

IVEL VALLEY BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB



CAMP 2026

**Sunday 9th August-Thursday 13th August
At
MKEC**



This year we are holding camp at MKEC, Hanslope.MK197HQ

What 3 words for entrance **Rival.Pacemaker.Presses**

It is important that members and parents read all this information very carefully, even if you have been to camp before. We also suggest this is printed and brought along to camp.



ARRIVAL - The first day of camp is **Sunday 9th August**
AM arrival.

Exact arrival times will be issued shortly

Your ponies will be vetted during your first ride by your instructor. It is essential that all ponies are vetted at the beginning of camp to ensure that they are fit enough to cope with the work expected of them.

When you arrive check in with Caroline or Jess who will tell you where your ride is meeting. Once you have done this you may unload your pony and prepare for your ride. Parents will be expected to help with camp set up whilst members are riding.

IT IS ABSOLUTLY ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PONIES ARE UP TO DATE WITH VACCINATIONS AND HAVE A COMPLETED VACCINATION CARD WHICH WILL BE CHECKED EITHER PRIOR TO CAMP OR AT THE VETTING IN. UNFORTUNATELY, ANY PONIES WITHOUT PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE TURNED AWAY. PARENTS, TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT AND UPSET TO YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CHECK THAT VACCINATIONS ARE ALL UP TO DATE NOW.



PONY ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be in either the stables or paddocks (ground & weather dependant) and the bedding will be on shavings. If your pony requires a different type of bedding or hay additives etc then you must provide this yourself. This should be clearly named with instructions regarding use on the outside.

Please let Caroline or Jess know if you have any other requirements & will be providing your own bedding or hay

PONY FEED - You should to bring two filled hay nets with you after which hay will be provided. If your pony needs to have hay soaked, please make sure you bring a suitable container with you, they are not available to use on site.

All the Ponies are fed twice a day, feeds should be made up in bags prior to your arrival at camp and clearly labelled with both your and your pony's name. Please make sure that each feed contains any necessary supplements do not bring separate bags/sacks of feed/supplements. If you have any special requirements please speak to Jess or Caroline before Camp.



MUCKING OUT EQUIPMENT - Please bring your own mucking out tools (NAMED) Make sure they are suitable for your child and ensure that they know how to use them!

Wheelbarrows can be too heavy for small children and if every child brings one to camp there won't be room for anything else, they can also be hazardous when left lying about. A muck sack is ideal for younger children who can

find rubber/gardening gloves easier, older children will need a mucking out fork and shovel and shavings fork. The Muck Heap will be regularly inspected to ensure that it is not spreading and that muck is being properly forked up on to it.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS - You will be sleeping in large tents with members of similar ages to yourself (this helps with bed times!). You will be allocated tents prior to camp to help prevent cliques forming within rides.

MKEC has some showers....but not that many, we ask all campers to be considerate of others when using showers!



Adults staying at Camp will be in a mixture of tents, lorries and caravans.

WHAT TO WEAR – see the kit list on Entrymaster Camp Event

Generally, you need old clothes and suitable footwear (not trainers) for mucking out before breakfast. Again, please ensure that everything is NAMED. Please remember that the IVPC hooded sweatshirts are for leisure wear only and are not suitable for riding in due to Health and Safety concerns. You will all be supplied with a Camp T shirt this year, please email your child's size & name you would like printed on (if required) to ivelvalley@pcuk.org asap to ensure delivery. Size guide available on Prestige website. If you would like to order any additional camp clothing please see order form on our PC website [Prestige Design & Workwear \(prestigedesignwww.co.uk\)](http://prestigedesignwww.co.uk)

If you would like to avoid postage costs, please ask for delivery to BM Enterprises Caldecote in comment box and you can arrange to collect from there

For riding: Hat (tagged with new **PINK** tag) with either a black, navy or IVPC silk (no multi-coloured or silks with bobbles) hair nets, pony club polo shirts, back protector and pony club sweat shirt, cream, beige, navy, black or brown jodhpurs and either jodhpur boots or long boots Jodhpur boots are a lot cooler in the summer, you may wear half chaps provided that they are the same colour as your jodhpur boots otherwise jodhpur clips must be worn. Remember to bring gloves and long sleeve tops which must be worn for XC.

We have found that a large plastic box for your belongings is preferable to a suitcase as they stay dryer especially in the event of a lot of wet weather.

During the evening casual clothes can be worn but please do remember that it can get cold at night-time so make sure you bring enough warm layers.

PREPARATION FOR CAMP – Although camp is still a few weeks away you can start preparing now.

YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 3 RALLYS PRIOR TO CAMP ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PRE CAMP RALLY ON THE PONY YOU INTEND TO BRING TO CAMP.

We have another rally 12th July details on Calendar, Club FB page & Entrymaster.

Everything needs to be named. Please put your surname and your pony's name on your pony's feed bucket as it makes it easier for the person in charge of preparing the feeds.



Ensure that your pony is seen by a farrier 7 – 10 days prior to Camp. He will not be able to give his best if his feet are too long or he has a loose or worn shoe.

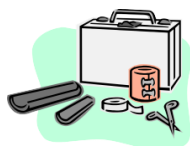
Ride your pony regularly, so that he is fit enough for all the work expected of him. But do avoid fast work and jumping on hard ground.

If your pony is out at grass during the summer months it may be a good idea a fortnight before Camp to start stabling him for a short time each day, sometimes a sudden change from being out in a field

for 24 hours to being kept in a stable can upset your pony and cause problems such as colic.



Please also check the condition of your tack, in particular the stitching around buckles i.e. stirrup leathers.



If, during Camp your **pony is ill** or requires attention from the vet or the farrier this will be carried out. However, we will try, except in an emergency, to contact parents before any call out is made. Please be aware that you will be liable for any cost incurred.

If your pony has any particular requirements, please let Caroline or Jess know as soon as possible and we will try to accommodate any necessary requests.

TACK SECURITY - All tack and valuables at camp will be left at your own risk. Tack should be covered under your household contents insurance. Please check your insurance.



We will store tack overnight in the backs of lorries/trailers which are being used by adults.

Trailers, with wheel clamps fitted, can be left on site, if you would prefer not to tow home. **Please note these are left at your own risk**



RIDES - You will be allocated a ride appropriate to your age, riding ability and current test level.

A timetable will be issued at camp with ride & stable management times. You will need to ensure you check this each day to ensure you are on time.

Please remember that we have a huge range of abilities and ages in the Club and it is never easy to put everyone in exactly the ride they wish to be in

The theme this year will be **"CIRCUS"** so time to get planning yours & your pony's fancy dress, will also decorate your feed rooms, (slightly different this year as we will be supplying the materials)



CAMP POINTS - You will be awarded points during camp for many different reasons, not just for riding. During breakfast your pony's stable or field will be marked, both you and your pony's turnout is also marked every day at the beginning of the first ride. During the evenings we have games, competitions & entertainment which can also earn you points.

Everyday your marks are put together with the others in your ride and the rider with the highest score will wear a ribbon on their riding hat that day.

Please note points can also be taken away, so be on your best behaviour!
At the end of camp prizes are awarded to campers with the most points

STABLE PLAQUES- Please make a stable plaque for your stable, this should include your ponies name, your name & any important information we should know about your pony i.e. will rush at the door, be careful when entering or loves cuddles. Please laminate as the stables are outside.

PRIZE GIVING – Prize Giving Event will follow the last ride. Approx 3pm. More details to follow



DEPARTURE- THURSDAY 13th JULY approx 4pm

Parents of those staying in tents will be required to help put up & take down the tents & help with camp set up

Prior to the last afternoon rides parents are expected to help to dismantle camp and collect their child's belongings. Once the has finished parents will need to empty your child's stable and help with the general clearing up of Camp (jumps stacked, yards swept, camp dismantled, rubbish collected etc).

After 4 days of looking after and providing entertainment for the campers the Committee are exhausted and looking forward to going back to their own homes. Parents who swoop into Camp when all the work is done expecting to load up and depart **will not be popular!**

A £10 cash deposit will be required for stables this year, this will be placed in an envelope along with your horses passport and returned once stables/fields & all areas are cleared & checked

RULES



Please make sure you read Rules and Provisions and return a signed copy by email.

Remember we are visitors to MKEC and it is important that we are considerate – we want to be allowed back.

There are likely to be other visitors to MKEC, unconnected with our camp and we must respect their presence. In addition, please remember that we are ALL volunteers and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in members being asked to leave.



MOBILE PHONES/ELECTRICAL ITEMS - This is always a tricky issue and they are a mixed blessing. The last thing you need is an upset child on the phone to you at 1am in the morning. Rest assured we

will deal with any homesickness; disputes etc. and ensure that no child goes to bed unhappy.

Mobile Phone Policy

The mobile phone policy means that phones are not allowed to be used at any other times other than in the evening between 6pm and 7pm. Please make your child aware of this prior to camp, members must sign all of their phones in and out at these times only. If phones are found at any other times they will be confiscated.

Please also emphasise to your child that if they have any problems or have forgotten items, they should speak to an adult at camp who will then contact you, if necessary. We do not want people just turning up at camp unexpectedly. Items such as iPods, Nintendo DS etc. are an additional responsibility and distraction – **please do not to bring them**. Additionally, we only have limited access to plugs for recharging items.

Mobiles are brought at your own risk!!

HELP AT CAMP & VISITORS

Unfortunately, for security reasons parents must not come into Camp without prior permission.

If you need to contact your child during the stay you can do so by contacting 07985791762

For those parents that are staying with under 10's you will only need to be available from 8pm – 7.15am (unless your child requires lead rein assistance during the rides.) You are welcome to stay on site but we would ask you to refrain from watching the rides unless invited.

MEALS AT CAMP – We will be catering camp Parents that are staying overnight but not helping during the day are more than welcome to eat dinner & breakfast with us (at an extra cost) or cater for themselves. Please let us know We have a small kitchen with oven, microwave fridge etc

AND FINALLY.....

The most important thing is that you and your pony enjoy your week at Camp and hopefully you will learn a lot too.

We also ask if each child can bring a cake or sweet treat

These will be available to the children in the afternoon to keep them going until the evening meal. Please ensure your container is named and that you reclaim it at the end of camp.

Please Join the camp 26 face book group for daily updates.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact DC's;

Caroline Warwick 07985 791762 or Jessica Kelly on 07811 213922

Safeguarding officer Amy Lightfoot-Lines 07782330820 or email

a.lightfootlines@btinternet.com





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RULES AND PROVISIONS TO BE ACCEPTED BY ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND
MEMBERS WHEN ATTENDING CAMP

1. No responsibility can be accepted for pony, tack and personal belongings of any child at Camp.
2. The Committee, Instructors and others responsible for the running of Camp will endeavour to ensure the wellbeing of any member at Camp but cannot be held responsible therefore.
3. The normal insurance provisions negotiated on behalf of The Pony Club apply at Camp.
4. Parents are discouraged from attending Camp other than on the first and last day. In the event of an emergency visit, please report to a member of the Committee.
5. A member shall not be allowed to leave Camp and later return unless a specific agreement had been made first. Notification must be given if a member is removed from Camp.
6. All members must accept and abide by directions and instructions given by those responsible for the running of Camp.
7. If the behaviour of a member at Camp is such that the Committee feel they may not continue at Camp then upon notification of this the parent/guardian must remove the member and pony immediately. The Committee reserves the right to return the member and pony if this collection is not promptly.
8. There will be no refund of fees once a member has been registered for Camp.
9. If in the opinion of the Committee a pony attending Camp is in such condition that it cannot be expected to complete Camp without injury or hardship to itself, then the member and pony may be required to leave. Please ensure that your pony is fit and well and we insist it is up to date with flu and tetanus vaccinations.
10. In the event of an accident or injury the Committee are authorised to take whatever steps are felt appropriate to secure the wellbeing of the member and pony. The Committee will always act in accordance with any advice or recommendation received from a doctor or vet, in the event that the parent/guardian is unavailable. The parent/guardian would be responsible for any fees necessarily incurred. In the event of an emergency every endeavour will be made to contact parents/guardians before action is taken.
11. Every endeavour will be made to ensure that each member receives substantial instruction and will be placed in groups of similar age/ability/need. However, the DC's decision on this is final.
12. Members are not allowed to bring their own vehicles to camp unless previously approved by Dc's



MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Members should never:

- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage over other members or officials.
- Use bullying tactics to isolate another member.
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules.
- Shout or argue with officials, team members or opponents.
- Harm fellow members, opponents or their property.
- Cheat.
- Make false allegations against other members or adults.
- Use drugs, alcohol or tobacco at Pony Club activities.
- Keep secrets, especially if they cause harm to any party.

Don't Forget

- BEDDING - The bedding we are being supplied with this year is shavings, if your horse requires a different type of bedding you will need to bring sufficient with you. We are in temporary stables on grass.
- HAY - Our hay may not be delivered until Sunday afternoon so you need to bring hay nets for Sunday morning.
- TOOLS/EQUIPMENT/CLOTHES - Remember to **NAME EVERYTHING**.
- FEED - Remember you need to bring your horse's feed for the week in plastic bags – named with horse name, your name and whether it is am/pm.
- Passports will be checked on arrival and held at camp
- £10 cash stable deposit



CAMP TIMETABLE

7.00	am	Wake up, get dressed in mucking out clothes
7.15	am	Stable duties Muck out, check hay & water, tidy stables
7.50	am	FEED PONIES – ALL TOGETHER
8.00	am	BREAKFAST
9.00	am	Change into riding clothes, tidy tents Groom & Tack up ready to ride
10.00	am	Inspection of ride by instructors Ride
12.00		Check hay & water, ponies in stables
12.30	pm	LUNCH
1.30	pm	Stable management / Badge sessions with Instructor
2.30	pm	Tack up & ride
4.00	pm	Ponies away, DRINK and SNACK
4.30	pm	Tack cleaning / showers
5.30	pm	Stable duties Hay, Water, skip out, bed down, tidy stables FEED ALL PONIES TOGETHER
6.15	pm	EVENING MEAL
7.15	pm	Evening activities
8.45	pm	Under 10's bedtime
10.00	pm	Lights out

**PLEASE NOTE RIDE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE
& MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

