THE PACK junior

Agenda

- MFHA PROGRAMS Susan Denny Gentry, MFH Cloudline Hounds
 - KIDS GUIDE TO FOXHUNTING
 - FOX HUNTING COLORING BOOK
 - FAIRLY HUNTED
 - MARGARET LINDSLEY WARDEN AWARDS PROGRAM
 - JUNIOR JUDGING PROGRAM
- PONY CLUB Marian Wahlgren, Development Director, The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

• JUNIOR NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP – Carla Babcock



KIDS GUIDE TO FOXHUNTING

- HISTORY
- WHAT HAPPENS ON A HUNT
- HOUNDS AND QUARRY
- HOW CAN I LEARN TO HUNT
- PROPER CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES
- SOME HUNTING TERMS
- WEBSITES/BOOKS/MAGAZINES

Download and Print from the MFHA website





MFHA FOUNDATION

THE FOXHUNTING COLORING BOOK –"MY FIRST FOX HUNT"







Download and Print from the MFHA website

FAIRLY HUNTED

About

- The Fairly Hunted Award acknowledges children 18 and under who participate in mounted hunting with hounds.
- Each year, the award is presented to any young person that meets the qualifications. It is a wonderful way to honor your juniors at a hunting event. No examination is given, and no requisite skills are required – just having had the experience of riding to hounds.

184 FAIRLY HUNTED AWARDS EARNED IN 2024!



FAIRLY HUNTED



Qualifications

- Age 18 and under
- Hunted 5+ times during that season
- Recognized by a Master

Award

- Pin
- Certificate
- 1 year subscription to Covertside

Nominations

- Send an email to <u>office@mfha.com</u> with the following information:
- Name
- Age
- Mailing Address
- Hunt Club
- Master's acknowledgement of hunting 5+ times

On MFHA website you can click on "SUBMIT NOMINATION"



MFHA PACK JUNIOR

Margaret Lindsley Warden Award Program



Margaret Lindsley Warden



Margaret Lindsley Warden was chosen as the namesake for the MFHA Pack Junior Award Program due to her profound impact on the horse world, her focus on junior riders, and her enjoyment of nature and preservation.

"Warden also founded the Middle Tennessee Pony Club in 1953 and served as the D.C. and Regional Supervisor for many years. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Equestrian Team and was awarded the Wofford Cup in 1986 and The Founders Award from the United States Pony Club in 1989. Warden wrote the "Horse Sense" column for the Nashville Tennessean newspaper, and due to her writings and promotion of horsemanship and education, she was one of the earliest voices for the ethical and humane treatment of horses." USEA Eventing Hall of Fame

DISTRICT Awards

Annual Award Winners at District Level (Fifteen Districts)

- District Winner age group 13-18 = \$400
 Award
- District Winner age group 12 and under = \$200 Award

Total Annual District Award Winners = \$9,000



NATIONAL AWARD

Annual Award Winner at National Level

- National Winner age group
 13-18 = \$1000 Award
- National Winner age group 12 and under = \$500 Award

Annual National Award Winners = **\$1,500**



Awards

Total Annual District and National Awards = \$10,500

Special THANK YOU to **Eleanor Menefee Warriner, MFH of Hillsboro Hounds** for sponsoring this wonderful program!





QUALIFICATION

Applicants must be current MFHA PACK JUNIOR MEMBERS to apply.

Applicants can enter the 12 and under division or the 13-18 division

Pack Junior Members that have applied in the 12 and under divisions, can apply in the 13-18 division when they come of age.

Each hunt can submit as many Pack Junior Member applicants as they want.

Allows non riding members to compete EQUALLY with riding members



Directors can simply send a list of completed applicants to the MFHA office for them to confirm that all are Pack Junior members.



THE BADGES

Applicant can earn a badge by completing 100 points of offered achievements. Participants will receive extra consideration for completing more than 100 points, but 100 points is required to complete the badge.

All members that complete requirements of a badge will receive a special pin and certificate from the MFHA office signifying the accomplishment.

Masters to sign off and date. There is no time limit on the badge.

If applicant is unable to finish in one year, they can continue into the following year.

Badges are designed to encourage riders as well as nonriders to participate and make their ability to win equal.







Puppy & Hound Badge





REQUIREMENTS — To achieve the "Hound Puppy Badge", applicant must achieve at least 100 points from below list. Extra consideration will be given to those that complete more than 100 points when being judged for District and/or National winner.

- 20pts. Successfully name 6 hounds in the kennels. Signed _____ Date Take a photo with your favorite hound. 20pts. Signed _____ Date _ Bring a friend to a hound walk or hound event. 20pts. Signed _____ Date ___ Be able to point out 4 body parts of a hound with correct terminology. 20 pts. Signed _____ Date _____ 20pts. Identify three different colors of hounds, either in your pack or in photos. Signed Date ____ 20 pts Successfully catch, collar, and walk out one hound on a lead. Signed _____ Date ____ Participate in 4 hound walking/ exercise events (10 Points each) 40 pts Walk 1 Signed ____ Date Walk 2 Signed Date Walk 3 Signed _ Date ____ Walk 4 Signed ____ Date _ 20Pts. Show a Hound in a Hound Show Competition (can be a puppy show) Signed _____ Date _____ Participate in a Junior Showmanship Class or Junior Hound Judging Competition 20 Pts. Signed Date _____TTL Signed ______ Date____
- Please have a Master sign on each achievement and at the bottom when a total of 100 points is accomplished
- When completed, please send this signed document to your MFHA District Director
- Please see all the specific requirements regarding the Pack Junior Awards Program



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Pony & Horse Badge





REQUIREMENTS — To achieve the "PONY Badge", applicant must achieve 100 points from the list below. Extra consideration will be given to those that complete more than 100 points when being judged for District and/or National winner.

- 20Pts. Take a photo or show one of your favorite hunt horse and tell why you like it best.
 Signed ______ Date _____
- 20 pts. Successfully name 3 attributes hound in a good hunt horse which is most important to you and why. Signed ______ Date _____
- 20 pts. Be able to point out 4 body parts of a horse with correct terminology.
 Signed ______ Date _____
- 20 pts. Identify three different colors of horses typically seen in the hunt field.
 Signed ______ Date _____
- 20 pts. Identify a flat hunt bridle from a raised bridle. What color tack is correct for the hunt field? Signed ______ Date _____
- 20-30 Pts Demonstrate the correct way to hold a hunt whip when riding to hounds. 10 bonus points if you can pop it!! Signed _____ Date _____

40 pts. Participate in 4 hound walking/ exercise/fall hunting events on your horse (10 Points each)

Walk 1	Signed	Date
Walk 2	Signed	Date
Walk 3	Signed	Date
Walk 4	Signed	Date

20 pts. Bring a friend to a mounted hound or hunting event. Signed ______ Date _____

_____ TTL Signed ______ Date _____

 Please have a Master sign on each achievement and at the bottom when a total of 100 points is accomplished

- When completed, please send this signed document to your MFHA District Director
- Please see all the specific requirements regarding the Pack Junior Awards Program





THE ESSAY

- Applicant will complete and turn in an essay about enjoying nature with horses and hounds.
- "How is nature and conservancy important to you when participating with horses and/or hounds?"
- Participants can interpret the above statement as appropriate to their own thoughts and observations.
- Length of essay is not specified so individual can be age appropriate and they can express themselves as they want, words, illustrations, photos, etc.

TIMING

April 1st - Completed applications must be turned in to district directors for judging

• District directors of the MFHA will select award winners based on the JPAP guidelines and submit the winning member to the MFHA Headquarters.

May 1st - District winners will be submitted to the MFHA Headquarters to be considered for the national winner.

• The district winners and a national winner will be announced and recognized each year in the Covertside.



GIVE OUT PINS YEAR-ROUND!



- BADGES CAN BE EARNED INDIVIDUALLY, TOO!!
- JUST COMPLETE A BADGE CRITERIA AND SEND IT IN TO THE MFHA TO RECEIVE PIN!!

JUNIOR HOUND JUDGING









Junior Hound Judging Program Guidelines, Protocol, Score Sheets



The MFHA Junior Pack Hound Judging Program teaches juniors about hound breed standards in a fun and educational way. Participants will practice decision making and reasoning skills while actively assessing foxhounds. Let's get our juniors more involved and empower their foxhunting and hound knowledge.

Junior Judges will:

- Learn about the standards of the Foxhound breeds
- Recognize good conformation and the basis for longstanding soundness
- Learn to evaluate and compare three different live hounds
- Learn proper terms when describing hound conformation
- Learn to make and defend decisions
- Learn to recognize quality in breed, condition of the animal, and willingness of the hound
- What you need to host a Junior Hound Judging Program:
- Hound judging event, formal as a Hound or Puppy Show or informal like a kennel tour or Pony Club visit
- Three distinct hounds per class
- Three ways to distinguish hounds
- Juniors Judging Score sheets (attached)
- Send the MFHA the Juniors Names for The Pack Junior Decals office@mfha.com



Individual Hound Checklists and Placement Guide

	1										
Collar Color-		Yes	No	Collar Color-		Yes	No	Collar Color-		Yes	No
I. General Condition	Healthy Coat			I. General Condition	Healthy Coat			I. General Condition	Healthy Coat		
	Bright Eye				Bright Eye				Bright Eye		
	Happy Attitude				Happy Attitude				Happy Attitude		
	Proper Weight				Proper Weight				Proper Weight		
II. Feet	Even Toenails			II. Feet	Even Toenails			II. Feet	Even Toenails		
	Straight Feet				Straight Feet				Straight Feet		
	Tidy Feet				Tidy Feet				Tidy Feet		
III. Topline	Well-muscled			III. Topline	Well-muscled			III. Topline	Well-		
	Even on both sides				Even on both sides				Even on both sides		
IV. Depth of Chest	Front View: One hand's width between front legs			IV. Depth of Chest	Front View: One hand's width between front legs			IV. Depth of Chest	Front View: One hand's width between front legs		
	Side View: Barrel meets point of elbow				Side View: Barrel meets point of elbow				Side View: Barrel meets point of elbow		

What is available on MFHA Website:

- GUIDELINES ۲
- PROTOCOL •
- SCORE SHEETS •





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Hound Conformation Video for Juniors by Leilani Gray - on MFHA Website



Junior Membership

\$20 / year

Under 18 with permission from legal guardian.

- Member Packet:
 - 2 decals
 - ∘ 1pin
- Covertside Magazine: 2 issues per year
 - Spring Issue
 - Fall Hunt Roster Issue
- MFHA Newsletter: Monthly updates on member conservation efforts, recent breakthroughs in hound and horse health and more.
- Member-Only Events: Opportunities to mix with and learn from some of the most knowledgeable foxhunters in North America.
- Award Eligibility: Fairly Hunted Award

🖉 Join Online

Download Form

2024 Pack Junior Awards Winners





When to use MFHA Pack Junior Programs:

- Hound Show
- Puppy Show
- Pony Club Meeting
- Junior Day Hunt
- Fox Hunt School / Camp Event
- Landowner Appreciation Day
- Kennels Tour

Remember, your District Director is available to help you!!

And ALL of the information you need is available on the website **MFHA.COM**

The Pack Junior Membership

UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS

MARIAN WAHLGREN







• The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. was founded in 1954 by a group of foxhunters with the goal of encouraging youth in the sport, while teaching safe riding and horse care. The foxhunting community and Pony Club also work together on a shared mission to preserve and protect open land for horses and riding.

• Foxhunting education has been part of the Pony Club curriculum since the beginning. All members learn Foxhunting history and terminology.

• Pony Club offers instructors mounted and unmounted lesson plans to teach foxhunting etiquette, terminology, riding in a group, jumping in a line, and riding outside of the ring so all levels and ages can enjoy the sport.







Foxhunting Recognition Program

- Pony Club members can receive recognition for their Foxhunting knowledge through the Foxhunting Recognition Program. The Foxhunting Recognition Program is separated into unmounted and mounted sections. The unmounted section can be completed individually and is required as part of the mounted section. Upon successful completion of the unmounted section, the candidate will earn a Fox Pin, and members who complete both sections will receive a certificate and USPC Foxhunting Pin.
- Complete and upload "SECTION ONE Unmounted", "SECTION TWO - Mounted", or both; to the "Foxhunting Recognition Program Application" link to complete the application process. All applications must be submitted by April 10 of the current year; awards will be distributed after the deadline.



Live Oak Hounds-USPC Foxhunting Challenge Award

The Live Oak Hounds-USPC Foxhunting Challenge Award is made possible through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin Wood III, Joint Masters of the Live Oak Hounds in Monticello, Florida, and Past Presidents of the MFHA. This award is designed to encourage Pony Club members who do not regularly hunt to try the sport, to reward those members who do hunt on a regular basis, and act as mentors to the younger and less-experienced Pony Club members. A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to six Pony Clubs/Centers who qualify based on the percentage of total members in the club/center.

The Award period will run from April 10 of the previous year to April 9 of the current year, with the winners announced by May 1. More information is available on the website <u>www.ponyclub.org</u>.





Brookfield Conservation Award

The Brookfield Conservation Award is made possible through the generous support of the van Nagell family of Lexington, Kentucky, who have placed their Brookfield Farm into conservancy.

The Brookfield Conservation Award rewards efforts for the promotion of land conservation, preservation, and stewardship. Applicants may be a club, center, region, or individual. Up to two \$500 awards may be given annually.

The deadline for submissions is November 1

Popping Club Where it all begins



The PCIA International Foxhunting Exchange

The International Foxhunting Exchange takes place every three years between Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the U.S.

Four Pony Club members are selected through an application process to represent USPC and travel with a chaperone to the host country. The host country plans mounted hunt days with established hunts, along with other cultural activities.

Applicants must be certified C-3 or above, 16 – 25 years of age, and have a strong background in foxhunting, including jumping and riding unfamiliar horses.

The next Foxhunting Exchange will be hosted by New Zealand in the winter/spring of 2026.





USPC Festival Mock Hunt

Every other year Pony Club hosts the USPC Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park. One of the highlights of this event is the Mock Fox Hunt. All Festival participants are invited to join in the fun, and for many this is their first introduction to Foxhunting. More than 100 Pony Club members of all ages participate in the Mock Hunt.

The next USPC Festival will be held in July 2026.

To find a Pony Club near you, visit **ponyclub.org** and in the dropdown under the Join tab, click on Find a Club or Center. There is also a map on the home page. For more information or assistance:

> Call 859-254-7669 Email development@ponyclub.org

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

"My Child Foxhunting"



Peggy Crane, mom of a foxhunter

"Being a Junior member of the Hunt was like <u>finishing school</u> for my daughter..... she learned about:

- Tradition
- Etiquette
- Proper attire
- Protocol
- Punctuality
- Conservation
- Vocabulary associated with the sport
- She gained poise and self confidence through being part of a group, and accepted by the members of all ages, from many walks of life.....I can't begin to mention all the benefits she gleaned from being in the hunt!"

Junior North American Field Hunter Championship





Founded in 2003 by Iona Pillion & Douglas Wise Stuart

Carla Babcock

The JNAFHC founders Douglas Wise-Stuart, MFH of Old Dominion Hounds and Iona Pillion from the Blue Ridge Hunt had a dream, **"Bring children to new hunting countries and** open their eyes to the fact that these playgrounds don't just happen to be there for them by chance but have been nurtured and conserved for the perpetuation of wildlife, open space, and for those who treasure the natural world."

They gave their dream life by creating the *Junior North American Field Hunter Championship* which provides juniors with the opportunity to hunt new territories, make new friends, and experience friendly competition.

Now in its 22nd year the dream continues to grow in scope and participation, with more hunts hosting qualifiers each season, and creating events to help educate juniors on the importance of land conservation, habitat preservation, good hound traits and care, safe horsemanship and foxhunting skills.

A Celebration of the Sport for Juniors



"The future of our sport & land"

Requirements for Finals:

- Age 18 or younger as of August 1, 2024
- Must be a JR. hunt member or belong to a USPC associated with a hunt
- Compete the horse on which you qualify
- Complete the Junior Log:
 - 5 or more hunts
 - 1 successful qualifier
 - 3 or more hound/kennel activities
 - Extras hunt related activities

	JNAFHC Qualifier Entry Form for the 2024-25 Season (This is not the entry form for the Finals)
Date:	Location of Qualifier:
Name of Junior:	
Phone:	
Name of Pony/Horse:	Pony Club:
Address:	Email:
	ss in appropriate fall hunting attire throughout the qualifying meets,
	g jackets, jodhpurs, or breeches and appropriate boots. NO braiding, k and boots are always expectedturnout is important!
Parent Signature:	Date <u>:</u>
	any child interested in entering, may sign Hunt Waivers. No children zu of parent/legal guardian, will be allowed to hunt.





IDER		DOB	HORSE	
UNT/PON	CLUB			
IVISION: I	HT 10 & under	HT 11-18	FF 13 & under	FF 14-18
DATE	ACTIVITY Hunt, Walking Hound Qualifier, Hunt Clinic		LOCATION/FIXTURE	INITIALS Field Master, Huntsman, Organizer

Junior Qualifiers

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Thank you to all the hunts for hosting Qualifiers in the following states:

Canada	Maryland	Ohio
Alabama	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Florida	Mississippi	South Carolina
Georgia	Missouri	Tennessee
Kansas	North Carolina	Virginia
		Kentucky



"Save the Date"

Fliers















JNAFHC AWARDS

- First Field 14-18
- First Field 13 & under
- Hilltopper 11-18
- Hilltopper 10 & under
- Division High Point USPC Awards
- Best Turned Out
- Sportsmanship
- Hound Judging
- Junior Handler
- Horn Blowing
- Whip Cracking



The JNAFHC has proven to be a valuable tool in encouraging more cooperation among hunt clubs and organizations, thus strengthening the bonds of foxhunting throughout the country.

Lily McKee, 2024 Reserve Champion JNAFHC First Field 14-18



Went on to qualify and place 7th in the Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship.

JNAFHC Finals 2025

Moore County Hounds





November 14 & 15 Southern Pines, NC https://moorecountyhounds.com

New in 2025



All Around High Point Award For points earned in: Division Placing



Division Placing Junior Log Hound Judging Junior Handler Whip Cracking Horn Blowing









Photos by Joshua Hoy - Belle Meade Hunt & John McKean - Rocky Fork Headley Hunt

Share your photos:

Hound walks, trail clearing, paces, camps, junior clinics, junior hunts and more...



Junior North American Field Hunter Championship



WWW.JNAFHC.COM















Carla Babcock, Mells Foxhounds Rocky Fork Headley Hunt

Lea Blanco, Belle Meade Hunt

Martha Venable Johnson, Iroquois Hunt

Ashley Woodford Johnson, Iroquois Hunt Long Run Woodford Hounds

Mary Jo Moloney, Iroquois Hunt Stephanie Phillips, MFH Rocky Fork Headley Hunt Boo Shepard-Montgomery, Mells Foxhounts Allison Volpentesta, Don Bar Farm Jill Wallace, Mells Foxhounds Rachel Wilkoski, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Douglas Wise Stuart, MFH, Old Dominion Hounds

JUNIOR NORTH AMERICAN FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP





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Tap Your Resources

- JNAFHC we will assist and give you ideas !
 - Neighboring Hunt and/or Pony Club join up for qualifiers, clinics, camps, hound walks, etc.
 - Local college, high school or middle school with an equestrian program
 - Local trainer invite to bring juniors and or hunt worthy/safe horses for hire
 - Family parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles
 - Your huntsman and/or an experienced member
 - Teach them how to properly carry and crack a whip technique and "crack"
 - \circ $\,$ Teach them how to blow a horn and what the different horn calls mean
 - Terminology hound, bitch (only allowed in foxhunting lol), couple, voice etc.

Your Greatest Resource

* * Hunt Members * *

In closing - I will speak to this in person

THE WRAP UP! TIME to Answer Questions?

Thank you for making the extra effort to keep our Pack Junior members engaged!



