

**ESSEX
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PONY CLUB**



Summer Camp 2024

EFPC Members Only

Sunday 28st July to Saturday 3th August 2024

**@Equine Centre, Writtle University College, Cow Watering Lane, Writtle,
CM1 3SD.**

Booking opening date: 3rd February @1200

Closing date: 16th July 2024

To prospective campers

This is an invite letter to all EFPC members who are eligible to attend EFPC senior camp, Senior camp runs from the Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning, There are 6 nights of camping, 5 days of instruction from our amazing camp instructors, 1x Competition day, presentation on the Saturday to parents and carers but most importantly evenings of fun and games with your fellow EFPC members followed by the Final night party.

The theme of Senior Camp 2024 is Wild West, we already have many fun games and activities planned for this theme.

Eligible members

Members who are eligible to attend Senior camp must have a current EFPC membership, they must be aged from School Year 6 (at the time of booking) up to the age of 21 years old.

Members must attend 2x mounted rallies before the start of camp

Members aged 12 and under must return home on the wednesday night, although they will not want to we have found over the years that a soak in the bath and a good night sleep in their own bed recharges the batteries to fully enjoy the rest of the week, collection on Wednesday is after dinner at 1830, returning Thursday morning for 0800.

Eligible Horses and Ponies

Horses and Ponies attending camp must be over the age of 4 years old. They must also be fit enough to Manage the 4 hours of riding a day. The riding will include daily flatwork, show jumping and cross country sessions in a field, so please ensure your pre-camp training includes a fitness plan that allows the horses to sustain this. A plan will be provided to help you achieve the required fitness levels and there will also be rallies put on using local gallops as well as an endurance rally.

Payment options

Spaces are limited so please book on ASAP to avoid disappointment

We have had to increase the cost of camp slightly this year to £450; we have tried to keep this increase to a minimum amount, Camp clothing is optional and consists of a personalised t-shirt, hoodie and jogging bottoms. We will confirm the cost of this clothing shortly.

We are opening SC24 booking early to give you the option if required to spread the payments monthly

- Option 1: Monthly payments over 6 months @£75 per month from February to July, with the July payment being received by 20th July. The first payment is considered to be a non-refundable deposit.
- Option 2: 3 scheduled payments - 1st payment £75 non-refundable deposit paid at the time of booking, 2nd payment £200 due 1st April, final payment of £175 due 1st July.
- Option 3: Payment in full £450
- Camp clothing is an optional additional cost that will be confirmed shortly.

Your place is not secure until your deposit has been received.

This cost covers the entire camp fee including stable, hay and straw. If you require woodchip please provide your own.

Pre Camp meeting

We will be holding a pre camp meeting on Thursday 4th July 2024 @1800 Butterfields Farm, Latchingdon. This meeting is to answer any questions the campers or parents/carers may have, explain the procedure of the upcoming week, make things a little clearer, complete medical forms etc. It is important to attend this meeting if possible.

Camp Setup

Camp setup is on Saturday 27th, 1400-1600, this time is to set up your stables ready for horse arrivals on the Sunday. As there is limited parking at the site this allows a swift start to camp and no queues in. Stable equipment can also be left at this time, tents to be erected, caravan to be pitched, EFPC equipment to be moved from Cedar park to Writtle.

Camp start

The first day of camp is Sunday the 28th July, we have staggered arrival times between 1330 and 1630. Before unloading, members must produce the horse passport where vaccinations are checked. Horses CANNOT be unloaded without proof of vaccination. Horse must then be unloaded and taken to the designated inspection area where our DC Pippa will watch the member trot up the horse to ensure the horse is sound. From the time the horse is unloaded to when they are put in the stable the member must wear a riding hat.

Once the horse is in the stable please take tack and safety equipment to our DC Emma for inspection. Once inspection is complete, please take all tack to the tack barn where saddle stands have been supplied.

If leaving a horsebox/trailer on site please ask Pippa for direction. Horseboxes and trailers are left at your own risk. All parents/carers to leave ASAP

Camp finish

Camp finishes on Saturday 3rd August, Parents and carers are invited to the presentation at 10am to celebrate all the accomplishments from the week.

After the presentation EVERYONE must help clear and tidy the whole camp site, no one is to leave until this is done. In previous years, families have left without helping to clear up and this has been unfair on those who have stayed to help. This will enable us to be completed by 1330.

Stables need to be inspected by our stable managers and the whole site needs to be signed off by one of the DCs before you can leave.

Vaccination

We have to follow the venue's vaccination policy which at the time of publication is 12 months, but please be aware if this changes at any point before the start of camp. We must follow their protocol, we will give as much notice as possible if there are any changes.

An initial primary course of two vaccinations must be given: the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.

Camp clothing

- Riding
 - Daily Tack and turnout, Jodhpurs (Monday beige Jodhs, Tuesday to Thursday dark Jodhs can be worn), shirt, tie, badge, hairnet.
 - Dressage and SJ short sleeves shirts or polo's can be worn, Jodhpurs, hairnet (no hoodies)
 - XC, long sleeve must be work, this can be XC colours if wanted (no Hoodies) Hairnet

- A tweed jacket may be needed if the child gets through to the tack and turnout final.

Camp Equipment

There is a camp equipment tick list on the EFPC website.

Parents/carers during camp

The Camp Whatsapp chat will be created so the committee can communicate with all the parents and vice versa, information will be sent out here during the build up to camp and whilst camp is happening..

We will set up a private Facebook page that Parents, relatives friends etc can all ask to join, we encourage campers to also join and they can post pictures and videos here also, on this facebook page we go live with videos so you can keep an eye on our evening entertainment, at last camp we also went Live for the arena XC on competition day, members of the page are asked to vote on certain activities, although the parent can't be at camp we try to keep you involved.

The only reason parents/carers should be attending camp once it has started is for the allocated duty or to collect their 12 years or under on Wednesday.

Parent helpers will be needed - we will contact parents to agree on a rota and expect each family to be able to help for at least half a day or more depending on numbers.

Whilst at camp for these shifts parents/carers are only allowed in the day room or marquee area, you are not permitted to go to the accommodation or the stable areas, sorry to be strict on this but for safeguarding reasons we have to adhere to this.

Parents/carers can contact our camp committee members with any concerns, all details of the individuals will be provided at the beginning of camp.

Camp food

Food and drinks are provided throughout the weeks

Breakfast 0830-0930

Food offered Cereal, fruit, sausage and bacon

Lunch 1230-1330

Food offered: a selection of sandwiches, salad, fruit, crisps and cakes

Dinner 1730-1830

Food Offered, Menu will be provided at the pore camp meeting, all dinner is supplied by off site cater.

We will ask for any dietary requirements during the pre camp meeting.

Summary

We have tried to put as much information in here as possible but we may have missed something out, if you have any questions please feel free to contact one of us, Writtle is a great venue to hold camp with the 3x surface arenas, actual stables, they even allow us to offer showers to the campers which is much needed towards the end of camp. We have a great theme this year that was actually suggested by senior members attending last camp. From ourselves and all the camp committee we look forward to seeing you all in the build up and at camp.

Many thanks
Pippa and Emma