

SOUTH MIDLANDS PONY CLUB CAMP

14TH 7 15TH APRIL

IMPORTANT

If you are over 18 years old and will be sleeping overnight you will need a current “Working with children check”. Forms are available at the Post Office and can be signed by Kerry-Lyn Noden, Sharna Fewster or Sally Davis. The cost is \$11. You will be required to submit either your WWCC number or the receipt for your application when you sign in for camp. This is a government requirement.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAMP

You should be riding several times a week to ensure your pony/horse is fit enough for the two days of camp. Check your gear and make sure there is no frayed stitching and the gear is clean and well fitting. Check that your pony/horse does not need a hoof trim or, if shod, re shoeing.

WHAT TO BRING

Your manuals Log books and stationary. The people that ordered through the club can pick their manuals up at the camp. If you need a manual but did not order through the club please make sure you purchase one from PCWA at Brigadoon. REMEMBER A MANUAL IS ESSENTIAL FOR THEORY SESSIONS.

Spare riding clothes, something warm for night time, a raincoat, hat, toiletries, any medication you may need, a torch, a plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork and spoon and of course your normal rally uniform.

Tack, boots/bandages, grooming kit, feed bin, buckets, haybags/nets, equine First Aid kit, plenty of feeds and hay (remember your horse/pony will not have access to grass) and a spare rug if your horse/pony is rugged. You may also need ropes or lunge reins to secure the yards.

Everyone will be asked to supply food for dinner and/or morning tea. A roster will go out next week with regard to what each group is bringing.

Normal canteen food will be on sale for morning tea and lunch on Saturday so make sure you have ordered.

If you would like to bring any special paints, pens etc for the art competition please feel free to do so.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A programme tailored to suit every rider's needs and interests. We will practice Novelties, Handy Pony and Jumping at all levels for the gymkhana. Some basic dressage instruction will also be given. In addition to this there will be Tent Pegging, Games, X Country, Flatwork and Theory. The K group will be covering float maintenance and the K & C groups farriery. For the younger riders there will be a mini tetrathlon.

For all riders there will be an art competition – Draw or Paint a horse. There will also be “The Amazing Race” team event and activities on Saturday night.

For the parents there will be the opportunity to participate in the Float maintenance session. At lunch time on Saturday there will be a session on “Dealing with typical Pony Club accidents” by Wendy Claxon. This will cover what to do until help arrives and what constitutes an emergency.

PROGRAMME

As the rally programme has been tailored to suit so many riders it is not practical to publish it in the Newsletter. Please make sure you keep checking the board for where you need to be.

We also request that you keep to time, it is discourteous and frustrating for coaches to have to shorten their lessons because of riders turning up late.

As a rough guide the Saturday programme will commence at 8a.m. set up and sessions starting at 9a.m. Leadline riders will start riding at 10.15 a.m. the normal morning tea and lunch breaks will apply. The art competition will run after afternoon tea which will start at 2.45.

The Amazing race commences at 3.30 and all riders need to be saddled up and ready to ride. We ask that a parent accompanies D and under riders to ensure their safety.

The Sunday programme will commence at 8a.m. with lead line riders starting at 9.15 The day will finish at 12.45 and lunch will be served when all equipment is packed away.

HELPERS

A helper duty will be issued to the parent of every rider plus one extra. For example, if you have one child riding you will be given 2 helper duties, if you have 2 children you will be given 3 helper duties. Please check the helper

roster carefully and make sure you are on time for your duties. If you wish to swap duties it is your job to organise to swap with someone.

SIGN IN

You are required to sign your child in on Saturday and again on Sunday if they are riding on both days.

If for any reason you are unable to attend and have not let the club know please notify Sally Davis immediately either by text message 0437484788 or email salandwoz@westnet.com.au