



Kilkenny Hunt Pony Club Camp 2021

LOCATION

Camp will take place from 5 -9 July at Pat and Marie Murphy's farm, Bodal, Gowran. R95 VN12. The entrance will be marked. Members must not leave the grounds without an instructor or parent.

REGISTRATION

On the first morning, please bring a completed registration form and hand to Annemarie, our Childrens' Officer. This form will be sent to everyone by email by the end of the week. Please complete the self declaration Covid-19 form online daily.

DAILY ROUTINE

Be ready to ride at 10am Monday - Thursday. Please be on time as it helps pony and rider to settle down in advance of starting. Being late disrupts the group and other members.

There will be a mid morning Bun Run to give you a break and this session will finish at 12.45. Ponies are then untacked, given water and a feed before riders' lunch (you'll need to bring a packed lunch) from 1pm-2pm. Please stay in the parking field for lunch break.

Ponies MUST NOT be left tied up unattended.

We're asking everyone to bring a labelled water bottle, bring it full and you'll be able to get it re-filled as you need. We will collect these before you ride on Monday and they will be given out at the bun run. Please also bring a bucket and soap for hand washing as well as hand sanitiser and use these before eating lunch. In general, please be mindful of social distancing and use common sense with regard to this.

The afternoon session begins at 2pm and will consist of more riding and stable management. Your instructor will let you know what to expect as it varies by the day. This will finish in time at 4pm.

TURNOUT

Turnout for the first four days is as for rallies. Up to standard helmet and back protector to be worn at all times. No hoodies for riding. On the Friday there will be different competitions so ponies should be plaited (ideally but not essentially by the riders!) and riders should wear show turnout ie. jacket, blue or white shirt, pony club badge and tie, pale jodhpurs and boots. Badges and ties will be available to buy before Friday.

TESTS

E and D tests will take place on Friday. Your instructor will tell you more about these.

RIDES

Your child will be grouped with children that it is felt by the DC are the best fit based on experience, ability, age and test levels.

Inevitably there will be some cases where there is a mixed ability within groups. This is very difficult to prevent. However, all our instructors are very experienced and will be able to adapt lessons to suit all within the group. So please be patient.

In general, riders will stay with the same instructor for the week. Due to some visiting instructors for the top ride, there will be some changes but these only affect Mark's ride. A list of rides and a schedule will be pinned up on the noticeboard.

FRIDAY

10.30am start to give you a bit extra grooming time! There will be competitions for each ride in the morning. This year in the afternoon, we will have a showjumping relay - each rider in the top ride will be paired with a rider in the junior ride. Parents are invited to come and watch. This will be followed by a presentation of prizes at approx 3.30pm.

PRE-LOVED STAND

Caroline will be setting up a pre-loved clothing and tack stand on Monday morning so if you have (clean) items for sale or swap, please drop them to her, clearly labelled with the price, your name and number. During the week, if you find anything that you would like to purchase, just contact the person whose name is on the label. Remember to collect anything that is not sold at the end of the week or if you would prefer to donate to charity, just let Caroline know.

FOR PARENTS

Parents are welcome to stay but if for whatever reason you won't be there, don't worry. An instructor or an older rider will help the junior riders and many first timers learn so much by having to do things on their own, even if they just learn to ask for help.

Please do not interrupt lessons or coach from the sideline as this is distracting for the instructor.

If an accident happens, please allow the instructors to deal with it - they are all first aid trained and will be able to deal with any situation that arises.

Please bring your own water (for ponies) and don't forget a lunchtime feed for your pony as it's a busy week for them as well as you.