

SOUTH TRENT BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

MINI CAMP

Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th July 2026

(Monday 27th optional extra day for 9+)

At Derby College Equestrian Centre, Morley DE7 6DN

Mini camp is for members aged 3 – 11yrs on 31/8/26. However, 11yr olds can go to mini or maxi camp. Members aged 5 and under and those with additional needs can attend mornings or afternoons only if preferred, to full days. All should attend 3 days with the fourth day (Monday) being optional for 9 to 11 year olds. However, if there are insufficient members to make a viable Monday group then it will not run.

Members will need a packed lunch but drinks, fruit and biscuits will be available at break times.

Parents or another close relative must remain on site throughout the day unless the child is 9 - 11yrs old, rides sensibly off the lead rein and another parent has agreed to act locum parentis and help the child as required. Ponies should be tied up inside trailers/horse boxes during break periods. Ponies will need a haynet (to be fed inside the trailer only) over the lunch break and a bucket for water. A grooming kit and hobby horse could be useful.

Parents are responsible for the well being of the ponies and children when not under instruction and the tidiness of the parking area. No hay, litter or droppings should be left at the end of each day.

Neither dogs, alcohol nor smoking/vaping are allowed on site.

Visitors are welcome at the open afternoon on Thursday 2 to 3.30pm.

Parents are reminded that visitors to camp will not have been DBS checked. Mini campers or their parents are not allowed in the camping or stable areas unless they are visiting siblings or are with a coach or member of camp staff. There will be a visit to the stabling area for 10/11 year olds likely to go to maxi camp the next year on Wednesday at 3.30pm.

Mini Camp ride for 3 hours each day and cover flat work, games, drill ride, pole work, farm ride, SJ and XC or other suitable activity. Most of the mounted instruction (morning & afternoon) will take place in an enclosed grass arena but some will be in the open or in a school. The groups will have a variety of coaches over the camp period. In addition there will be a dismounted care session each day and probably a demonstration on Wednesday afternoon. Safety, pony welfare and enjoyment are paramount.

Lead rein children must be accompanied by a competent and responsible leader aged 16yrs+ and just-off lead rein or those who cannot steer or control the pony very well must also have their own "leader" on hand who is prepared to assist the child if they are struggling particularly if requested to do so by the coach. Coaches will not lead or run with a pony.

Parents are asked to help fetch and carry for the coach and ride e.g. drinks at break time, moving show jumps, putting out games equipment etc.

Non-riding children must be kept under close parental supervision at all times.

The camping area, stables, farm, College and livery areas are out of bounds for mini campers and their attendants except the camping area if an older sibling is in Maxi camp.

Swimming will be arranged for Tuesday evening at Moorlands Leisure Centre, Derby. Members need to book themselves. Details will be sent out nearer the time

Final information will be sent out in July.

Cost £135

3rd sibling £80

Half days (5 & under or additional needs) £70

Fourth Day £45 (pay separately when confirmed)

Booking through Horse Events by June 30th

Application – refer to separate document.

Daily Routine

9.30 to 9.45am	Arrive & tack up
10.00	First Ride
11.00	Break followed by second ride at 11.15am
12.15pm	Return to transport, brush down, small haynet, water. Lunch
1.15	Pony Care dismounted
2.15	Tack up
2.30	Third Ride
3.30	Return to transport and go home