

## **JUNIOR CAMP – IS MY CHILD OLD ENOUGH?**

For those parents unfamiliar with Camp, the children sleep in groups in tents for three nights, and the ponies are housed in stalls in a barn. The day starts early and, with evening activities, often finishes around 9pm. All ridden Camp activities are in open fields, and the children must be confident in riding in open spaces. .

As long as they have slept away from home before (and ideally in a tent), children age nine and above generally settle in well. Children younger than this (and **the minimum age is 7**) may not settle at night and do get very tired as they are kept busy throughout the day. While we are prepared to accept children aged 7 or 8, parents should telephone the organiser Alison Melhuish on 07886 512320 in the first instance to discuss their child, as each one is different. A parent must be available late at night if the child is unhappy and wants to go home. After having a goodnight's sleep they should return to Camp the following morning in time to feed their pony. The pony should stay at Camp

**We do not allow children to come to Camp during daytime only** as the whole concept of Camp is that they should stay away from home and look after themselves and their pony, albeit with the assistance of the very helpful instructors and the parents on the duty rota.

All Camp enquiries should be directed to the organiser Alison Melhuish 07866 512320.