



DEVERON BRANCH OF THE PONY CLUB

Summer camp

Ardmedden Equestrian, Oldmeldrum, AB51 0AG
Wednesday 8th July to Sunday 12th July 2025

Camp will be held at Ardmedden Equestrian, with members having full access to all facilities including, indoor and outdoor arena, baby cross country, cross country, farm ride, and indoor stabling. Shavings and hay will be provided. This year members will be camping onsite.

The committee have agreed to subsidise camp, we have estimated total costs for each member to be £470, the club has agreed to subsidise each member with the total cost for four days being £320. In order for members to have their camp subsidised, we require members and/or their family to assist or have assisted at, at least two fundraising activities in the year preceding camp.

Please note members are required to attend a minimum of three rallies or training sessions prior to camp to assess which riding group is most suitable for them. As we are a small club, riding groups may be of mixed abilities (we will match as closely as possible) but please remember, it is very easy to adjust the height of jumps to suit each individual member.

Instructors will be given a written update on each member, detailing what they hope to achieve at camp, the test level they are working towards and riding ability to ensure they can tailor their lessons for each individual to gain the most out of camp.

Camp can be either paid in full or in four equal payments as detailed below. There is also a two day option for minis which will can be paid either in full or two equal payments. Minis are also very welcome to attend four days.

Notes for parents and members

COST: 4 day camp £320 Mini 2 day camp £160

Deposit of £80 due 15th March, entries to be made on Entrymaster: -

<https://deveronpc.entrymaster.online/index.php?id=1#event134>

**Three further instalments of £80 due on 15th April, 15th May, 15th June.
(To be paid directly to the PC bank account. Account number: 00784023
Sort Code: 83-15-14) Please clearly mark payments with the members**

name and camp. (For minis deciding to attend 2 days, one further instalment will be due on the 15th April).

The attached medical form, disclaimer, driving disclaimer, member and parent code of conduct MUST be sent back to the branch email – deveron@pcuk.org and all monies paid by the 15th June. Your child cannot participate without these.

- **4pm Wednesday.** Arrive at Ardmedden. Please have your passports ready for inspection, once checked, ponies can be unloaded and taken to their stable marked with your name. Unload tack and belongings, which are to be left at the yard.
- **4.45pm** Welcome talk for members and parents - parents are encouraged to attend.
- **5pm Parents depart.**

Members should be dressed as for a rally, although coloured jodhpurs are allowed at camp. Tack and turnout inspection will be carried out every morning.

Members will be allocated to a ride and they will stay in this ride throughout camp for their instruction. They will also be allocated to a hunt with a hunt leader. Hunts have to work together to help each other and gain points throughout the week from tack inspections, chores and good behaviour.

Every day, the members will arrive at the yard at 8.30am. They should be ready to follow their timetable for the day which will be pinned up at the farm.

Members aged PC10 and over are welcome to stay overnight at camp. If younger members wish to stay overnight, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and approval sought from the DC. If any members do not intend to stay onsite, you must notify the DC (Karen) prior to the first day of camp.

This year, members will be camping on site and will be required to stay in either their own tent, caravan, trailer or lorry. Hook up will be available at an additional cost, this will be available to purchase through entrymaster at a later date.

If parents are intending on staying for camp, the committee would request that they are informed to allow a rota to be drawn up to assist in the smooth running of camp. Parents are respectfully asked to refrain from interfering or undermining coaches or officials during any activity at camp. Parents are also asked not to assist their child with tacking up and mucking out; if they require assistance their hunt will help them. Lead rein mums may stay with their child for ridden lessons. In the event of an emergency please report to the DC.

Please check the camp notice board on a daily basis.

Members must bring and be responsible for all their clothing, personal belongings, tack, cleaning materials and mucking out tools. **Please remember to name your belongings.** Please check that all tack is safe and check stitching is secure. PC committee members take no responsibility for any items lost, stolen or damaged.

Please hand any medicines (named and with instructions) to the DC for safekeeping on the first morning of camp.

The riding part of camp should finish around 15:30 on Sunday. Parents are welcome to come and watch the last lesson of the day and to be there for prize giving as soon as we have all jumps etc cleared away.

Parents are respectfully asked to help clear away any equipment at camp, the sooner we have cleared away the quicker we can get to the exciting prize giving!!

Horses/Ponies must be at least 4 years old, fit sound and recently shod (if shod). It is not always easy to call a farrier quickly and members may have to miss out on a ride if there is a loose shoe etc. Hay will be provided. Supplementary food should be labelled with name and notes if necessary and will be given under supervision.

Sometimes an instructor will ask members to swap ponies/horses during a lesson. Please inform Karen **before camp** if you do not wish another member to ride your child's pony/horse.

There will be at least two camp attendants throughout the day. Please report members not feeling well, any loose shoes, concern with horse/pony to the camp attendant, your instructor or DC.

Meadows Vets from Oldmeldrum may be called out if considered necessary and all accounts must be settled before leaving camp.

SAFETY – All members **must** wear their riding hats **at all times** when with their horse/pony. This includes leading to and from field and when they are tied up. Members must wear gloves when leading their horse/pony.

Skullcaps are to be worn for cross-country sessions (no fixed-peak hats will be allowed) as are **body protectors**. Members are also allowed to wear their own XC colours for XC riding sessions if they have them.

Members can only wear spurs if they have attained their C+ Test and above or have gained the new PC Spurs test.

Reasonable adjustment – members who require support please ensure you complete and send the personal profile form to dc.deveron@pcuk.org. This Form **must be submitted at least two weeks before camp**. If it is submitted after this date, there are no guarantees that the adjustment will be applied.

This timeframe ensures that there is sufficient time for consideration of the application and that any adjustment that is agreed upon is fair and in place.

Good behaviour is expected and anyone caught smoking, consuming alcohol or taking drugs will be sent home immediately. All children must accept and abide by directions and instructions given by those responsible for running of camp.

Please remember that camp is held on a farm. Lunch, snacks and evening meal will be served in the indoor arena. In such situations there is always a risk of people being infected with zootic diseases such as E. coli and salmonella. Every effort is made to minimise these risks by cleaning buildings etc but parents and members should be aware that these risks are still present. They can be further minimised by ensuring that everyone follows directions, particularly hand washing before eating and following proper hygiene procedures.

We will be offsite for an evening activity, members will be transported either by a mini bus or in a committee members cars. Driving disclaimer forms must be completed and returned to allow members to attend.

Please ensure that the farm is left clean and tidy and as you found it!

Every endeavour will be made to ensure that each child receives substantial instructions and will be placed in groups of similar ability/need, they are not placed according to age. Efforts will be made to progress each child through the Pony Club Tests as appropriate to their age and ability.

We hope camp is enjoyable and a lot of fun for you all!!

Deveron PC Committee