**MAIN CAMP 2025**

Main Camp is for members aged 10 years and over at Wetherby Racecourse, York Road LS22 5EJ. Sunday July 20th – Sat 26th July arriving between 3-4pm on Sunday 20th, then ponies will leave Friday 25th between 2pm-4 pm – and members will depart after prizegiving on Saturday 26th morning. Please let Sally know if you will collect ponies after 4pm. Those who are unable to arrive on Sunday 20th or until later in week please contact Barbara Birchall.

Members are encouraged to attend rallies prior to Camp for assessment.

We are planning to run a 'Mini Main Camp' at Wetherby racecourse for the younger members who are 10years old as day campers. The format of Mini Main Camp will be slightly different to day camp in the past with members arriving slightly later and leaving earlier. Members and ponies to arrive 10am on Mon 21st July, members will settle ponies into stables and ride at 11am. Please wear dark coloured jods and sweatshirt as you will need to put ponies’ beds down etc.

Ponies will stay and members will return home each day at 3.30pm and return Tues and Weds at 10am and 9.30am Thurs. Members and ponies will then leave at lunchtime after the dressage and show jumping on Thurs 24th July morning. Cost £250. A deposit of £100 will be required please by **April 1st** and please complete the Camp form and return to Helen V. Balance please by July 1st

Members 11 years and over will sleep in stables- Cost £310. If you wish to attend, please let Helen Vesty know by **April 1st** and complete the Camp form, with a non-refundable deposit of £100 via BACS. Balance please by July 1st. BACS details; Nat West Bank a/c no 10735836 sort 60-12-26
CAMP T-shirts will be available to order from Wainwright’s this year and the link will be forwarded as soon as the shop is set up. To ensure members receive T-shirts before camp, orders need to be placed before May half term and any placed later than that are not guaranteed to arrive as they are a custom order for us. You may of course wear your T-shirt from last year.

Ponies will be vetted at Camp before entering, vaccination*s* should be up to date and please bring pony passports. Please ensure ponies are well shod or have clean, sound feet. No ponies/horses under 4 years of age please.

Re MAIN Camp; On arrival on Sunday between 3-4pm please follow PC signs to stable yard and park. Lists of stable numbers and bedrooms will be in the yard and you will need to prepare the stable before you unload ponies and trot them up**.** Please wear dark coloured jods and sweatshirt as you will need to put ponies’ beds down etc.

Ponies will then be taken to their stable, and you will be directed where to unload items for camp and pony. Parents/helpers will be able to unload everything for members to organize later.
On Friday afternoon ponies will leave at approx. 2-4pm after mucking out boxes. Prizegiving will take place on Saturday morning at 10.30am, following which members will leave camp with the remainder of their belongings. Members need shirt, tie, jodhpurs, hat, and jacket for presentations please.

Although parents will be needed to help with catering, etc., we ask only those with a specific role to come into Camp.
N.B. Parents/grandparents able to help with catering please contact Jane Minikin asap janeminikin58@gmail.com The menus are easy, ingredients are provided, and much preparation is at home or in pairs at camp.  Help clearing up breakfast, lunch, and tea also needed, please also contact Jane.

Drinks and a snack will be available in the Vet box if members need to replenish fluid and energy levels throughout the day.

**CAMP CHECKLIST**: Please ensure every item is clearly marked with your name; this includes head collar and lead rope, saddles, and bridles (Elastoplast or tape on D ring) and all equipment and clothes.

For Main Camp;

Homemade cake in a tin – nut free (please name and take to kitchen)

Camp bed or mattress

Sleeping Bag or bedding and pillow

Folding chair

Short clothesline and hangers to go in stable /dressing room

Torch

Breakfast cereal if required.

Comfortable clothes for evening (please remember it is not a fashion parade, and no flip flops please)

Toiletries and towel. Showers are available.

Underwear and warm pyjamas

Wet wipes, wash cloth

For Main and Mini Main Camp please bring;

Jodhpurs, tie, gloves, badge, riding jacket and riding boots. You should bring long sleeved white shirts for each day and beige/white jods for each day for tack and turnout which will be judged every morning, no plaiting necessary. Coloured jods for afternoon work

Riding hat to PC standard

Body protector for jumping up to PC standard.

Waterproof coat

Wellies/muckers

Knife, fork, spoon, plate. bowl, mug with handle.

Water bucket, ideally 2 x 3gallon buckets so they can be carried. Feed bowl and haynet

Head collar and rope

Tack cleaning kit

Grooming kit

Saddle and bridle /Saddle horse

Small Wheelbarrow/brush/shovel /shaving fork if have one- all not too large and easy to handle and spring rake if have one.

Hard feed as required for 5 days only please, made up into 10 small bags –Good quality hay and straw will be supplied **and if your pony requires haylage, please bring your own supply**. Every horse needs feed; if only chop and carrots.

All ponies will use straw as bedding this year. If your pony cannot tolerate straw please bring shavings for ponies’ bed and a shavings rake and please let Sally know you will be bringing shavings. You will need to clear all shavings from the stable and at the end of the week to take home or leave in bags.

**NB Mobile phones are NOT ALLOWED into Camp please**. The PC will not be held responsible for any personal electronic equipment members bring into Camp.

On each day the PC will provide a hot breakfast (except cereal), a snack lunch and an evening meal.

Please restrict the amount of food brought in at the beginning of camp. Special dietary requirements should be noted on the booking slip. No nuts should be brought into Camp.

RE sleeping arrangements, following discussion with your PC friends, please complete the section on form regarding whom you would prefer to a share with. Each stable sleeps two approx. There are a couple of larger ones probably for the more senior members. We hope to have enough stables to have some for sleeping and some for clothes and changing.

* **Trailers may be left at owner’s risk.**
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