

Camp 2008 Report
MPC Regional Meeting
13 January 2008

Camp 2008 dates – Sunday 20 July to Saturday 26 July 2008
Location – Portage Fair Grounds

Contract negotiations ongoing. Looking for alternative method for manure removal so more user friendly for smaller members.

Grounds include enclosed grass ring, enclosed sand ring and grass area at west end of infield; enclosed dressage ring located east of the office building. Enclosing the dressage ring to encourage younger members to participate.

Instructors in place: Cindy Klassen, Lorraine Wilson and Hugh Crawley. Suzanna Danyluk will be the Dressage instructor.

MPC Dressage letters or Willville letters – Portage 4H dressage letters are better

Stall check prizes – Budgeted for \$15 per branch to cover cost of purchasing stall check prizes – PPC will do the purchasing.

Instructor breaks & lunches – Budgeted for \$30.00 per branch to cover cost of groceries and drinks. PPC will prepare the snacks and lunches for the instructors.

Incorporating more stable management into Camp 2008, geared to the D to D2 levels.

Evening activities include:

- Monday – Parelli demo with Heather Davey
- Tuesday – currently a free evening (cheap night at the movies)
- Wednesday – Dressage demo with Suzanna Danyluk
- Thursday – Pool Party at Splash Island
- Friday – Show Jumping

Hay orders will be included on the registration form with payment to be made at time of registration. Pick up hay on move in day.

Straw – looking at allocating a specified number of bales per stall and may ask each camper to store these bales (3 bales for the week). This is an effort to avoid waste and reduce clean up at the end of camp.

PPC is looking at running a small canteen with penny candy. The Tack Swap will be offered with set hours of operation – likely 10:30 am to 4 ish each day. The

Tack Swap will be closed for lunch hour. More security will be instituted such as a deposit for articles taken out and not paid for in full, or a cheque to cover the cost, sign out book, etc. A craft activity hopefully will be offered at a reasonable fee and PPC is looking at having the campers do the craft in their riding groups.

Camping – must be booked on the registration form with payment made to the Portage Fair Board. Need to specify which group you want to camp with, type of unit, including length and amp service required. If you have a bigger unit, with air and lots of electrical appliances, please camp in the regular campground where your camper's requirements can be fully met. Camping fees give you 7 nights for the price of 6 so you can move your camper in early, or stay a night longer.

Campground rate - \$108

Group camping - \$90

Tenting (no services) - \$60

Pole C issues – this camping area is located directly north of the sand ring. Some issues have arisen in the past however, this area should be filled with Pony Club campers and not left available for outside campers for more control.

What we need help with:

Night Checks of the barns. If you have someone who likes to roam around at night, please let us know as the barns need to be checked during the night.

Camp Photographer – it would be nice to have a picture taken of each riding group

Silent Auction – any volunteers to organize and sell tickets?

Ring upkeep – the grass rings need to be poopy scooped on a regular basis. A branch schedule will be set up. PPC will look at purchasing two muck buckets at Walmart with these to be kept in the MPC jump trailer.

Clean up – we will need help picking up the MPC jumps and packing the MPC jump trailer. Please allow for this in your move out plans.

Camp is being downsized by approximately 30%. Only 2 horse barns are being fully utilized for stalls. The half of Heritage Building that we normally have can be used for stable management, group meetings, or just a place to sit and chat or for storage. We are not being charged per se for this building with only 4 or 5 stalls being used. We are not renting the Zipperlock barn as the panels out of this barn are needed to enclose the dressage ring and opening up this building would mean an increase in the rent as 4 barns are then being used.

This puts a limit on campers and horses with a maximum of 50 horses. No extra horses will be allowed. We are operating on a very tight budget. Instructors will

be housed in campers and a per diem provided for meals appropriate to the cost of eating out in Portage la Prairie.

Camp focus is on the D level of riders (D, D1 and D2), green horses, flat work, show jumping to 2/6" and stable management up to the D2 level. If more experienced members do register for camp, they may mentor the younger members, as appropriate.

Registration forms will be ready to hand out at Regional Quiz on 16 March 2008 and we ask that they be handed in at the next MPC regional meeting which is being held on Sunday, 13 April 2008. At that point, the number of registrations will be assessed and you will be advised if there are stalls still available.

Grants – Dressage and Show Jumping – each Chair will be approached.

What I forgot to ask was how the Darlene Craig Memorial Scholarship will be distributed – at one or both camps?

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