

Cumberland Foxhounds Pony Club

Mini Camp Rules

Parent Information Document

Please read carefully before camp and keep this document handy.

We are delighted to be returning to Greengill Farm for Mini Camp. The farm gives us grass areas for flatwork and show jumping, a small cross-country field suitable for all levels, hacking routes, and a field for camping.

Our welcome back is based on the excellent cleanliness, respect and behaviour shown by our members on previous visits, so it is very important that we keep those standards high.

With increased numbers again this year, you will be advised where to park your trailers/horseboxes and where to pitch your tent/caravan.

We have added the Pony Club Code of Conduct to the camp info page. Please have a quick read through this, as we are expected to follow it at all times.

1. Very Important Safety & Safeguarding Rules

These rules must be followed at all times.

- Due to safeguarding, and because we are taking over a working farm, we must not have other family members or friends visiting us.
- We do not have space to welcome extended family or friends to come and watch. Only the accompanying parent/carer and those on helper duties should be on site.
- The farm and farmhouse are strictly out of bounds, apart from our allocated areas.
- This is a working farm and therefore has many potential dangers, including large machinery and animals.
- All children and adults must follow the instructions of the instructors and behave in an appropriate manner for the activity they are doing.
- Please remember the Pony Club Code of Conduct.
- The person in charge of any activity's decision is final.
- Children must not leave the camp area unless accompanied by their parent/carer and the organiser has been told.
- No smoking or vaping is permitted in the pony, riding or activity areas.

2. First Aid, Medical Information & Accidents

- Any medical conditions, allergies, dietary requirements or medication must be declared to the organiser before camp.
- All falls, injuries or accidents must be reported to the organiser, even if they seem minor.
- A first aider will be available during camp activities.

3. Parent / Carer Responsibility

- A parent/carer must remain on site with their child for the duration of camp.
- We request one accompanying adult per child.
- Parents/carers are fully responsible for their own child at all times, including between activities, during mealtimes, overnight and around the pony paddock.
- Children must not be left unsupervised at any point.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult when in the pony paddock area at all times.
- Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child follows the camp rules and listens to instructors, organisers and volunteers.
- Parents/carers must also wear suitable footwear when around ponies, the pony paddock or riding areas. Open-toed shoes, sliders and sandals are not suitable.

4. Dogs

- Dogs are not permitted at camp under any circumstances.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the farm, camping area, riding areas, pony paddock or parking area, including leaving them in vehicles.

5. Arrival, Parking & Timings

- Arrival is from **9.00am** - no earlier.
- Tents can be set up throughout the day.
- Please arrive down the lane, then take a sharp right after the bungalow into the field. This will be signposted.
- You will be advised where to park your trailers/horseboxes and where to pitch your tent/caravan.
- Children must be tacked up and ready to ride by **10.00am**, or ready for stable management if they are in another group.
- Please arrive dressed and ready for this.
- As we have more members attending this year, we need to try our best to stick to the timetable so each group gets their fair share. We have no room to run over with most activities.

6. Riding & Pony Safety Rules

The correct safety kit must be worn at all times when riding.

- Tagged riding hat.
- No fixed peaks for cross-country.
- Body protector for cross-country as a minimum.
- Hi-vis must be worn by riders and anyone on foot when hacking.
- Correctly fitting, suitable tack.
- No earrings.
- Hats must be worn at all times by children in the stable area, or when leading/handling ponies. This includes leading to and from turnout pens and when in turnout pens.
- Yard boots or riding boots only when with the ponies. Sliders are not permitted.
- Ponies must have passports with them.
- Ponies must have up-to-date flu vaccinations.

7. Riding Clothing & Turnout

Children should wear:

- Pony Club sweatshirt and tie with Pony Club polo shirt or a white/pale coloured plain shirt.
- Plain dark, white or beige jodhpurs.
- Hair tied back in a hairnet.
- Correct riding footwear.
- Please arrive dressed and ready for the first activity.

8. Pony Care & Paddock Rules

- Ponies will be kept in individual grass turnout pens.
- Every pony must have a named adult on site overnight who is responsible for that pony in the event of an emergency. This adult must be available overnight should any urgent pony welfare issue arise.
- Ponies must not be bothered unless in an emergency after **8.30pm** or before **7.30am**.
- Please respect this for the sake of all ponies at camp.
- Ponies can be fed and hayed from **7.30am**, then left until after breakfast.
- After breakfast, children and parents/carers can go back to muck out and get ready for the first activity of the day.
- Night feed is at **5.00pm**.

9. Biosecurity & Pony Health

- No sharing of water buckets, feed buckets, haynets, grooming kits or tack between ponies.
- Please do not allow ponies to touch noses with other ponies.
- Any pony showing signs of illness, including coughing, nasal discharge, high temperature or unusual behaviour, must not attend camp.
- If a pony becomes unwell during camp, please report it immediately to the organiser.

10. Camp Areas, Facilities & Belongings

We have the following allocated areas:

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- Riding fields.
- Parking and camping field.
- Toilet facilities.
- Stable management room.
- Activity barn, which can be used for eating in if the weather is not great.

Toilets:

- One toilet is next to the farmhouse. This will be signed.
- One toilet will be between the camping/riding field.

Please also remember:

- Please label all clothing, kit, buckets, haynets, bags and personal belongings clearly with the member's name.
- Please keep the camping, pony, riding, toilet and activity areas clean and tidy.
- All rubbish must be put in the bins provided or taken home.

11. Phones & Electronic Devices

- Children are requested not to bring mobile phones or any other electronic device.
- If they really must have them, they are not permitted during the day's activities.

12. Evening, Behaviour, Respect & Thank You

- Please keep noise to a minimum after **10.00pm** and be respectful of other families, ponies and the farm.
- Please can everyone be mindful that the majority of people helping, running events and activities, providing meals and supporting camp are doing so either voluntarily or at a reduced rate.
- A thank you goes a long way.
- We want camp to be safe, fun and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for helping us keep Mini Camp safe, organised and fun for everyone.