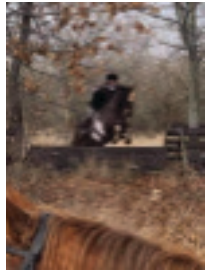


Intro to Foxhunting

FLH's Intro Fox Hunting consists of four two-hour sessions. These sessions will familiarize prospective foxhunters with the varying terrain of hunt country (open fields, woods, stream crossings, steep slopes, etc.) and focus on learning the basics of foxhunting: huntsman; staff and their duties; hunt attire; hunt tack, basic terminology; and essential rider commands. Riders will be mounted on horseback for the first hour of each session, exploring hunt country in small groups with an experienced FLH member leading the group. Riders will spend the second hour of each session in the FLH clubhouse learning the basics of fox hunting.



Jumping a coop.

Huntsman/Staff Responsibilities

The huntsman is the key to good sport, so the actual hunting revolves around him or her. Huntsmen care for, train and hunt the pack of hounds, whose names, traits, personalities, and voices they know completely. The hounds respond to the huntsman's horn, voice, and both mounted and un-mounted body position.

The staff assist the huntsman in hunting the hounds. They're an extension of the huntsman, usually far out on the flanks. They help assure that the hounds do the huntsman's bidding. They act as safety valves to prevent hounds from running onto roads or onto land not open to hunting and assist the huntsman with myriad tasks related to the hunt.

Field Master, Secretary, and Riding Member Responsibilities

The Field Master is the most important person for riders in the field. They lead the field, and no riders in the field should ever pass them during a hunt. Their job is to keep the field close enough to enjoy watching the hounds pursue the fox or coyote without being so close as to interfere with the huntsman.



Junior riding out

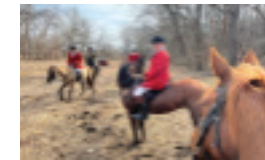
The field secretary is responsible for supporting the Field Master by observing the behavior of the field and assisting field members as necessary.

Riding members must have access to a horse and be a confident enough rider to participate in one of three ability

groups—walk/trot, canter, or jumping. The rider's focus should be on the hounds hunting and the conduct and progress of the hunt. Riding members are responsible for turning out in proper attire and tack and adhering to all safety aspects of hunting.

Hunt Attire and Tack

Beginners' adherence to the appointments described below, though encouraged, is not essential for hunting in the walk/trot and cantering groups.



Waiting for hounds

For a formal hunt, gentlemen, ladies, and children wear breeches of a neutral shade, black boots, a white stock tie, black coat, yellow vest, and protective helmet. During informal hunts members wear "ratcatcher"—a tweed coat, neutral-colored breeches, brown or black boots, a shirt with tie or choker collar, and a hunt cap.



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*FLH members riding at the Easton hunt fixture (top)
and the fixture in the Kansas Flint Hills (bottom).*

FLH Dues Info

Active Duty Military Ranks E1-E6/O1-O3 (single or family): \$35.00 a month/ \$420.00 a year.

Active Duty Military Ranks E7-E9/ O4+ (single or family): \$49.00 a month/ \$588.00 a year.

Retired Military/DOD or Civilian (single or family): \$58.00 a month/ \$696.00 a year.

2nd Hunt (Affiliated Member) (single or family): \$25.00 a month/ \$300.00 a year.

Junior Hunter (18 or under, with no family riding): \$25.00 a month/ \$300.00 a year.

Patron of the Hunt (Social Member) (Non-Riding Members): \$12.00 a month/ \$144.00 a year.

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"It is the union of human and animal in the beauty of nature's setting. Mounted men and women are privileged to follow and watch this timeless drama of hunter and hunt-ed. The fox or coyote maneuvers, circles, runs and dodges, trying cunningly to escape the pack. The hounds pursue across plains or through woods, over fields or across creeks. All the while, the music of hounds in full cry and the stirring call of the horn echoes through the chase." [Dennis Foster, MFHA]

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