



## 2023 GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP Weeks of June 19<sup>th</sup> & June 26<sup>th</sup>

*For more than 50 years, the Green Spring Valley Hounds Pony Camp has been developing young riders into lifelong horsemen capable of riding both in and out of the ring. Camp is geared to boys and girls, ages 6 + who ride now. The goal of Pony Camp is to further an interest in all equine sports with an emphasis on foxhunting, pony racing and riding cross country. The Program's focus is horsemanship, sportsmanship, land conservation and the traditions associated with foxhunting.*

### Pony Camp General Information

**Time:** Camp days run from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm\*. (Ready to ride at 9:00)

**Cost:** \$1200 for two weeks; \$675 for one week  
Registrations received after **May 1<sup>st</sup>** will be charged a \$50 Late Fee.

Return your signed application with all information completed, along with the signed waiver and non-refundable deposit of \$150, made out to **Green Spring Valley Hounds or GSVH**.

**Mail to:**

Holly Bricken, 13941 Mantua Mill Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136. Applications and checks must be received by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The balance is due on the first day of Camp.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE START OF CAMP.**

***All proceeds go to benefit the Green Spring Valley Hounds.***

Please call or email us with questions!

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## **GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023**

### **PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PONY CAMP:**

- **Pony Camp is a TWO WEEK Camp, and this format has proven successful in fostering the best results that create "Pony Camp Magic". We have found that the current structure of Pony Camp uses skills learned in the first week for special events in the second week such as the final day's Hunter Trials. Therefore, while one-week campers are permitted, priority will go to returning campers, and those enrolling for two weeks.**
- **Space will be limited, to ensure each camper receives personalized attention and instruction. Past Pony Camps have "sold out", therefore, early sign-up is strongly encouraged, and campers are not considered enrolled until a deposit has been received. Registrations received after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be charged a \$50 Late Fee.**
- **All ponies and horses stay at the GSVH club. Field board is included in the cost of camp. Stalls are available for \$33/day. Ship in/ship out will not be permitted.**



## **GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PONY CAMP**

**Q. Does my child need his/her own pony?**

**A.** Campers must furnish their own pony or horse. Occasionally, ponies are available to lease or borrow. Contact one of the organizers if you need a pony.

**Q. Does the mount need to be a pony or can it be a horse?**

**A.** Safety is the primary consideration, both for the individual and others around him or her. Our experience has been that ponies are usually better suited to camp, however horses are permitted. Suitability will be determined by the directors. Please note that "switching" mounts during Pony Camp for reasons other than behavior or soundness is discouraged. Pony Camp is not the place to "try" a pony.

**Q. How well does my child have to ride?**

**A.** Children **MUST** be able to post when trotting with control in and outside of the ring. *Note: this does not apply to junior campers, who should be comfortable at the walk in a small ring.*

**Q. Is there a policy regarding drugs and medications for ponies?**

**A.** Many ponies are on maintenance medications which can be given by the staff at the stable (for those on board) or by the Camp directors or counselors. GSVH Pony Camp does not condone use of tranquilizers during camp. While special circumstances may necessitate an exception, if pony needs to be drugged for 10 days of Pony Camp then it is probably not the right pony/child combination.

**Q. Where are the ponies kept?**

**A.** Ponies will be turned out at the Club at no extra cost. There is a "mares' field" and a "geldings' field." For safety reasons, no hind shoes are allowed. Ponies with hind shoes must be kept in a stall and board paid (see Registration Form.)

**Q. Is stall board available? Why might my child's pony need a stall?**

**A.** A limited number of stalls are available. Ponies that have rear shoes will need to be in a stall. Also, ponies that are hard to catch might benefit from being in a stall. Stall board is \$33 per day.

**If you are requesting stall board, please call Kerry Morton at the Club (443) 613-7394 to reserve a stall as soon as possible. Cost of a stall is not included in the pony camp tuition and will be billed separately.**

**Q. Who takes care of the ponies?**

**A.** Ponies are turned out with water, etc. If a pony requires extra grain it is the Camper's responsibility to feed their own pony. In the morning at tack up time or later in the afternoon at the end of the camp day usually work. Ponies on stall board will receive full care. Campers are responsible for a.m. grooming.

**Q. What forms are required?**

**A.** A negative Coggins test within 12 months must be presented. Recent tetanus shot & flu vaccinations are recommended. The attached release must be signed.

**Q. What does my child need to bring?**

**A.** Children should provide their own lunch and a drink each day. A check list is provided below. **Please mark all clothing and equipment clearly for identification.**

**Q. What is the attire?**

**A.** Casual riding attire is fine. Chaps and half chaps are acceptable. Safety vests are encouraged.

**Q. What else do I need to do to get ready?**

**A.** It is your responsibility to be sure your child's pony is in condition for camp, even if it is a borrowed pony. The pony should be fit enough to be ridden in and out of the ring for 2 hours each day for five days in a row for two weeks in the heat of the summer. The older your pony is the more he needs to be ridden ahead of the camp. Your pony will be much happier and healthier and your child will have more fun. **Please note: Tack must be in good, safe condition, and properly fitted or your child will not be permitted to ride.**

**Q. What else do I need to know?**

**A. No parents allowed in the barn during camp.** This is so campers can become independent and to promote collaboration between campers and counselors.

**No campers in the barn after 8:30 A.M. (except those with ponies on stall board)**

. This is so the staff can attend to their duties.

**One pony/horse per camper.** It may be necessary to “swap out” ponies during the course of the two weeks, but no camper should have more than one pony at a time.

**Q. What about moving ponies in before camp?**

**A.** It is much easier for all if parents bring ponies and equipment on **the Sunday afternoon before camp (June 19<sup>th</sup>)**. There will be a picnic after the “move in” on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for introductions and orientation.

Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_



## GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023

Please complete all forms and return them

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at Pony Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Pony Camp (6/20-7/1)

\_\_\_\_\_ First Week Only (6/20-6/24)

\_\_\_\_\_ Second Week Only (6/27-7/1)

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD WILL NEED LOCAL ACCOMODATION FOR PONY CAMP  
PLEASE LET ADAIR STIFEL (410-299-0006) KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



## GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023

### REGISTRATION FORM CONT'D

**Please tell us as much as possible about your child's riding ability and his or her experience in and out of the ring. Safety is of utmost importance at Pony Camp, and GSVHPC Directors may, at their sole discretion, request any pony deemed unsafe to leave.**

	Always	Sometimes	Never	N/A Comment
Is familiar with and rides this pony	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is in a regular lesson program	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rides outside of a ring	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jumps outside of a ring	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has experience foxhunting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Height most comfortable jumping:	_____ x rails	_____ 2'	_____ 2'6"	_____ 3'+
Is a strong swimmer	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Pony Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know	Comment
Has been trail ridden this spring	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has soundness concerns/issues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has a history of kicking other ponies	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has hunted and/or evented	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Height most comfortable jumping:	_____ x rails	_____ 2'	_____ 2'6"	_____ 3'	_____

Additional comments, and/or anything else you think we should know about your child(ren) or pony(ies) please write on the reverse:

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# GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023

## RELEASE

Green Spring Valley Hounds  
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

Agreement for Voluntary Release. Waiver of Liability.  
Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

I request permission to participate in fox hunting and/or other equine related activities (including but not limited to hunter trials, hunter paces, pony camp (including non-equine activities such as swimming), steeplechase racing, cross country horseback lessons at Green Spring Valley Hounds stable (collectively referred to as "GSVH activities") with the Green Spring Valley Hounds, Inc. subject to the rules and regulations thereof. In consideration of the grant of permission to participate in GSVH ACTIVITIES I for myself, my personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, spouse and assigns, guardians and legal representatives, DO HEREBY:

1. Understand that my participation in GSVH ACTIVITIES contains DANGER AND RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH and that there is INHERENT DANGER IN THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH I APPRECIATE AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME. I have observed these activities and I know that other participants pose a danger to me. Nevertheless, I VOLUNTARILY ELECT TO ACCEPT ALL RISKS CONNECTED WITH MY PARTICIPATION in GSVH activities.
2. RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Green Spring Valley Hounds, Inc. and its Masters of Foxhounds, officers, directors, members, employees, guests or any landowners or other persons making property available for the Green Spring Valley Hounds, Inc. (the Releasees") from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of the actions or omissions of Releasees or any other participant in GSVH ACTIVITIES which cause the undersigned injury, death or property damage regardless of legal basis for any such claim or liability. I hereby covenant to hold Releasees harmless and indemnify Releasees for any claim, action, judgment, or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) Releasees may incur arising out of my participation in GSVH ACTIVITIES.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and that, if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

FURTHER, I CERTIFY AS FOLLOWS: (i) I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT; (ii) I UNDERSTAND IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS; (iii) I UNDERSTAND THAT I ASSUME ALL RISKS OF GSVH ACTIVITIES. I VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME, EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (to be signed by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years of age.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023

### Medical

In the event that my child becomes ill or injured, I hereby authorize the functioning official to take the following steps:

1. Contact a parent at phone numbers provided and follow his or her instructions.
2. If the parents are unavailable, the person designated below should be called to act in their behalf.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

We do not wish to make such a designation \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If the above contact cannot be reached, I authorize the accompanying functioning official to use their discretion in securing medical attention from the nearest practicing medical physician and/ or hospital.

Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Known Medical conditions and drug reactions for the above child including allergies (use reverse if necessary):

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**Parents signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **GREEN SPRING VALLEY HOUNDS PONY CAMP 2023**

### **Pony Camp Check List**

**Please make sure ponies' feet are done (trimmed, shod) immediately prior to camp. While we try to have farriers on call, it is not always possible to have shoes replaced in a day.**

**Please label everything!!!**

#### **For the Pony:**

- Saddle
- Girth
- Bridle
- Neck Strap
- Halter
- Saddle Pad
- Body Sponge
- Curry Comb
- Rub Rag/Towel
- Lead Shank
- Tack Sponge
- Saddle Soap
- Mane Comb
- Fly Spray
- Hoof Pick
- Sweat Scraper
- Brushes
- Wash Bucket (small is easier to handle)

#### **For the Camper:**

- Riding Helmet: ASTM approved
- Riding Boots
- Sneakers
- Shorts
- Bathing Suit
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- Water Bottle
- Lunch each day

#### **Recommended for Younger Campers (ages 6-7):**

- Neck Strap (an old stirrup leather will do)
- Hooded stirrups, if possible



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**DID YOU REMEMBER TO:**

- **Fill out Forms completely**
- **Sign and Date Liability Release?**
- **Send in a copy of your medical insurance for your child?**
- **Contact Kerry Morton at the Club (443-613-7394) if you wish to board?**
- **Contact Adair Stifel (410-299-0006) or Mackenzie Pfeiffer (410-913-1738) if your camper needs accommodations?**
- **Enclose your Deposit Check (\$150) to ensure your place?**

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