

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-April, weather permitting. Please contact michelle1mortier@gmail.com for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

Metamora Hunt Website:

www.metamorahunt.com

Always call the Hunt Hotline: 810.678.2711
for weather or information updates on any Hunt related event.

Youth Hunt Starts our Season

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Metamora Hunt Country Stable Tour will be held again this summer on August 12th. The tour will follow the same format as in previous years. Starting at the Hunt Kennels you pick up your tickets and information brochure from 11:30am until 2:30pm. You also can take a look around the property and find out more about the hounds and the Hunt.

If you're having friends out for the day it's a perfect activity to let them see what makes our Hunt Country such a special place.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for children that accompany them. They are also available in advance at The White Horse Inn.

The tour starts at noon and runs until 4:00PM.

For more information call me at 586.381.8834



Our new season began with an exciting Youth Hunt on August 6th. Huntsman Adrian Smith was assisted by Honorary Whippers In Sara Smith and Joe Kent, ex MFH, as they guided our pack of hounds into the woods and fields near the Hunt kennels. Road Whippers In John Baker, Anthony Orlando and Jim Thomas monitored the activities from their vehicles on the roads.



In just a short amount of time the hounds struck the scent of a coyote and opened with a lovely chorus of barks and cries. Our group of young riders, lead by MFHs Ken Mathies and Debbie Pace, followed the hounds at a good pace. The coyote took a large and circular route as he artfully eluded our hard working hounds and their followers.

Additional News:

Metamora Hunt 11th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour

Sunday, August 12, 2018 Noon – 4:00 pm



Six showcased stables. Self-guided format. Metamora Hunt volunteers will be on site to direct you. All showcased stables are within a short drive of the Metamora Hunt kennels at 5614 Barber Road, Metamora, MI 48455.

The Stable Tour makes a perfect activity when entertaining weekend guests or attending a nearby horse show! The Tour includes six stables that display a variety of styles and equine disciplines. If you have friends or family that may be interested in the Stable Tour, please forward this to them.



This crafty coyote stayed well ahead of our pack but he did show himself to the young riders as he crossed a harvested hay field. In fox hunting this is known as a 'View' and is one of the true thrills of our sport. The hounds continued to follow the scent but the rising heat of the morning soon made that impossible and the coyote, as we always hope, made his escape.



Our young riders enjoyed the experience and all of them completed their morning safely and came in with a smile. We hope to see them out with us again soon.

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

July was another busy month for Metamora Hunt II Pony Club! The Great Lakes Region held their Regional Super Camp from July 9-12 at beautiful Hunters Run Farm. From



Tickets for adults are \$25 and will be available the day of Tour beginning at 11:30 am at the Metamora Hunt Kennels on Barber Road. You may also buy tickets in advance by calling Mr. Joe Maday at 586-381-8834 or purchase them at the White Horse Inn restaurant in downtown Metamora. Pay by cash or check payable to Metamora Hunt. Admission is \$5 for children under 12. Children must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder.



All proceeds go toward the maintenance and preservation of bridle paths throughout the 100 sq. mile area comprising the "Metamora Hunt Country." **Directions, map, and a detailed description of showcased stables to be provided on the day of the Tour upon ticket pick up or purchase at the Hunt Kennels.**

our club, we had Kaila, Moriah, Ella, Galina, Olivia R, Alexis, and Chelsea participate. The girls had very full days with both mounted and unmounted instruction from about 8am to 5pm from Monday to Wednesday and half day on Thursday.

Our instructors were two National Examiners; Nancy Grout from New Hampshire and Bunny Hendricks from Florida. We also had a visiting instructor, Mattea Curtis, from California. They provided instruction on the flat, grids, stadium, cross country jumping and longeing.



Our club provided the housing and food for all participants, instructors, and most volunteers. A special thank you to Kingsbury School for letting us house all of our Pony Club campers at their gym free of charge, to Horseshoe Campground for allowing us to use their shower at no cost, and to Marge and Tom Bird for loaning us their stadium jumps! The instructors were thrilled with their accommodations at Happily Ever After Starts Here and also enjoyed a discounted meal at White Horse Inn. We are so thankful with how generous the Metamora community is towards Pony Club!

There was plenty of Pony Club participation at Hunters Run's Derby on July 22nd; Kaila, Ella, Kalin, Olivia, and Chelsea competed in all four divisions and ended up with 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 9th. Our club's DC also volunteered as jump judge.

For additional information call: 586-381-8834.

Ride With Us!

The Metamora Hunt goes out every Wednesday and Saturday from August to January. We hope that you will come on a hunt and experience the timeless beauty of horses and hounds. You will find us to be an interesting and fun loving group!



Riders may participate in our fox hunts by joining the Hunt (and we have a very reasonable Introductory Membership available) or by guest hunting (known as Capping).

To inquire about joining the Metamora Hunt or Capping, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier at 586-914-5802.

Riders interested in Capping may do so only with the express permission of one of our Masters of Foxhounds (please see their information at the top of this column) for each individual Guest hunting day. Guest Riders may Cap 3 times maximum per season. Guest Riders are asked to put their Capping payment check and signed release into an envelope, with their name written on the outside. This envelope needs to



July 26th to 29th, Pony Club Championships were held in Tryon, NC. We had two members (Olivia R. and Moriah) participate in the competition. Olivia competed on our region's Jr D quiz rally team. The team came in 1st overall and Olivia came in 1st individually. Moriah was the stable manager for a show jumping team and received 1st place for Horse Management! These are awesome accomplishments because Championships draws from every Pony Club in the entire United States! Congratulations girls!! We are proud of you and how well you represented our club nationally.

We closed out the month of July with a meeting at Banbury Cross where Kaila and Leah presented a learning activity to the club on bandaging. Kaila's horse Indy and Banbury horse Kally patiently stood as the clubbers practiced their bandaging technique.

[Metamora Hunt Photos](#)

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Peter Gilles photograph many of our hunts and activities. Many of the photos in our monthly newsletters were taken by Peter. To view more of Peter's photos just click

on: <http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/index.php?cat=13>

[Lots of links:](#)

Here are links to interesting activities and equine services in the Metamora countryside:

Metamora Hunt:
www.metamorahunt.com

Metamora Photo:

be presented to the Secretary or one of the MFHs before the hunt begins.

We also encourage people to come to our Hunts as non-riding spectators. Every hunt morning is an opportunity to see, and perhaps photograph, our well turned out horses and riders as well as our energetic and friendly hounds.

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

[Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour](#)

Sunday, August 12th.

Contact Joe Maday: 586-381-8834

[Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting](#)

Saturday, September 22nd.

Contact Joe Maday: 586-381-8834, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

[Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend](#)

Saturday, September 29th.

Contact Joe Maday: 586-381-8834, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

[Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials](#)

Sunday, September 30th.

Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

[Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace](#)

Sunday, October 7th.

Bob Carden 586-907-8594

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

[NBHA Barrel Racing Show](#)

Saturday, August 11th.

At Crescent Ridge Farm, Metamora

Contact: Julie Strawn: 586-457-1375

[NBHA Barrel Racing Show](#)

Saturday, October 13th.

At Crescent Ridge Farm, Metamora

Contact: Julie Strawn: 586-457-1375

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Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:

www.mfha.org

Metamora II Pony Club:

www.glrpc.org

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:

www.metamorachamber.org

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:

www.metamoracarriagedriving.com

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:

www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:

www.bedrockstablees.com

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Fair Play Farm:

www.fairplayfarm.com

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Matador Farm:

www.matadorfarmllc.com

Win-a-Gin Farm:

www.winaginfarm.com

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Seven Ponds Nature Center:

www.sevenponds.org

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:

www.eventingmichigan.org

If you have equine related events in the Metamora Hunt Countryside that you would like us to consider posting in this Calendar of Events, please email them to:

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If your organization has events or activities that may be of interest to the equestrian community near Metamora, please submit your information for consideration to:

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