



BERKELEY HUNT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB



Summer Mini & Very Mini Camp July 2024

At Frampton Court, Frampton-on-Severn by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Clifford

Thank you for booking this year's Summer Camp. It truly is one of those life experiences that all children and parents will never forget. Please read this letter carefully. There is a lot to organise and if you are unsure of anything please do WhatsApp Massey – 07884008301.

Timings for Camp

Wednesday	10.30am - 4.00pm	Frampton Camp
Thursday	10.30am - 4.00pm	Frampton Camp
Friday	11.00am – 3.00pm	Dismounted Day: Garden Party with games
Saturday	10.30am - 4.00pm	Frampton Camp
Sunday	8am – 9am	Hunt Ride (optional) followed by bacon rolls
	10.30am - 4.00pm	Frampton Camp

Please ensure you arrive 30 minutes before the start to get hats and body protectors checked at the main marquee.

VERY MINIS will do either 10.30-12.30 or 13.45 to 15.45 daily and are more than welcome to join for a picnic lunch with everyone.

Please arrive in good time to be mounted for 10.30am start each day. Park in your rides (marked in the lorry park) this will enable your coach to easily run dismounted training and for you all to socialise at lunchtime.

Each ride is allocated an experienced Pony Club Parent Liaison who will set up a WhatsApp group for sharing communication and will answer questions. **We will also create a WhatsApp Group for the duration of camp to pass on important info.** Please let us know now if you do not consent to joining one of these groups.

We encourage the whole family to join us for camp but we have a few rules we ask you to adhere to:

- Do take chairs and sit and watch the rides from a distance but do not interfere with the lessons by instructing from the side lines. Your coach is in charge of the ride and will have planned the lessons to enable the best progression for every rider.
- Please be responsible for the behaviour, conduct and safety of ALL the children you bring to Camp. No children are to wander unsupervised around the park and must be kept away from the lakes, The Court and outbuildings.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. Please always clear up after your dog.
- All gates including exit gate must be kept closed at all times. If you see one open please help us by shutting it.
- No trotting or cantering in the Lorry Park.
- If ponies are attending camp for the first time and are rather lively/young/unpredictable it is advisable to wear BACK PROTECTORS at all times even for flatwork.
- Please take your rubbish home, do not tie ponies to fencing, trees or tree guards and clear all horse droppings from your parking area.
- If you cannot be at camp to supervise your child you must nominate an adult to be responsible, complete a medical form and let either Massey or Holly know. This is essential.
- At the end of the day please turn left onto A38 and go round the roundabout if you are heading south.
- No movement of traffic in the Lorry Park between 10.30 - 4.00pm (except Very Mini Camp leaving/arrive through the end of the lorry park directly next to exit gate). Cars arriving during this time need to park immediately inside the gates to the left where sign indicates.

The Hunt Ride

The Hunt Ride with hounds will meet at 8am on Sunday 28th July with huge thanks to the Berkeley family. Riders will be split into smaller groups depending on ability, including lead rein. The Hunt Ride will take approximately one hour around Frampton Estate. Parents are welcome to ride too. **We will be serving bacon rolls from the Main Marquee at 9.15am after the ride, free for members/ £2.00 for others.** Some members will choose not to do this - please discuss with your Coaches or Massey.

Dismounted Day

11.00am – 15.00pm. Fun and games at Field Cottage, Upper Wick, GL11 6DG by kind permission of Mr and Mrs. Philip Hopkins.

Please bring a picnic.

The Tea Tent

A hugely popular feature of Camp is the Tea Tent. Through cake donations we were able to raise over £500 across the 4 days. It also became a friendly hub for meeting, chatting and sitting with friends. So it is back by popular demand manned by volunteers selling tea, coffee, squash, sweets, slices of home-made cakes & PC merchandise. Cash or card payments accepted.

Please help us and the environment by bringing your own refillable cups.

Secondhand Stand

This is hugely popular and a great way to buy and sell for riders, horses and ponies. We will be running this stand every day of camp, 10% off every sale goes to PC funds.

Please drop off items clearly labelled with price and your name and provide a written price list too please.

Hot Food & Ice Cream

There will be a 'burger van' on Wednesday and Thursday serving bacon baps and sausage rolls for breakfast and all day. Gourmet burgers, pork baps and cold drinks.

Saturday - please ensure you cater for yourselves.

Sunday – Mama's Wood Fired Pizza.

Ice Cream Van – Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 😊

Horses/ ponies

Please make sure that your pony is CLEAN and well turned out every day.

Kit List:

- A saddle and complete bridle
- Numnah and Girth
- A head collar with rope attached
- A complete set of grooming kit
- Tack cleaning materials
- Boots, if used
- Fly repellent
- Bandages (various) if you have them
- Hay
- Water
- Bucket & sponge

Whilst it is always encouraged for children to clean and care for their own tack, it has been noted at previous camps that some items had been put together incorrectly or that stitching was in need of repair.

For safety's sake please check the tack before coming to camp, if you are unsure please do ask.

Members

- New clothing is not expected but what is worn must be clean, neat and tidy.
- Hats must be worn and securely fastened at all times when mounted. Please ensure they comply with latest guidelines. <https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/hat-rule-2024.pdf>
- Back protectors are essential for cross country over solid wooden fences - BETA 2018 only <https://resources.pcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/body-protector-rule-2024.pdf>
- Hair Nets are essential for all ages with long hair
- No jewellery

What to wear:

- Black, brown or dark blue hat cover
- Beige jodhpurs
- Optional white shirt and official Pony Club tie/stock **first day only** (please don't worry if you don't have one currently, just come in BHPC Polo shirt)
- BHPC Polo Shirts or Base Layer

- BHPC sweatshirt
- Plain black or brown half chaps may be worn to match jodhpur boots, or long boots

Please wear your Pony Club Badge and felt for the test that you have achieved (on left lapel of your jacket or left-hand side of your sweatshirt) on the first day.

If anything is unclear, please do ask. We will be on hand daily in the Main Marquee & out walking round and saying hello to you all.

Every effort has been made to place your children in suitable rides based on previous assessments and friends. We will be publishing the rides, maps and timetable on our website.

Fingers crossed for sunshine 🤞

Massey & Holly