lover kids who are willing to put in the work to reach their goals.

If you think you are one of these kids... Please apply.

But know... If you are missing one of the qualifications, we hope that you spend this year working towards being a part of it next year!!

We will do our part to help kids achieve their goals, but they need to be committed and want to work for them as well.

We are excited to see how far each rider will take this!

- Shar, Kari, and Jennifer

2026 Teenybopper Show Rider Application

Name:

DOB:

Address:

Parent/Guardian:

Phone number:

Email:

How long have you been a member of the Teenybopper program?

Tell us about your riding experience.... Where have you taken lessons? For how long? What is one thing you've learned well?

Have you ridden with LongShot Farm at least twice prior to this? Please give approximate dates

Will you be able to fulfill the volunteer requirements for this program?

Will you be able to attend weekly lessons?

Are you able to commit to the two paid lessons per month (April, May, June, July, and August) at LongShot Farm? (\$100 per month subscription for up to 3 lessons/week!)

Do you have prior horse show experience? If so please describe

When you think of your own horsemanship, what is the one thing you are most proud of?

What do you think is your biggest challenge in your horsemanship?

What is one goal you have, or one thing you REALLY want to learn about with your show horse?

If you've ever watched a horse show, what's your favorite event? What's a way of riding you'd like to learn more about?

Parent/Guardian signature giving permission for this applicant to participate in the 2026 Teenybopper Show Team:

_____ date _____

Feel free to use as many pages as needed to give us your answers. We look forward to hearing from you!