



Peak Branch of the Pony Club

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Summer Camp Information

Dear Parent,

Your child has been selected to attend this year's training camp. Camp starts on Thursday 19th June 2025. They will require permission from their school to attend. Please provide the following information to the school if required. Camp activities afford members the opportunity to develop their existing horsemanship skills, both practical and theoretical and take part in team sports and activities. Members are encouraged to become a responsible and pro-active part of their team. Older members become team leaders and mentors to the younger ones. Members also work towards achieving internationally recognised qualifications, all of which can be included in personal statements when they begin to look towards higher education and careers.

The Pony Club was founded in England in 1929 and there are almost 825 branches and centres in the United Kingdom. The Pony Club is an internationally recognised youth organisation with independent charitable status and has a worldwide membership exceeding 110,000 and is represented in 27 countries. The Pony Club has been the starting point for a large number of well known equestrians. Zara Phillips (Eventing), Ben Maher (Show Jumping) and Carl Hester (Dressage), all winners of medals at the 2012 London Olympics, started their riding careers in their local Pony Club. The Pony Club is the largest association of young riders in the world.

The objectives of The Pony Club are:

- to encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding
- to give instruction in riding and horsemastership and to educate members to look after and to take proper care of their animal
- to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty to create strength of character and self-discipline

Summer Camp is the highlight of the Pony Club year for our selected members and takes place at Somerford Park Farm, Congleton beginning on Thursday afternoon through to the following Sunday afternoon. Members are placed into pre-arranged groups based upon the abilities of both horse and rider and, although under adult supervision at all times, are responsible for their own equipment and the care and welfare of their own horse.

To read feedback from previous camps from both parents and members, please visit our 'Camp' website page <http://branches.pcuk.org/peak/schedules/summer-camp/>. Should you require any further information, I can be contacted on 07722 009422 or at the above email address

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