



Poole & District Branch

Summer Camps 2024

Welcome to our Summer Camp 2024 information pack. Hopefully this will provide most of the information you'll need on the highlight of our Pony Club year, the Summer Camps.

We are increasingly aware that by adapting for Covid and allowing parents to stay for the duration of Mini/Junior camp, some of our older Junior members may have missed out on building their independence with their horse/pony in anticipation of stepping up to Senior Camp. This may now seem more of a leap than a step up and with this in mind, and taking feedback from members and Coaches, we are making a few more changes for 2024.

Our format for 2024 will be as follows (age is at the date of camp):

- Mini/Junior camp for those aged 10 and below
- Junior "step up" camp for those aged 11 and above to be run in conjunction with Senior Camp
- Senior camp for those aged 12 and over

Booking will open on-line during December with a non-refundable deposit payable in order to secure your place. If you'd like to discuss payment by instalments, please contact Sarah Chandler: sj.chandler@hotmail.co.uk

Mini/Junior Camp

Mini/Junior camp will be at Heathlands Livery Yard in Three Legged Cross, by kind permission of Helen & Wayne Diaper. This will be from Thursday 1st August to Sunday 4th August and is non-residential for both ponies and members. One day will be at an alternative location, i.e.: Stour XC, and will be confirmed closer to the time.

This will run as day camps, with ponies and members coming in daily. Parents are welcome to stay but for those that can't we aim to provide Senior members as helpers.

The cost is to be confirmed but will be in the region of £225 and includes up to 4 lessons per day, mounted and dismounted, with a low-key competition on the last day.

There will be a non-refundable deposit of £75 required to secure your place on Mini/Junior camp and this must be paid by Friday 17th May. Please note that places are offered on a 'first come first served' basis and when the places are filled a waiting list will be held. The final balance must be paid by Sunday 30th June.

Please contact Helen Diaper or Nic Way with any questions.

Junior “step up” Camp & Senior Camp

Following the success of previous years, this will again be held at Moreton Equestrian Centre and will be from Tuesday 6th August to Friday 9th August.

We have two options, for our “step up” members (Junior members and/or Seniors in their first year of senior camp), this will be non-residential day camps for the members but residential for the horses/ponies. Members will be expected to arrive in time to muck out and care for their pony before our riding day starts, once the day is through, members will feed & skip out their horse/pony and head home. Our older seniors and adult helpers will ensure late night checks are completed and your pony is tucked up in bed and has plenty of hay and water for the night. For all other Senior members, this will be fully residential for both horses and members. If you need to discuss who this could best work for your son/daughter, please contact Sarah Chandler at sj.chandler@hotmail.co.uk or via the Poole email address for an in confidence conversation.

The cost this year is estimated at £450 and includes stabling, up to 4 lessons per day (mounted & dismounted), breakfast, lunch and dinner (most dietary requirements can be accommodated) and evening activities, with a competition to be held on the last day. Bedding, hay and feed for horses and ponies are not included in the cost. For those worried about younger or more inexperienced ponies or members, they will get a plenty of downtime during the day where we focus on having some dismounted fun.

Members stay in tents, trailers, lorries, caravans, etc, which parents will need to provide and we encourage sharing of accommodation with 1 or 2 friends to further build on the fun and friendship elements of Pony Club. Don't wake your DC with late night noise though!!!

There will be a non-refundable deposit of £125 required to secure your place and this must be paid by Friday 17th May. Please note that places are offered on a 'first come first served' basis and when the places are filled a waiting list will be held. The final balance must be paid by Sunday 30th June.

Please contact Sarah Chandler or Helen Diaper with any questions.

More details will be sent out closer to the time with information on final payments, pre-camp meeting, medical forms, etc, etc. Your horse/pony will need to be up to date with annual vaccinations and we will need to see these as part of the pre-camp activities.

Camp clothing, normally hoodies or polo shirts, will be available to order in advance and will be available to all.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah, Helen or Nic or email Poole@pcuk.org and Lynne will forward your email to the most appropriate person.

With best wishes

The Committee

Poole & District Pony Club

