



WHPC SUMMER CAMP 2024

Welcome old and new members to the start of preparation to Pony Camp 2024.

For seasoned parents they will understand how much time and effort goes into the setting up and running of camp but also how worthwhile it is as for most kids it is the highlight of their pony club year.

Camp is always a fun filled week for children and all involved, building on feedback and observations over the last two years this camp week will endeavour to allocate more time to the teaching of stable management/practical horsemanship and road safety awareness as well as lots of time in the saddle.

Camp details:

Monday 1st July- Friday 5th July (please note 5 days)

Castle view Stables, Fenor.

Monday 10am – 4pm

Tuesday 10am – 4pm

Wednesday 10am- 4pm

Thursday 10 am – 2pm (riding only in morning)

Friday 10am – approx. 3pm

Activities will include:

Riding lessons morning and afternoon

Dressage test preparation in dressage arenas

Show jumping

Intro to cross country

Pony games (for some groups depending on age and ponies' suitability)

Stable management

Tack cleaning

Road Safety training

D and D + training and examination (for our younger members).

Lunging techniques (for older members)

Beach hack (for older members)

Visit from hounds/puppies/horn blowing competition TBC

Hack and ride out onto local gallops TBC

Competition day

Camp week also hosts the notorious fancy dress parade so we are giving you lots of time to prepare!

BBQ and prize giving



Please note that children who are too young to untack pony/load into box etc need to have a parent on site with them for the week. This year we will aim to provide a 'Pony sitting' service for those parents who have young kids and can't stay on certain days. This will consist of one of our teenage members who will not be riding at camp but can come and help your young child and their pony for the day. They will help tack up/lead rein if necessary, help with lunch etc in return for a babysitting fee. Please let us know in advance if this is of interest to you.

Friday 28th June is site set up day and we really need as many people as possible that can drop out to Fenor for a few hours to help with set up. Parents, kids and siblings all welcome as the more hands the better. This is a great opportunity for new members to get to meet parents and committee and for their children to meet other members who they'll spend camp week with.

Help is needed for the following:

- Roping off 'arenas'
- Lifting jumps/poles into place
- Laying out dressage arenas
- Strimming around XC fences

As mentioned, we need lots of hands to make camp a success and we will need 2 volunteers each day to help out. You do not need to be an experienced horsey person for this, it will just be handing out juice and biscuits at breaktime/helping with the BBQ, holding ponies on toilet breaks etc .

There will be limited stabling available at Castlevew so some parents will be taking their ponies home at night. However you can avail of grass livery, if your pony is used to staying behind electric fencing and you feel will be content to stay you can bring fencing and corner off an area in the parking field. This worked very well for many people last year but as mentioned doesn't suit all ponies.

Finally camp is for all ages, our youngest member coming is 5 and our oldest is 16 so there will be learning and experience gained for all ages and abilities. It is always a very special week and makes unforgettable memories especially for our younger members. We look forward to seeing our seasoned members and especially look forward to getting to know all our new members.

Any queries please contact Georgie on 086 8256507