

7th April 2024

Dear Parents and Members,

PWPC MAIN CAMP, 2024

VENUE: Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre (MKEC), Castlethorpe Rd, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ.

DATES: Arrive afternoon of Sunday 21st July and leave afternoon of Thursday 25th July (precise times to be determined nearer to the date).

We are very excited to bring you details of our **2024 PWPC Main Camp**.

After positive feedback from last year's camp, we will be returning to the fabulous facilities at MKEC.

MKEC has it all!

- A camping area close to the stables.
- A spacious club house for eating and having fun, *with showers*.
- XC for all, including a mini course and fences all the way up to 110cm.
- SJ and dressage arena space on a surface and on grass.

Members will be grouped according to riding level and age. Over the four days, they will get at least two sessions on the XC course, including sessions for water, ditches, steps, as well as show jumping, flat work training, horse and pony care sessions and specialist external speakers.

The main message for camp is to have fun, learn and develop. Camp is a fantastic time to bond with your pony, spend time with friends, whilst being challenged and supported to develop your equestrian skills. There will be the traditional evening games as well as the need for some routine jobs to be shared out and for everyone to play their part to make camp work well.

Cost £490

Bookings open tonight at 7pm and can be secured with a deposit of £100.

[What's on! - Puckeridge Hunt Western \(pcuk.org\)](http://pcuk.org)

Places are limited, but in the event that camp is oversubscribed, preference will be given in the following order:

- Members aged 11-16 at the time of camp.
- Members that have attended at least 3 rallies/training during the period 1 September 2022 and 1 April 2023, the stable management series can count as one.
- If the camp is still oversubscribed, then priority will be in order of receipt of deposit.

Main Camp is aimed towards members aged 11-16. Campers should be able to care for their own pony and are expected to do so. 10-year-old members may attend at the discretion of the Committee.

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.

Sleeping will be in shared horseboxes, trailers or tents. Campers must be prepared to share accommodation as it may not be practical for members to be on their own in a tent/lorry/trailer.

The cost for camp includes stable, toilets, showers, all meals and snacks for campers, all instruction and evening entertainment.

To secure a place, please pay a £100 non-returnable deposit via PWPC bookings page:

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

1st May: £140

1st June £140

1st July £110

For Camp to run extra smoothly, we do need the help of parent volunteers. Your duties will be to help oversee the general daily running of the camp, checking everyone is happy, getting the most from the experience and photos of all the groups to share on the PWPC closed social media pages. You would not be expected to stay overnight and we appreciate that our PWPC members aren't always keen on having their embarrassing parents kicking around, so style-cramping is strictly forbidden! Having some dads come too would be fantastic. If you can help out for a day or two, please get in touch with Emma.

We are aware that the Area Dressage Qualifier at Ickworth takes place on Sunday 21st. Unfortunately, the date for that was released after we had secured our dates for camp. However, as we did last year for those who attended the SJ qualifiers, provision will be made for any member coming from Ickworth, who will be arriving later in the day.

For questions about Main Camp, please contact Emma Hogg 07970 926590 or puckeridgewestern@pcuk.org (use "Main Camp" in the subject of your email).

Best wishes,

Emma Hogg and Sue Underhill.