

# RACINE COUNTY PONY CLUB SUMMER CAMP 2009



**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>**

RCPC Camp is almost here. You and your ponies are going to have a great time of learning and fun! We are having camp at the RCPC Equestrian Center again this year. The groups are as follows:

**GROUP 1:** Kailey, Trevor, Lija,

**GROUP 2:** Anna, Emma C., Emma S., Katie

**GROUP 3:** Heidi, Gabi, Skylar, Kelly

**GROUP 4:** Sophie, Claire, Stephanie, Emily

Our clinicians this year are Jennifer Merrick-Brooks, for mounted and Marlie Birr for unmounted. Jennifer is a certified horsemaster and “A” Pony Club graduate, member of the USPC Show Jumping Committee, lecturer and clinician for the United States Pony Club, Inc., coached the winning USPC Championships 2007 show jumping team and competed through Intermediate level. Jennifer is a freelance rider, instructor, coach and trainer in the US and Canada specializing in: eventing horse and rider to the advanced level, introducing jumping and gymnastic training, dressage and show jumping, starting young horses and riders. Her recent experiences include: founder and coordinator of “Eventing University” – an annual eventing education program, past Vice-RS Great Lakes Region, show jumping and stadium jumping course designer, board member and president of TEAM – The Eventing Association of Michigan.

Marlie is a H-level pony clubber, (one of the first members to pass the C3 specialty rating), she is currently a student at Michigan Tech studying pre-vet, as well as an endurance rider, chair of the Junior board, a 4-H leader, frequent pony club instructor and rater as well as the D Rally coach in 2008 and the D Jamboree chair.

**CAMP DETAILS:** Camp will be a relaxed, fun time to learn new skills in both unmounted and mounted lessons. We will have flat lessons, dressage, stadium jumping, and cross country (weather permitting). Camp will run from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00pm on each of the days. We will conclude camp with a combined training event on Saturday afternoon consisting of dressage and stadium jumping competitions. We hope to see you all there!!

Camp begins on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, with an orientation meeting at 7:30 am in the meeting room at the RCPC Equestrian Center. You may arrive any time after 6:30am (or the night prior with permission from Jenny or Randi) to settle your pony into its stall and bring in your tack and supplies. Stalls assignments and schedules will be posted in the barn by Wednesday. Please allow enough time to be ready for the orientation so that you will be prepared and informed for camp weekend. Group 1 will ride first on Thursday morning, so you may want to have your ponies groomed and partially tacked up prior to the orientation.

***\*\*\* Campers needing assistance tacking up their ponies should have a parent/adult present for the mounted sessions.***

**TRAILER PARKING:** There is diagonal trailer parking in the lot directly in front of the building. Additional trailer parking is available at the south end of the building. There will be a parking attendant in the morning to assist you on where to park in order to make the best use of the space we have available.

**CAR PARKING:** For automobiles, please use the parking area on the north side of the building, which runs along the entire length of the riding arena.

**STABLING:** Stalls will be assigned to each camper. If you are an RCPC EC border, you will stay in your own stall. Shavings will be provided. You will be responsible for am/pm feeding of your pony, keeping your pony's stall clean and water buckets filled for the duration of camp (even if you are a boarder). Please be sure to leave the barn neat and orderly when you depart for the evening. All campers will conclude each day with a turnback. Please do not arrive at the barn prior to 6:30am. Non-boarders, be sure to bring necessary feed for your pony.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

#### **TACK:**

- ✓ Well-fitting, clean and safe equipment for your horse to include: saddle, bridle, girth, *more than one* clean saddle pad
- ✓ Leather or Breakaway Halter
- ✓ Cotton lead rope (not nylon), Chain lead rope if usually needed
- ✓ Crop/whip/spurs
- ✓ Longeing equipment, C-1 and up, or if your pony needs longeing before riding
- ✓ Quilts, bandages for practice and/or use
- ✓ Boots/Polos/Wraps/Bandaging Supplies
- ✓ ASTM/SEI-approved Helmet—must fit correctly
- ✓ Protective vest (recommended) Please fit correctly
- ✓ Stall card – to be displayed on your pony's stall for the duration of camp.

#### **GROOMING SUPPLIES:**

- ✓ Grooming equipment
- ✓ Flyspray for your horse and bug spray for rider
- ✓ Wash Only Bucket, sponge, sweat scraper, rags/towels
- ✓ Fly sheet, sheet, cooler if needed
- ✓ Tack cleaning supplies

#### **CLOTHING:**

- ✓ Riding pants, shorts for non-riding phases (no short shorts)
- ✓ Riding boots and/or barn-appropriate footwear required for kids and parents (covers ankle, no waffle treads, no crocs, no rubber muck boots when in the barn or around the horses)
- ✓ Shirts with sleeves for all riding/barn phases, no spaghetti straps, tank tops
- ✓ Jeans/pants/shorts (that reach your finger tips, no *short* shorts)
- ✓ WATCH – to keep you on schedule
- ✓ Old clothes or a cover you won't mind getting paint on during the jump painting project
- ✓ Show attire for Saturday

**\*\*\* Proper footwear (barn safe shoes that cover the ankles is required by both campers, as well as parents during all portions of camp at the RCPC EC and on the cross country course**

**OTHER:**

- ✓ Hay (no hay bags in stalls please), grain, supplements if normally fed, salt block if desired
- ✓ Twine to hang and additional items needed to be hung in the stalls
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Personal water bottle/snacks
- ✓ Paint brushes, both large and small for camp project
- ✓ Any leftover, exterior latex paint you may have at home that you would be willing to donate

**MEALS/SNACKS:** We will be providing lemonade, bread, peanut butter and jelly, lunch meat, and condiments for the kids to make sandwiches for lunch for all three days of camp. Parents and non-campers can “purchase” a meal for a \$2 donation. We would like each family to donate two side dishes (healthy snacks, fruit, veggies, pasta salad, chips, crackers, dessert). We will divide up the food between the three days. Thursday evening after camp, there will be a “picnic” at the Slater home, located just down the road on Hwy 31 at approximately 6:00pm.

**CAMP PROJECT:**

- ✓ Groups 1 and 2 will be painting a 12”x12” section of a new panel jump (different from the one groups 3 and 4 will be painting). Think about a design you would like to paint and possibly sketch something out prior to camp.
- ✓ Groups 3 and 4 will each be painting a small section of the new RCPC panel jump. Each camper will have a section approximately 12”x12”. Think about a design you would like to paint and possibly sketch something out prior to camp.

**GROUP CHAPERONES AND PARENTS:**

Are responsible for making sure the groups of campers:

- ✓ Are at their designated activity on time.
- ✓ Are hydrated and use sunscreen when needed.
- ✓ Eat lunch at the designated time and then are ready for their next activity when lunch is over.
- ✓ Perform all their barn duties.

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ Pony club Horse Management guidelines will apply and be followed at camp this year.
- ✓ Proper footwear is required while in the barns by kids and parents.
- ✓ The dressage tests for the mini event will be the USEA Intro Test A, Beg. Novice A, Novice A and Training A. We will have copies of the test at the first day of camp.
- ✓ Please be aware of ongoing volunteer duties while at camp, including: jump set-up, poop patrol, sweeping aisles, assisting your camp-mates, general clean-up, etc. We may ask for other volunteer duties as camp is in session.
- ✓ Horses should not be “turned out” into any paddocks (except for boarders).
- ✓ Cell phones are for necessary calls ONLY! Please, NO TEXTING during camp.
- ✓ iPods and other electronic devices should be left at home.
- ✓ Any Pony Club member is welcome to come to camp to audit. There is a \$60 fee which includes lunch, workshops, picnic and auditing. This fee is due at the time of camp and will not be prorated.
- ✓ **HAVE FUN!!!** This is your camp and we want you to have a safe and educational experience.

**Any questions, call:**

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