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15 yr



MFHA PACK JUNIOR MARGARET LINDSLEY WARDEN AWARD PROGRAM HORSE BADGE 13-18 Years Old

REQUIREMENTS - To achieve the "Horse Badge" pin, 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 horses and tell why you like it best.
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24
- 20 pts. Successfully name 3 attributes found in a good hunt horse - which is most important to you and why.
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- 20 pts. Be able to point out 8 body parts of a horse with correct terminology.
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- 20 pts. Identify three different colors of horses typically seen in the hunt field.
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- 20 pts. Identify a flat hunt bridle from a raised bridle. What color tack is correct for the hunt field?
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24
- 20 pts. Explain the differences in all "Fields" that are available at your home hunt and what they offer to different riders and horses.
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24
- 20 pts. Explain what you think the difference is between a staff horse and a field hunter.
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- 20 Pts. Identify two things that are important to notice about footing when riding in the hunt field and how you handle each one?
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24
- 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 [Signature] Date 3/27/24
- 40 pts. Participate in 4 hound walking/ exercise/fall hunting events on your horse (10 Points each)

Walk 1	Signed	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>9/23/23</u>
Walk 2	Signed	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>9/30/23</u>
Walk 3	Signed	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>10/21/23</u>
Walk 4	Signed	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>10/28/23</u>

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20Pts. Clean and prepare a Horse for Opening Day or another important hunt day. Present properly turned-out horse to Master or Professional Huntsman for inspection.
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20 Pts. Explain what you think is the most important rule or tradition about hunting and why.
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24

20 pts. Bring a friend to a mounted hound or hunting event.
Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24

290 Total Points Signed [Signature] Date 3/27/24

- Please have a Master sign on each achievement AND at the bottom when a total of 100 points or more 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

Land Conservation is an extremely important topic, especially in the foxhunting community. For a Foxhunt to happen, a fixture is needed. No fixture, no hunt. With a fixture comes responsibility from the hunt members and guests. Some essential habits for me as a junior member are cleaning up after myself and my mount. If my horse happens to drag shavings or manure out of the trailer while unloading, I pick up the shavings and spread the manure per the request of our fixture land owner. I also make sure I always thank the landowner if given the chance. Another habit is being aware of fields around me that are planted with crops. I do my best to steer clear of them and not create ruts or holes from my horse's hooves. While the meaning of Land Conservation varies, this is just my idea and opinion of it. Conservation of hunting land is important to me because Foxhunting is the highlight of my week, month, and year. As a junior whipper-in and member, I try my hardest to be involved and helpful. Some of these things include- hound washing in summer months, flea baths, hound exercising in the off-season, cleaning the huntsman's hound/horse trailer, and many other tasks. Do those things have anything to do with land conservation? No, not really. But they are important to me because they help me do my part to help the huntsman and hounds for hunts. I couldn't imagine my life without Foxhunting. The rush of excitement and adrenaline I feel when I hear the hounds erupt into a full-cry chase, or when I get a perfect view of the game dashing out of the cover with the hounds hot on it's trail. That's what it's all about for me. Even on those bad scenting days, having the privilege to participate and watch and listen to the hound's work, it's truly a unique experience I can't describe. Being in the hunt field, all worries just float away and all I'm focused on is the hunt and the hounds. Without Land Conservation, fixtures would disappear, as would foxhunts. That is why I try my hardest to do my part in taking care of the land we have the privilege to hunt on to help ensure the future of foxhunting.

I wanted to include this photo taken by Mark Jump Photography of my Mustang mare named 'Vixen' and I. While I have always loved hunting ever since I started when I was 7, this wonderful mare is such a joy to hunt on and makes the experience even better. She is always up for anything I ask of her, Whether it's jumping a 3ft coop, leading hounds off of her, carrying hounds on her back, or galloping across wide stretches to keep up with the chase, she never says no. She has turned into quite the seasoned hunt/whip horse since we started together at 7 & 12 to now at 11 & 16.

