

1st April 2026

Dear Parents and Members,

PWPC JUNIOR CAMP 2026

VENUE: Ion Farm, Lower Gravenhurst, Bedford MK45 4HH

DATES: Friday 31st July - Sunday 2nd Aug 2025 (3 days) with an option to stay for a BBQ and Camping on the Sunday evening

COST: £185.00
Non riding £50

We are very excited to bring you details of our **2026 PWPC Junior Camp**, which is being held at Ion Farm with the kind permission of Jackie Chandler and Nicky Branham.

Junior Camp is primarily aimed at members who are aged 10 and below and consists of three full, rally-style days. There will be a mixture of riding and practical sessions, as well as fun, demos and games during the lunch breaks (without giving too much away at this stage, if you have a hobbyhorse you might want to get them into training)!

Riding sessions will include flatwork, games, SJ and XC - and a beautiful hack around Ion Farm. Children will also have the opportunity to earn care badges over the three days during their practical sessions.

Ride-groups will be organised according to age and riding level. Friendship groups are always considered and accommodated wherever possible. Our older PWPC members will be on hand to help the coaches, as well as organise games and supervise break times.

Ponies must be at least 5 years old, fit, recently shod or trimmed (if bare foot) and fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza and Tetanus. Tack must be checked for fitting and safety.

All members must have an accompanying parent or guardian stay on site throughout.

New to this year, is the opportunity for our **non-riding members** to join in with the fun. Pony Club is open to riding and non-riding members. Currently at PWPC we have a few non-riding members who prefer the non-ridden activities offered by Pony Club and we are pleased to be able to welcome them to junior camp by involving them with all the unmounted sessions that occur during camp (such as learning about the care of the pony) and the fun and games that take place during the lunch break. During times that the ridden activities are taking place, the non-riding members will need to be supervised by a parent or guardian but are welcome to watch.

Spaces for non-riding members will be restricted and priority will be given to those with a sibling attending camp as a riding member.

The daily programme

Each day, we ask you to arrive no earlier than 9am and be ready, mounted, for tack and turnout inspection at 9.45am. Lunch is not included in the price, and children will need to bring their own pack lunch, drinks and snacks.

During the lunch break, we ask that parents stay in the trailer / lorry park area to supervise ponies and look after any other children who are with you but not participating on camp.

The camp day finishes by 4pm. Ponies should be taken home each day, although there will be some stabling available for a most to stay overnight. Priority will be given to those travelling the furthest distance.

The last day, to include BBQ tea and overnight camping (bring your own tents!!)

Children will finish their ridden session at lunchtime on the Sunday. The afternoon session will be unmounted, with the presentations following at 3pm. Therefore, for those wishing to stay for the BBQ and camping, there is the opportunity for parents to take the ponies home as soon as the ridden session has finished, but we ask that parents return in time for the presentations at 3pm.

Once again, we are excited to invite children and parents to stay on at Ion Farm past 4pm on the final day (Sunday) for a BBQ and camp overnight to the Monday morning. More details about this will follow, but for now, please **SAVE THE DATE**.

Bookings open tonight at 7pm

To secure a place, please pay a £50 non-returnable deposit via the PWPC bookings page:

<https://pwpc.entrymaster.online/>

The balance can be paid up front or in instalments, by BACS. The invoicing schedule is as follows:

26th May: £75

26th June: £60

For non-riding members, we ask for a deposit of £10 to be paid upon booking with the balance of £40 paid for by 26th June.

For questions about Junior Camp, please contact Suzanne Adamthwaite on 07983 977860 or ladysamsuze@yahoo.co.uk use "Junior Camp" in the subject of your email).

Best wishes,

Suzanne Adamthwaite