

Submission Guidelines

Here's what you need to know to share your story & photo, art or poem.

We are not able to return mail or photos—even if you send a self-addressed envelope so please make a copy before you send! Most stores with a photo department can help you scan a photo and create a good quality reprint for very minimal cost. To email photos, attach them as high-resolution JPG files (at least 1800 X 1200 pixels or 1 MB file size). Please provide caption information for your photo. Consider what other readers would like to know about your photo, such as names, place and why this photo is special to you.

Emailed stories should be sent either in the body of an email or in an attached .doc file. Please make your story around 150 – 200 words in length.

All material is considered on speculation, which means there is no need to send a query first, simply submit your story and we will review it. Our staff cannot acknowledge receipt of submissions, but we'll let you know if they're published.

By submitting material for publication, you grant Pony Tales Parties, Pony Tales Riding School and Pony Tales the use of the material, including your name, hometown and district. We may modify, reproduce and distribute. We may use it on our blog, on our Facebook page, maybe even in an upcoming book. We may contact you via phone, email or mail regarding your submission. We will contact you for written permission should we publish a book.

Frequently asked questions about Submission Guidelines:

Q: What's the best way to share my story/photo with you?

A: The best way to send us your stories, photos is to email us at ponytalesamemoryaday@gmail.com. Be sure to include your full contact information. Also, photo files need to be jpg files that are 1MB or larger in size.

We obtain rights for Pony Tales use of photographs, and do not have the authority to grant permission for others to use them. If the image in question is a professional photo, you might locate the name of photographer in the watermark, and try a Google search to find their website or agency.

We will place a watermark name of the photo owner on each photo before publishing – please make sure you have permission from the owner to use it. Backgrounds of images may be cropped to present a more pleasing image and text edited.

If I send you a story or photo does that mean I no longer own it?

A: By sending us a story, photo, etc., you simply give us permission to use it. We may use it in on our blog, on our Facebook page, maybe even in an upcoming book. We may contact you via phone, email or mail for permission regarding your submission and we will contact you for written permission should we wish to publish it in a book.

Q: I submitted a story or photos a while back, but I haven't heard anything. Why?

A: We get many pieces of mail each week, and although we wish we could respond personally, it's just not possible because we have a very small staff. We do read each piece of mail and everything—published or not.

We plan our postings far in advance, so we often keep material on file for several months. If your submission is seasonal, we may keep it to consider for the appropriate time to post. We do evaluate every submission very carefully. We will contact you if it is published.

Thank you and we look forward to sharing your memory.