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METAMORA HUNT HOUNDS, PLEASE

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Metamora Hunt kennels meet all MFHA KENNEL STANDARDS



Metamora Hunt Earth Day

Despite the cold temperatures, neighbors and friends came out in record numbers to support Metamora Hunt's Earth Day Clean Up on April 20th. Ken Matheis, MFH assigned roads and prepared a hot lunch afterward. A great time was had by all. Go to Facebook: Metamora Hunt for photos. Thank you all for your hard work.

Hound and horse work will begin soon

Riding members and Benefactors are able to "road" hounds on horseback which helps "leg-up" horses, riders and conditions hounds for hunting season. Call an MFH to request permission if you are not a member of either group. Hold Harmless signature required. Call Hunt Kennels for daily updates: 810-678-2711.

NEW: Hunter Pace Series

We are offering Three Hunter Paces this year with the ability to accumulate points toward awards: JUNE 15th, AUGUST 3rd and SEPTEMBER 22nd. The team of Amanda Shelton, Diane Matheis, Diane Kangas and John Mandich are busy planning the secret and individual routes as we speak, so mark your calendars and check our website as these events can be weather dependent but are always fun for you, your horse and your team. If you don't have a team, we can put you with one. Average length of each Hunter Pace varies and is usually 6-10 miles (the usual foxhunt run). You can ride one, two or all three.

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Master's Comments

It is the start of our 96th Hunt season bringing with it all the promise and excitement of riding to hounds, including the camaraderie of fellow riders. This comes with a lot of countless hours of hard work to keep our organization, including our trails safe and open. Thank to all the volunteers who help with chainsaws and checkbooks! I want to remind all riders that trails in the countryside are privately owned and it is important to have permission from landowners to ride them. Spring is also a time to remember that ground conditions may be soft, so stick to riding on the roads until the trails have a chance to dry. It would be an immense help if, when you meet a new neighbor, you contact one of the Hunt Masters or the Hunt Secretary so that we can arrange to welcome them, explain what we do, and invite them to participate in one of the many equestrians activities that are part of Metamora Hunt Country. The best way to keep up with Hunt activities is to call the hunt kennel at 810-678-2711. The recordings are updated daily.

Joe Maday, MFH

Landowner Picnic is Saturday July 13th at Hunt Kennels at 6 pm.

Our annual thank you to our landowners who have allowed us to cross their land to follow hounds for 96 years. Maintaining a Hunt is no easy feat; we have so many competing challenges in our registered Hunt Country including urban development, zoning changes, changes in land ownership, changes in views

on hunting, etc.
It is because of
the continued
deep love and
support of the
heritage sport of
mounted
hunting in



Metamora and surrounding communities and the unique and enhanced value it seems to bring to all of us that we have your ongoing commitment to this lifestyle and we thank you.

Mark your calendars: Metamora Hunt Annual Stable Tour: Sunday, August 11th





Tickets available at Metamora Hunt Kennels that day, 11 am. 5614 Barber Rd, Metamora, Mi.

Note: In the future, our *Hounds, Please* newsletter will only be available on our new website: metamorahunt.com. We can email it to you by request.

Thank you, Carole Beckett, metamorahuntsec@gmail.com.