

# Key MFHA Programs

1. **Subscribing Membership Program** - allows its members and hunting supporters to receive *Covertside*, receive email updates on important information concerning hunting and attend MFHA sponsored educational & social events.
2. **Professional Development Program** - provides education and hunting standards for professional huntsmen and hunt staff; performs site visits of established hunts who request MFHA review in order to achieve optimal hunting practices.
3. **Partnership Programs** - with US Sporting Alliance (USSA), Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), American Wildlife conservation Partners (AWCP), and National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) in order to promote wildlife conservation and counter the threat to hunting by the animal rights movement.
4. **Financial support of sanctioned hound shows** - to promote hunt membership and public interest in hounds and to help hound shows financially so they are able to keep entry fees down and encourage more hunts to attend.
5. **Foxhound Stud Book** - maintain hound pedigrees and standards for hound registration which allows breeders valuable information to improve their breeding programs and participation in MFHA sanctioned hound shows.
6. Establishing and maintaining **standards of conduct for foxhunting** and animal husbandry.
7. **Children's programs** to encourage junior riders to participate in foxhunting - the Live Oak Challenge, the Fairly Hunted Award, and hunting venues at National Pony Club Festival.
8. **Hunting Habitat Award and the MFHA District Conservation Awards** - to promote land and habitat conservation, thereby improving quality of life in the communities where hunting occurs and securing the land needed for mounted hunting.
9. **Hunt Staff Benefit Program** - providing financial support to hunt staff and their families in need of medical care or financial mishap.
10. **MFHA Foundation** - providing funding necessary to secure foxhunting for future generations; funding and distributing educational information to MFHA members and the public in the form of books, publications, website and social media; and providing funding for valuable scientific research on health issues concerning fox hounds (i.e., Leishmaniasis) and other issues that could affect the sport of foxhunting.