

## Training Camp 2018 – Info

Training Camp at Somerford Park Farm will run at Easter again this year, arriving into camp from 6pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and vacating stables by 4pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

We will be in the new buildings down at Woodside, with a show jump and a flat arena in the sand school area, use of the cross country course (ground permitting) and possibly one extra arena elsewhere. We can take up to 26 stables, minimum age is 12, those under 18 must have a parent or responsible adult present at all times, and entries will be on a ‘first come first served’ basis.

This camp is intended for those wishing to compete *at Area level in 2018 at PC Novice or above* (min 80cm Cross Country), and is open to members of other branches. Applications from members who may not be ready/intending to compete at Area level are welcome, **but will be held and accepted only if space allows at our discretion.** Entry will be on a ‘first come’ basis, and a wait list will be kept if oversubscribed.

Rides for Show Jumping and Cross Country will be made up of 5 or 6 according to ability and level competing at, and each ride *may* get more than one instructor. Flatwork will be max 3 riders per session. Evening sessions will run on both nights again, details TBA.

Catering will once more be very kindly organised by Helen Exley, with the charge for food to be **added** to the total camp bill, so please make sure that you include the number of people attending for catering purposes on the application form. (Siblings may come along, but are your responsibility – please note no dogs or bicycles are allowed on site and no football during ‘riding hours’).

A duty rota will be drawn up with, as far as possible, a fair split of duties. If you know in advance that you are **unable** to do duties on a particular day please note this on the entry form. The rota will be e-mailed out to the contact on the entry form, and a master copy pinned up in the cabin on arrival. If for any reason you can’t carry out the duty(s) you have been allocated, please make sure you get your duty covered, and write the new person on the master copy in the cabin accordingly.

At the risk of spoiling the fun we will need to have a total of 3 parents each night to be on ‘driving standby duty’, i.e. not drinking. If you are willing to do one of these duties please indicate this on the entry form, and in the event of in-sufficient volunteers names will be drawn from a hat!

The cost for camp this year is £185 per rider for the full camp, including instruction, evening activities, stabling and 2 bales of shavings. Food is an extra £25/head for all meals whilst in camp.

Payment can be made in either:

- a) A cheque for the full amount **plus food** at £25/head at the time of entry, or
- b) A deposit of £50, with a second cheque for the balance of £135 **plus food** post-dated to 24th March, but *also sent in with the entry.*

Any alterations to the number of adults/siblings attending for food purposes can be made nearer the time, but Helen needs to know approximate numbers by the end of February.

Please note that all adults staying in camp are to sleep in the same vicinity as the children in their charge, unless they have the express permission of another adult who is willing to be responsible for the child(ren) in question during the night, in which case please note this on the entry form. (We need to know who is sleeping in which lorry, in case of emergency).

All horses/ponies must be suitably shod/trimmed, clipped if/as necessary and be sufficiently fit to complete 4 hrs of ridden work each day. Studs are not essential for XC as this is training, but if used these must be fitted by the rider or their ‘responsible adult’, please don’t ask an instructor to do it. Tack must be in sound condition, correctly fitted and adjusted – jumping tack is acceptable for flatwork as there may not be time to change between flat and show jumping sessions. Normal Rally dress code applies to riders and ponies i.e. branch sweatshirts/coats and plain navy/black/brown jhods and numnahs. No bling please!

**Entries to be sent to Mrs Katie Holden, Windy Ridge Cottage, Marton Green, Off Clay Lane, Nr Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2QG. For more info please contact Katie Holden (07812 400164).**