



Percy Hunt Pony Club

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Dear Member and Parent

Summer Camp

Please find attached the application form for Percy Hunt Pony Club camp 2011

Camp will be held again this year at Ratcheugh, by kind permission of the Percy Hunt Supporters, Point to Point committee and Mr D. Frater, who farms the land.

We had a great camp at Ratcheugh last year and the hacks to the beach and surrounding area were brilliant.. This is a fantastic location which affords great opportunities for riders of all abilities to use existing facilities at Ratcheugh and Dunsheugh (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Humble), and hopefully the water slide will make a reappearance.

We have decided against the use of temporary stabling this year to reduce the cost for parents and all horses and ponies will be penned throughout camp. Parents **MUST** provide their own penning. There are a limited number of stables which Mr and Mrs Humble have kindly offered where it is necessary for the welfare of the horse or pony.

Senior camp this year will cost £140; junior camp £85 and lead rein camp £45.

Ponies must be properly prepared for camp and ponies and horses must be fit enough for the work required at camp and to minimise the risk to your pony's health. Parents will need to supply hard feed and hay for horses and ponies in order to minimise change in their diet. Members must be able to take full responsibility for their own pony, and they will be encouraged to maintain the highest standards of stable management at all times.

It is imperative that we ensure that the arenas and cross country course at Ratcheugh are in a good state of repair, and we will be asking for help from as many parents as possible as we organise various arena/xc course working parties in the next few months, which we will try to combine with rallies.

We will try if there is sufficient numbers to have C and C+ examinations at camp and we will also be organising camp to include B test training, so camp is extremely important if you want to take your B test at any time in the future as it allows us the ability to see the level you are at in your training and to train intensively through camp, whilst still having time to go on the hacks and other activities.

All ponies attending camp must have up to date flu and tetanus vaccinations. If you are in any doubt as to the vaccination requirements either consult your veterinary surgeon or me.
Ponies arriving for main camp must be presented for inspection on arrival together with their passport and vaccination certificate.

Main camp which can be attended by anyone who is aged 10 or over on 23rd July 2011 and who is able to take responsibility for their pony. It will be run from 9.30 am on Saturday the 23rd July until midday on Wednesday 27th July.

The total cost of main camp will be £140 which includes hot showers on site, as well as catering and socialising facilities. Members will be able to stay in caravans or tents on site, and the main living and penning area will be based around the Percy "Shed", situated on Point to Point course at Ratcheugh.

Junior camp will run from the Sunday to Wednesday of main camp, from 10 am – 4.30 Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, finishing at lunch time on Wednesday. If members are aged over 10 but don't yet feel ready to stay at the main camp they are very welcome to attend junior camp. We are including lunch for all junior and lead rein campers this year instead of packed lunches as we think it will help them join in with the main campers.

Lead Rein camp is proposed to run on the Tuesday and Wednesday of main camp from 10am - 4.30 pm on Tuesday and from 10 am until lunchtime on Wednesday.

We realise that camp is a lot of money to pay in one amount, therefore we request a deposit to reserve your place at camp of £35 for main and junior camp, but if main campers which to pay the remaining £105 in 3 further post dated cheques we are happy to accept payment in this way. The final instalment cheque to be dated 18th July. Can you please send all cheques for camp together – if you are not paying in three instalments can you please enclose your balancing cheque dated 18th July 2011.

For lead rein camp if parents can return the booking form together with a cheque for £45 dated 18th July 2011 we would be grateful.

Camp will end with prize giving after we have cleaned up the shed and the bathroom facilities and taken down pens. We will also have a camp party on the 24th July which I hope you will all attend, last year's party was a brilliant event which I hope we can repeat.

I would be grateful if you could return the camp booking form and deposit to me ASAP to help me and the committee to arrange a great camp for you. We are already in the process of booking instructors and entertainment, but need numbers to be confirmed in advance to ensure that everyone is well organised.

Regards

Sue Maitland
District Commissioner

