Metamora Hunt June, 2025

METAMORA HUNT HOUNDS, PLEASE

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Foxhunting Clinic scheduled for 10 am, Saturday, June 21st

Register for our 3-4 hour foxhunting clinic and learn about mounted foxhunting sport from etiquette, attire, tack, usual season, foxhunting terms and safety. Gay Kent, organizer says, "I think

even the most seasoned riders will learn something." Not a mounted event. Class is free, but pre-registration is required at metamorahunt.com. Early registration is encouraged.

Annual Landowner Picnic, Saturday, July 19th

The Landowner Picnic is the Hunt's way of thanking the landowners whose lands we ride over and without their support, the Hunt would not exist. Some of you may remember the old days when the Landowner Picnic was held at a horse show. That was many years ago, but we are pleased to announce a repeat: Jessica Filiatrault's Matador Farms Horse Show on July 19th at the famous Rattlewood Farm. We will be privileged to watch Dressage Free Style. As in previous years, the Metamora Hunt will be mailing out invitations. If you have questions, please contact Carole Beckett, Event Chair, 248-417-1639.

Summer Hunter Pace Saturday, July 26th

The second in our three series, features a beautiful ride through our countryside following a marked trail, mimicking a fox's scent. In teams of 2-4, fastest group

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Master's Comments



We are entering our 97th season, and I am again reminded of the beauty of our countryside and the friendships and bonds I have formed over the years. We are walking out hounds, Monday thru Friday at 9 am and "roading", mounted riding for on Saturdays, for Riding members and Ambassadors or those with permission from the Master(s). If you are new to this sport or if your horse is new to this sport, this is a perfect opportunity to get your mount accustomed to this unique activity that most horses have not experienced.

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I look forward to seeing you all in the Hunt field, Joe Maday, MFH

Hounds, Please!



leaving 9:00 am and "optimal" time (the time that a usual hunt would take to follow hounds) starting 9:15 am -11:30 am. Cost is \$50/adult, \$35/junior. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration requested at metamorahunt.com. If. you don't have a team, we can hook you up with one!.

Stable Tour set for Sunday, August 10th, 11:30 am.

Hugely popular, this self guided tour of six farms takes you through our beautiful equestrian countryside. Tickets are \$40, children under 12 are \$5 and are available at our website metamorahunt.com, at the Hunt Kennels the day of and at The White Horse Inn approximately one month in advance.

Opening Day of <u>Informal</u> Hunting is Wednesday, August 13th.

Ratcatcher attire with hounds and horses fit for first hunt of season. If you'd like to receive our Fixture Card (location of the Meets), please contact Joe Maday MFH or Carole Beckett, Hunt Secretary at metamorahuntsec@gmail.com.

Kennel Korner

by Adrian Smith, Huntsman, Metamora Hunt

I enjoyed seeing all of you at the Hunt Ball and especially seeing you enjoy all the hound pictures you sponsored. I'd like to share with you how their names are derived. Foxhounds are typically named by using the first letter of either the sire (father) or dam (mother). In our Hunt, we use the dam. This makes it easier to track their pedigree and breeding. Last year's pups will be "entered" this year (begin their first year of hunting). They have been "coupled" (two collars connected together) to experienced hounds during the spring for walking and riding-out exercise to get them used to the whole process. They are Jinx, Jipsy, Jill, Jimbo, Jiffy, Jigsaw, Jilted with Jingle their dam. Each have their own distinctive personalities and place in the pack.

Reminder to call Kennel hotline for any possible activity changes: 810-678-2711.