



Welcome to The Cabin Equestrian Centre Pony Club.

The Pony Club was founded in 1929 to give members the opportunity to learn about all aspects of horse and stable management as well as riding and to encourage them to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses, in addition to learning sportsmanship and self discipline.

The Centre membership scheme was introduced in 1998 to allow access to all the opportunities offered by Pony Club to young riders who do not own their own horse or pony. Members take part in rallies and competitions and complete Tests to show their achievements. They are also able to complete achievement badges in all aspects of horse care and in other areas of interest as well.

At The Cabin Equestrian Centre we aim to offer a wide variety of activities for our members including jumping and mounted games leagues, quizzes, lecture demos and joint rallies with the local branches and other centers.

Equipment

Members must bring hats to every session whether mounted or not. Members who do not have their own can borrow them from us as they do for lessons. Gloves are also recommended.

In addition members will use head collars and grooming kits most weeks, any member with their own is encouraged to bring it with them, as long as all items are clearly marked with the owners name. We are unable to take responsibility for lost items. Hats, gloves, head collars, ropes and grooming kit, as well as a wide variety of other products can be ordered through The Cabin Equestrian Centre. Please ask for more details.

Progressive Tests and Achievement Badges

There are four Progressive tests, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, all split into three levels. Members start at Bronze Level three and work upwards. Some new members will already possess the knowledge and skills, both in horse care and riding, necessary to achieve some if not all of their Bronze award and this will be assessed during the sessions so these members can move on to the next level. There is no formal test for these

awards, members will be given their certificates when they are capable of regularly doing everything that is required.

The Pony Club also have Tests A - E which are assessed on a more formal basis. The E test is an optional introduction to these, with most members starting with their D test. The content of this is the same as the Bronze award and members should be at least 8 years old. When we have a group of members ready to take this test we will arrange a test date. There is no pressure to take these tests. Any member not wishing to take part should not feel obliged to do so.

There are also a wide variety of achievement badges and mini badges. The mini badges have a very simple content and provide an introduction to the subject, the full achievement badges require more in depth knowledge. We will be working towards these during the stable management sessions. Periodically we will hold a badge night and members will be tested for their badges. There is a charge of £2.00 to covers admin costs. Members will usually complete two badges.

Competitions

We run a winter jumping league and a monthly fun night through the summer, incorporating our jumping and mounted games leagues.

The jumping league takes place during our wed night unaffiliated competition, with the games immediately after. Anyone who has not yet started to jump is welcome to come and just take part in the games. Please see notice board for more detail or ask. For games, members will compete in teams but will receive their points as individuals, meaning that teams do not have to be made up of the same people every time.

Participation in these and any other extra activities is optional, members are welcome to just come and learn about ponies and riding if they prefer.

Pony Club Sweatshirts and T-shirts

These are available to order. It is not compulsory to purchase one, however there will be occasions, such as inter branch/centre activities where members will need to wear sweatshirts. Members will also be encouraged to sew any badges they gain onto the sleeve of a sweat shirt that they regularly for Pony Club. Prices are as follows: junior sweatshirts up to size 11-12 £9.95, junior T shirts up to size 12 - 13 £4.95, Sweatshirts size 13 - 14 and adult sizes up to and incl large (36/38) £13.95. XL and above £16.00. Larger T shirts £6.65 up to L, and XL and above £8.75. Hooded tops and lightweight jackets are also available. Hooded tops are £15.25, £19.50 or £23.50 depending on size and jackets are £18.00 or £26.00 again, depending on size. **Please note hooded tops are not suitable dress for Pony Club competitions.** All orders must be accompanied by a cheque made payable to "Wainwright Screenprint" for the above amount and 80p per garment in cash to cover postage costs.

Newsletter

Members will receive a regular newsletter which will contain all dates and information about forthcoming activities. From time to time members' achievements will be included, any parent who does not wish their child to be named should inform staff as soon as possible.

Summer Camp

We run Pony Club camp in the summer holidays with residential and non residential options. It represents a great opportunity to look after a pony, gain badges and awards, try new activities and of course have lots of fun.