

# AWAY CAMP 2017 – AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup>

## Somerford Park

### Holmes Chapel, Congleton, Cheshire

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting another Summer Away Camp from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August and we have **30** places available offered on a first come first served basis. Come and join us for 3 days of riding, good food and lots of fun at Somerford Park. The facilities are excellent with multiple arenas, extensive cross country course, 7-mile farm ride, on site saddlery ([www.hopevalleysaddlery.co.uk](http://www.hopevalleysaddlery.co.uk)) and our own club room, kitchen, showers and campsite!

We will set up camp on **Monday evening 7<sup>th</sup> (after 6 p.m.), ride 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and morning of 10<sup>th</sup>**. Riders must be able to canter in open field (sorry no lead reins). Children under 16 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult throughout. Our camps provide you with an excellent chance to brush up your skills whilst having lots of fun and social time. You can view the facilities at Somerford Park on their website <http://www.somerfordpark.co.uk/>

**What will it cost?** £295 per horse and rider. A **£50 deposit** will secure your place.

**All monies MUST be paid in full one month before (by 7th July 2017) - See methods of payment overleaf.**

#### What's included?

- ✓ A minimum of **five** riding sessions which may include dressage/flatwork, show jumping or cross country. (*Sessions are not compulsory – we can cater for anyone just wishing to only do flatwork and hacking*).
- ✓ One use of the Farm Ride
- ✓ Stable for your horse /pony, including 2 bales of bedding (shavings) and all haylage.
- ✓ Secure tack room and access to horse washing facilities
- ✓ All meals from breakfast on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to lunch on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Our own pavilion/club room, kitchen, showers and campsite (riders may pitch a tent or live in their own horse box/caravan). If you wish to stay Off Site in a nearby B&B then you should make your own arrangements as early as possible.

#### What's not included?

- ✗ Transport to and from the venue. If you do not have your own transport, we would appreciate it if you could make every effort to arrange your own transport for your horse/pony either with fellow camper or by hiring your own trailer/horsebox.
- ✗ Wine, beer, pop, bottled water etc.
- ✗ Additional bedding (shavings ONLY) can be purchased on site if necessary.
- ✗ Any special dietary requirements (it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance of anything you can't eat and we will do our best to accommodate – see application/booking form).
- ✗ Your meal on evening of 7<sup>th</sup> August – please bring something with you.

**Please complete the attached Application/Booking Form which should be returned with your deposit to reserve your place.**

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- ✘ Cost of food for non-riders - there will be a charge of £35 per adult and £20 per child (15 & under).
- ✘ Electric hook-up. This can be arranged at cost of £30 – please indicate on your application/booking form if you need this.

Further information on items you will need to bring can be found on the next page.

### Methods of payment:

Cash or cheque made payable to Jo Freer. (Please write Somerford Summer Camp on reverse of cheque and what is covered i.e. deposit, installment, balance owing). We are happy to take monthly payments to spread the cost or do Gift Vouchers (ideal for birthdays) for all or part of the cost. Vouchers are available from the office.

### All monies must be paid by 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

There are two options:

1. **£50** Deposit and balance in full one month prior to Camp i.e. by 7<sup>th</sup> July.
2. **£50** Deposit and monthly installments (the amount will vary depending on when you book your place) with balance payable one month prior to Camp.

### Useful Information

If you have not stayed away from home before you might need to purchase a few bits. We will provide a more detailed checklist of things to take nearer the time but to help you with your planning and preparation here are some of the essentials you will need:

- ✓ Water bucket(s) / drinking container for your horse
- ✓ Mucking out fork / brush
- ✓ Wheelbarrow or skip to use for mucking out
- ✓ Hay net(s) suitable size for your horse/pony
- ✓ Feed bowl
- ✓ Stable sheet / rug
- ✓ Sponge & bucket for washing horse down after exercise

### You will also need to provide crockery / utensils for your own use:

- ✓ cutlery
- ✓ mug/drinking beaker
- ✓ plate & bowl

### Somerford Park Rules:

Somerford Park Farm is a working farm and they have a number of rules which all campers are asked to adhere to. Failure to do so could result in us not being able to make use of the camp facilities in the future. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

If you are intending to jump on either the cross-country course or farm ride then you **must** provide and wear a **body protector**, so if you need to buy one now's the time to start looking.

**Access to stables, kitchen or pavilion:** Somerford Park have stipulated in their rules for camps that additional costs will be incurred should anyone access the facilities before 6 p.m. We would appreciate it

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### Use of Farm Ride:

If you wish to go on the Farm Ride prior to setting up Camp (Monday 7th) it will cost £17 per horse & rider and you need to book and pay for this directly with Somerford Park (01260 299888). If you do then, in accordance with Somerford Park Rules you will **not be** allowed on to the Camp field until 6 p.m. unless we have clearance to move onto site.

Your Camp Fee only includes **one** use of the Farm Ride which you can use anytime from morning of 8<sup>th</sup> until we depart on 10<sup>th</sup> August. If you wish to make further use of the Farm Ride during the Camp, then you will need to arrange and pay Somerford Park directly.

### Transport:

Please tell us on your Application/Booking Form what transport arrangements you might have (or need). We will check with you nearer the time what arrangement you have made. We will try and help if we can but would really appreciate it if you could be make your own arrangements to secure transport to and from Camp – any problems then let us know.

### Camp Tops:

As in previous years we would like to give you the opportunity to buy Camp tops – please tell us whether you would prefer T Shirts or Polo Shirts, and/or Hoodies on your Application/Booking Form. A deposit of **£5** will be required per garment which you can either pay at the time of booking or when we confirm costs. Once we know the cost of tops we will email you with the details so you can tell us exactly what size, colour and quantity you want.

**Want to know more?** You can see what fun we have – check out our photographs / albums from previous camps **Visit us on**  <https://www.facebook.com/Holmefarmequestrian/> and visit our website [Fabulous time at Somerford Park](#)

### Any questions?

If you have any questions then please get in touch with us 01283 813284 (or 07974 112223). Alternatively, you can email Sarah [scomer54@btinternet.com](mailto:scomer54@btinternet.com) with any query about the Camp.

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