



Vale of Aylesbury Hunt Junior Pony Club Camp 2025

**Monday 4th August-Thursday 7th
August 2025**



**To be held at Club Field, Stockwell Lane,
Meadle, HP17 9UD**

By kind permission of Julian and Sue Price

Hello Campers

We are really excited to hold our junior camp at Club field this year and to be able to enjoy all our fantastic facilities! We are looking forward to seeing you all there! We thought we would put together a helpful pack that should help get you prepared for the most exciting week of the year! So sit down, have a read through and let us know if you have any additional questions.

Best wishes

Clare and Merc

VAHPC Camp Co-Ordinators



Do you qualify for Camp?

All members attending camp must be current VAHPC members and have attended at least three working rallies on the pony they intend to take to camp since July 2024 (camp last year also counts towards this). Ridden proficiency test training also can be counted as a rally. (Exceptions to this rule may be made by the DC /CI in extenuating circumstances, i.e. a pony going lame)

All attendees must provide a parent helper to help during camp week for at least half a day.

Getting ready for Camp

Please start to prepare for camp now. You will be riding the equivalent of up to three riding lessons a day so your pony needs to be fit and so do you!

Check out the packing list on the VAH website and go through it with your parents, make sure you have everything you need for camp.

Safety at Camp

Keeping you and your ponies safe is of paramount importance. Please be aware of your safety and that of other people at all times and in particular adhere to the following:

- The gate must be kept shut at all times.
- Riding Hats and suitable footwear must be worn at all times when you are around the ponies.

Arrival at Camp

Junior campers can arrive from 9am on the Monday.

Parent Responsibilities

We will be asking one parent in each ride to be the Ride Rep. The Ride Rep will be responsible for co-ordinating musical ride costumes, and liaising with the camp committee etc. There will be a quick meeting for all Ride Reps on the Wednesday of camp to discuss the end of camp arrangements.

There will be a rota for parents to help during the camp week. Please make sure you have let the committee know when you are available to help.

Rider Responsibilities

Camp is great fun for you and your pony but it is also quite tiring sometimes. Making sure your pony is fit before camp is very important. Looking after your pony is your responsibility at camp but of course there is always help on hand if you need it. Looking after yourself at camp is also very important, make sure you eat properly, have enough to drink during the day and get a good night's sleep!

Remember, you must wear your riding hat (tagged) at all times when you are around the ponies.

We will endeavour to place you in a ride with riders and ponies of similar abilities and sometimes this means you will not be with your friends but don't worry, there is plenty of time to be with them in your free time. Hopefully every day will be your best day at camp and it will always be fun, however please be mindful that on occasion one of your friends or a team mate might be having a bad day. The best fun is had when you all pull together and help each other.

The camp committee and in particular the camp mums and dads are there to help you and to keep you safe. We want you to have fun with your pony and with each other however please respect us when we say 'no' or 'enough' – we don't say it very often but it is always for a good reason!

Dress Code

Smart dress code. Boots should be polished. Half chaps and gaiters can be worn but must be in plain black or brown (Jodhpur clips should be worn with Jodhpur boots). Ponies should be sparkly clean with hooves oiled and so should your tack.

Riders should wear their long or short sleeved VAH tops and plain beige, blue or black jodhpurs only please. XC Colours may be worn for XC, and show dress for the one day event.

Hats must be tagged and for long hair, hairnets must be worn under hats please. NO EARRINGS.

For Cross Country a Jockey Skull Cap with no fixed peak is compulsory, as well as a Body Protector.

All hats, hat covers and accessories should be in plain black or dark blue. Numnahs should be cream, white, black, brown or navy blue for all disciplines.

A snaffle bit is required for dressage.

Camp T-Shirts

These are now available online to order via the stork website

VAH Pony Club | Stork Workwear Ltd <https://share.google/MUNyzflijpkRTQbfxM>

During Camp

Your day will consist of three sessions a day. Lessons will include handy pony, mounted games, dressage, show jumping, grid work, musical ride practice, stable management and cross-country.

Please bring a packed lunch each day.

Water, squash, and biscuits are readily available throughout the day.

Useful Information

Camp Co-Ordinators & Camp Committee onsite

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VALE OF AYLESBURY HUNT PONY CLUB RULES, PROVISIONS and CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT FOR ENTRY TO SENIOR & JUNIOR CAMP 2025

1. A condition of attendance at camp is that parents/guardians and children all agree to adhere to the Rules, Provisions, and Code of Conduct for entry to senior and junior camp 2025
2. No responsibility can be accepted for the horse/pony and its tack, and personal belongings of any child at camp.
3. For the duration of pony club camp the many campers including Day, Part Residential and Residential and their horse/pony are under the care of the organisers, the instructors and the stable managers who will endeavour to ensure the wellbeing of any child but cannot be held responsible for the same. All campers must accept and abide by directions and instructions given by those responsible for the running of camp.
4. The normal insurance provisions negotiated on behalf of the Pony Club apply at camp.
5. All children and parents must accept and abide by the directions and instructions given by those responsible for the running of camp.
6. Smoking, the drinking of alcohol or the use of illegal drugs is not allowed in camp. Any camper found to be in possession of alcohol, cigarettes or illegal drugs will be sent home immediately, with their horse/pony, and not readmitted. There will be no exceptions. Campers who are consistently disruptive will also be sent home, at the discretion of the organisers.
7. If the behaviour of a child at camp is such that the Organisers feel they may not continue at camp, then upon notification of this, the parent/guardian must remove the child and horse/pony immediately. Any expenses incurred in the removal of miscreants are the responsibility of their parents/guardians and no refund will be given.
8. Any damage to another person's property caused by a camper must be paid for in full and are the responsibility of the camper or their parents/guardians.

9. Generally, there will be no refund of fees once a child has been registered for camp. However, in exceptional circumstances the Organisers may, at their absolute discretion, consider a partial refund.
10. The Organisers reserve the right to exclude and send home any person or horse/pony attending camp that is injured, unfit or is in such a condition that it cannot be expected to complete camp without injury or hardship to itself or any pony that they consider to be a danger to others attending camp.
11. All horses/ponies must be healthy and fit enough to stand a week of hard work at camp. Campers are responsible for their own horse/pony at all times and must endeavour to care for them to the highest possible standard. Always think of your horse/pony before yourself. The instructors and/or stable managers are on hand at all times to give help and advice.
12. In the event of an accident or injury to child or horse/pony the organisers will immediately attempt to contact the parent or guardian. If this is not possible the organisers are authorised to take whatever steps are felt appropriate to secure the wellbeing of the camper and horse/pony. The parent/guardian will be responsible for any fees necessarily incurred.
13. Numbers are limited and places will be awarded strictly on a first come first served basis. ALL required forms and documents must be received to constitute an application. The Organisers reserve the right to decline all late applications.
14. Campers are not expected to leave the campsite without good reason. No-one may leave the campsite, even in the company of their parents or other adult, without notifying the duty organiser in the office and signing out. Daily campers must sign in and out each day with their instructor. If you know you are going to have to be absent from camp for a time, please tell the organiser in advance. Otherwise everyone is expected to spend the full week at camp.
15. Any complaints should be made immediately to the Organisers whose decision will be final. Any complaints about the Organisers should be made directly to the District Commissioner. Before you complain do remember that camp is run entirely by volunteers who not only give up their week, but a lot of time throughout the year to do everything they can to make camp a success. Nothing will ever be perfect, but we try our best! If you think you can do a better job, please feel free to run camp next year.
16. The makeup of the rides, the daily programme, specific activities and other news will be posted on the notice board at the marquee. It is the responsibility of the campers to note these and to be in the right place at the right time. Please note that this board is for camp use only, any persons wishing to put advertisements etc up at camp should see the camp organisers who will be happy to put them on a separate board.

17. Children will not be allowed in the stables area during the lunch break or of an evening after the horses/ponies have been bedded down for the night or before they are told they can do so of a morning. It is important that the horses/ponies have quiet time to rest.
18. Children are not permitted to go to stables without a member of the camp committee.
19. **HEALTH & SAFETY DISCLAIMER:** The Vale of Aylesbury Hunt Pony Club which term includes the Vale of Aylesbury Hunt Pony Club Officers and Committee, helpers, agents and employees and the owners of the land and buildings on which the Camp is taking place and anyone involved with the running of Camp ('the Organisers') do not accept any liability for any damage or injury caused by negligence or breach of contract or statutory duty in connection with the Camp. It is an expressed condition of every person entering the land on which the Camp is taking place that they agree, and if under the age of 18 their parents or accompanying adult also agree, that they do so voluntarily and entirely at their own risk to themselves, their animals and their property including vehicles.
20. **Photographic rights:** The children and their parents/guardians hereby give permission for any photographic and/or film footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Pony Club events to be used in any published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of the Pony Club and /or any official sponsors of the Pony Club. If parents do not give their permission, then they need to inform the Camp Committee in writing.