

Wheelton & District Branch of The Pony Club Sommerford Camp



Pony Club Camp is a holiday to share with your four-legged friend – and of course, friends you have made within the Branch.

Attending camp for the first time can be quite daunting. There are a number of forms for you to fill in as well as all the kit you and your horse need to take with you.

1. Camp 'Registration' and deposit payment available at the parents meeting in January
2. Kit list, rules and guidance available on web site
We suggest you downloading and print these, bringing them with you to the camp meeting
3. Should camp be oversubscribed you can go on a 'waiting' list
4. Consent forms and payment balance required by the camp meeting
'Pony Consent Information' and 'Members Consent/Information' these can be downloaded from our Branch web site. Returned them at the camp meeting or emailed to wheelton@pcuk.org
5. Camp meeting
all those going to camp are expected to attend
Ponies passports are verified for Flu and Tetanus
Collect your Camp Polo Shirt
We will go through the camp Health & Safety and Rules
Pay your stable deposit
6. Arrival at Sommerford
Members are **NOT** allowed at the Woodside before 6pm
If you are arriving before 6pm park and wait on the main farm ride car park
Before unloading your pony at Woodside report to camp check in
You be shown which stable your horse/pony is in
There will be a plan of where your tent goes
Hand in your horse/pony's ponies passport
Spending money (£20 max) should be in an envelope with members name on it
Extra shavings can be bought, paid for when they are taken
Cake should be left in the pavilion
Trailers/horse boxes may be left at your own risk.
7. During Camp
Visitors are not allowed except by prior arrangement in advance, any visitors must on arrival make themselves known to a camp organiser and 'sign in'.
9. Departure of Sommerford
Parents can arrive on Friday from 9:00am
On the last day there is a show and the camp presentation
You must not leave before the Yard Manager has inspected your empty stable
Collect your stable deposit and ponies passport
Woodside has to be vacated by 4pm

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Kit List Members:

- Pony Club approved and tagged riding hat and or jockey skull cap – see The Pony Club hat rule – a skull hat is required for the XC
- Waterproof coat without a hood that can be ridden in (NO hoods around the ponies)
- Jodhpurs / breeches – enough for 5 days - any plain colour for instruction days. White / beige for Competition Day
- Riding clothes bring enough for 5 days, including - PC sweatshirt(s), PC tie, PC badge, Camp Polo-shirt(s), riding boots, gloves, long sleeve cross country top
- Casual clothes for after riding activities
- Long riding boots or jodhpur boots with chaps (NO socks visible!)
- Wellingtons / yard boots for mucking out (NO flip flops or trainers in stables)
- Jacket for competition day with white shirt
- Whip – short (for all disciplines), schooling (dressage only)
- Complete change of clothes in case of wet weather: long sleeved shirt, jumper, thick trousers or jodhpurs
- Several changes of underclothes and socks
- Body protector and medical armband for the farm ride and cross country training
- Long sleeved t-shirt, sun hat or cap and sun cream, if the weather is likely to be hot
- Sponge bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, soap and shampoo, towel x2
- Pyjamas (plus a fleece, joggers and thick socks in case it is cold)
- Hairbrush, comb and hair bands and a hair net for long hair
- Flip flops for the showers – not to be worn on the yard
- Pillow, sleeping bag, camp/air bed (plus an extra cover in case it is cold)
- Tent, torch
- Mug or cup, plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, teaspoon, T-towel
- Pony Club manual, pen, pencil and a notebook
- Avoid bringing expensive items to Camp, you do so entirely at the Owner's own risk - there will be nowhere to re-charge mobile phones
- Money for tack shop – maximum £20. Put it in an envelope with your name on and hand in with your horses passport
- Money for extra shavings

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Kit List Horses:

- Usual set of tack plus spare girth and at least two saddle cloths or numnahs
- Head collar and lead rope
- Boots for show jumping and cross country
- Fleece or wicking rug – to cool off and/or dry horse
- Light Stable rug for cooler nights
- Grooming kit including a hoof pick and plaiting bands
- Tack cleaning kit including saddle soap, two sponges and a small bucket
- Towel to dry your horse
- Mucking out tools: fork, brush, skipping out bucket or wheelbarrow.
- Large water bucket
- Feed bucket
- Hoof oil and brush
- Tail bandage
- Haylage net x2 (minimum)
- Feeds: mix and chop is included. Any special feed requirements and supplements should be bagged and labelled with the member's name (you will require enough for 5 days).
Feeding will be supervised
- Haylage is included. You can bring Hay if you pony doesn't eat Haylage
- Money for extra shavings if required

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Horses and ponies: Must be fit and well. Parents will be asked to take home any pony or horse showing signs of lameness, contagious disease or illness. Please make sure your pony is suitably shod or trimmed before camp, as Somersford Park does not have an emergency farrier in residence. Your horse must be vaccinated against tetanus and flu and the vaccinations must be up to date.

Stabling: Horses will be stabled at all times as grazing is not available at Somersford. Two bales of shavings will be provided on arrival, extra can be purchased during the week but must be paid for as they are taken. Members are expected to skip out removing any bedding completely on the last day of camp. Members will require parents to help them with this in order to leave the stables clean. Any clean shavings may be taken home if you wish but you will need to supply your own bags for this purpose. If you require extra shavings. Somersford Park Farm does not permit the use of straw at the Woodside complex. Haylage is provided for all horses. You may bring your own hay if you wish. Special feeds and supplements must be clearly labelled with the members name on them.

Equipment: Members must bring, and be responsible for, all their own clothing, personal equipment, saddlery and stable equipment. All belongings must be clearly marked with the member's name, except for saddles, bridles and head collars. Members must wear riding headwear which complies with the Pony Club hat rule.

Tidiness: Somersford Park expects **all** areas to be tidy at **all** times.

Arrival: Members are **NOT** allowed at the Woodside stables before 6pm. ***If you arrive before 6pm park and wait on the main farm ride car park.*** On arrival at the Woodside Yard Pony Club members may NOT unload their pony until they have booked in with the yard manager and surrendered their horse's passport.

Leave: Pony Club members may not leave camp without the prior permission of the yard manager. The stable bedding must be emptied onto the muck heap, when the stable is clean the stable deposit and horse passport will be returned. Leaving without the permission of the yard manager will forfeit your stable deposit.

Welfare: In the event that any member should be unwell or have any problem during camp, are to report to a committee member immediately. Please inform us of any dietary requirements or health conditions well in advance of camp.

Parents: Everyone is welcome from 9am on Friday for the show and presentation and all parents must be available to help clear the stables of shavings and remove everything from the camp field and tack rooms.

Behaviour: Members must follow instructions given by committee members. The committee are volunteers who work very hard, giving up their own time, in order to allow events to run. Any member behaving in an unacceptable or discourteous manner will be asked to leave.

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Dress: Members must be smartly dressed at all times for riding. All riding headwear must be Pony Club approved. Jockey skull caps, long sleeves, body protectors and medical armband must be worn for cross-country lessons and the farm ride. At all times when on the stable yard and around ponies members must wear suitable clothing and footwear e.g. strong shoes with toes covered, jodhpurs etc, pyjamas and flip flops are not acceptable.

Jewellery: No jewellery or body piercing.

Horse Boxes: Members are not allowed to sleep in horse boxes.

Medical: You must complete a medical form and a consent form for each participating member and return them to a member of the committee prior to camp. These are available from our website. If parents are unavailable at any time during camp, please let us have alternative contact details in case of an emergency. A similar medical consent form must also be completed for horse/ponies attending camp.

Instructors: The instructors work hard from 8am through to 5.30pm, outside of these times members should direct all enquiries to the committee that are stopping at camp.

VISITORS: Will not be allowed during the week unless by prior arrangement. Any visitors must on arrival make themselves known to a camp organiser and 'sign in'.

No dogs

No smoking or alcohol

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RULES FOR PONY CLUBS AND CAMPS

1. SOMERSFORD PARK IS NOT A PLAYGROUND. There is to be no riding of bicycles, frisbee throwing, ball games, roller-skating, climbing on fences etc.
2. CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. We have a very busy driveway, lake and yard with heavy machinery and wagons on the move.
3. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED WITH ANY CAMP. ANYONE BRINGING A DOG WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE IT.**
4. NO LITTER. We supply litterbins to ensure the area around the tents and caravans can be kept clean and tidy, and also the indoor and outdoor schools. You are also responsible for ensuring your stable block and tack room areas are swept regularly and kept free of litter.
5. NOISE AT NIGHT. Our regular clients expect quiet enjoyment of the facilities outside the times that you have booked them. Please ensure that noise levels are kept down after 10.00pm, and switch off stable, canteen and toilet lights. Residents at Somersford Park will appreciate your consideration.
6. THE LIVERY YARDS ARE PRIVATE. Under no circumstances should you enter the permanent yards.
7. NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE STABLES, TENTS OR PAVILLION AREA.
8. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANYTHING PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE, RING THE BELL AND ASK.

If everyone abides by the rules, we can all enjoy your stay at Somersford Park!