

## Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



August 2021

Dear Members, Subscribers, and Fellow Foxhunters:

The Rappahannock Hunt will soon begin its 96<sup>th</sup> season of hunting in our beautiful territory, with early Fall Hunting on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please accept this letter as our invitation to join us this year. Enclosed is the 2021-2022 Subscription Registration Packet, with an updated waiver, for your consideration.

We are very much looking forward to getting back to as near to “normal” as possible in this upcoming season with our usual fun, fellowship, and fantastic breakfasts! We also are planning to resume the running of our highly successful Rappahannock Races in early March and considering scheduling a Hunt Ball. We hope to return to holding as many of our signature events as we can manage: our Landowner Appreciation dinner; our puppy naming activities; our Chili Cook-off; trail rides; hunter paces; and, perhaps, a few surprises along the way!

The Hunt was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Audra Bielke’s mother earlier this spring. However, we are pleased to announce that through Audra’s generosity, this season we will inaugurate a series of memorial hunts—the Christine M. Bible Memorial Young People’s Hunts—honoring her memory and at which any guest rider under the age of 30 may hunt without charge or capping fee. Audra’s mom was incredibly supportive and passionate about encouraging youth and young riders in their love for horses and all equestrian sports. We are indebted to Audra and her family.

This season our most important responsibility continues to be to keep our members and guests as safe and healthy as possible. No one, at this point, is able to predict accurately what the future course of the Covid-19 pandemic may be. Therefore, the Hunt will maintain its policy of strict adherence to public health guidelines established by the state and federal governments and the Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America. This means that our membership and we should remain vigilant and flexible this season, in the event that the imposition of sudden or unexpected restrictions have an impact on our published schedule of activities.

In addition to hunting generally on Wednesdays, some Saturdays, and Sundays, annual events include:

September 5 – Warrenton Horse Show-Foxhunter’s Day-Tailgate and Members Ride to Represent RH; not before 10:00 am

October 9 – Fall Hunter Pace Series, Pine Rock Farm, 10:00 am

October 16 – Joint Meet with Keswick, Breakfast to follow

October 23 – Opening Meet at Red Hill

October 27 – RH will host Virginia Hunt Week riders

November – Trail Ride & Chili Cook-off

March – Point to Point Races at The Hill

March 27 – Closing Meet & Breakfast

Always check out the [rappahannockhunt.com](http://rappahannockhunt.com) website and our events calendar, Facebook & Instagram pages, and hunt monitor at (540) 987-8957, for updates.

**We hope you will commit to join us by completing and returning the registration form by September 30<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for the season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Masters or the Honorary Secretary, Mandi Dillon, at [rappahannockhuntsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rappahannockhuntsecretary@gmail.com).**

We look forward to seeing you!

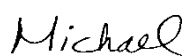
Sincerely,



Oliver Brown, MFH



Gus Edwards, MFH



Michael Brown, MFH

## Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



### 2021-2022 Subscription Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Wish to receive text notices? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please state Spouse or Family Members, telephone & email for the roster: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	Member/Subscriber – Adult	\$1300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member/Subscriber & Non-Hunting Spouse*	\$1400
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member/Subscriber – Family*	\$1850
<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adult (non-student ages 21-30)	\$ 750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adult & Non-Hunting Spouse	\$ 800
<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adult Member/Subscriber --Family	\$ 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member – Social – Adult	\$ 150
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member – Social – Family*	\$ 200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (full-time student)	\$ 350
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited Hunting – Adult**	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited Hunting – Family**	\$ 800
<input type="checkbox"/>	Groom	\$ 500

\*\*Limited hunting is open to full season subscribers of MFHA Recognized/Registered Hunts and limited to hunting 1 day per week. If you are registering for limited hunting or family limited hunting, please state the name of the MFHA Recognized Hunt of which you, and/or family members, are a full season subscriber: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to confirm that you are a current MFHA Subscribing Member.

(Visit **MFHA.COM** for membership details. Please note – *all* Members of MFHA registered hunts *MUST* join MFHA).

Check here to confirm that you hold a Virginia Resident Special Foxhunting License valid through 3/31/2022.

(Visit **GoOutdoorsVirginia.com** to purchase your license before hunting.)

Check here to confirm you have, and will maintain, a current, negative coggins and vet recommended vaccinations for each horse that you are hunting throughout the season.

**You may pay by check, to Rappahannock Hunt, mailed to the Secretary. You may also pay via PayPal, payable to The Rappahannock Hunt. To avoid PayPal charges to the hunt, please choose Friends & Family. Note: PayPal will charge a fee for your use of a credit card.**

PLEASE COMMIT TO JOIN BY SEPTEMBER 30, IN ORDER FOR THE HUNT TO PLAN ITS EVENTS AND MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, BY RETURNING THIS COMPLETED FORM AND SIGNED WAIVER TO:

**Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.**  
c/o Mandi Dillon, Hon. Secretary  
11460 Old Stillhouse Road Boston, VA 22713

# **Rappahannock Hunt**



## **2021-2022 CAPPING FEES**

### **Fall Hunting Season: September-October, prior to Opening Meet**

Adult: \$50

Young Adult (21-30): \$40

Junior (Full time student): \$15

### **Formal Hunting Season: Opening Meet – End of Season**

Adult: \$100 WEDNESDAYS

Adult: \$125 Holidays, Weekends, & By-Days

Young Adult: \$75

Junior (Full-Time Student): \$35

**THE RAPPAHANNOCK HUNT, INC. 2021-2022**  
**EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE,**  
**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE, AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISK**

This Equine Activity Liability Release, Waiver of Right to Sue and Assumption of All Risks (hereinafter "agreement") is hereby given by the undersigned to the RAPPAHANNOCK HUNT, INC., (hereinafter "the Hunt"), its agents, employees, members, officers, directors and staff, any equine activity sponsors; to the sponsor as agent for and for the benefit of each owner of land (hereinafter "landowner") upon which an equine activity to which this agreement relates is conducted and each partner, officer, agent, employee, director, shareholder, subscriber, member, heir, personal representative, successor and assign of the sponsor and of each landowner, and provides as follows:

In consideration for the opportunities provided by the Hunt, the sponsor and landowners to the undersigned, including any minor in whose behalf the undersigned signs this agreement (hereinafter "participant"), for the enjoyment of equine activities as a participant, the undersigned, including any minor participant for whom this agreement is signed, hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. **This agreement is given in part under the VIRGINIA EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT** (Title 3.2, Chapter 62, §§ 3.2-600 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, as amended) as it may now provide or be hereafter amended (hereinafter "act"). All terms defined by the act shall have the same meaning herein, and the act is hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement. This agreement shall be so construed as to provide to the Hunt, the sponsor and landowners the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks as is afforded by the act and by common law.

2. All pronouns herein shall be construed to include the masculine, feminine, neuter, plural or singular, as may be appropriate to the construction of this agreement.

3. **The participant hereby acknowledges that he has full and complete notice and understanding of the act and of all the risks inherent in equine activities.** Equine activities may cause, contribute to or result in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (hereinafter "risks"). Such risks include, but are in no way limited to, the following:

- (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways or to trip and/or fall;
- (ii) the inability of anyone whomsoever to predict or foresee an equine's reaction to excitement, weather conditions, sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, reptiles, birds or insects, and the effect of such reactions;
- (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, including, but not limited to, patent and latent objects or conditions on, under or protruding from the surface;
- (iv) hazards, foreseeable or unforeseeable, presented by rocks, cliffs, hills, fences of any kind, coops, trees, stumps, logs, bridges, ditches, bodies of water, debris and obstacles, and any equine activity in connection therewith;
- (v) the dangers and risks of tack, harness or other equine equipment slipping or breaking, for whatever reason;
- (vi) the dangers and risks of one becoming entangled in tack, harness, equine equipment or vehicles used in an equine activity;
- (vii) the risks of falling from or otherwise becoming unstable on an equine or on a vehicle used in an equine activity, with or without reason;
- (viii) the dangers of being struck by an equine, another participant, a hound or other animal;
- (ix) any negligent act or omission by the Hunt, the sponsor, or any landowner that causes or results in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property; and
- (x) all other risks associated with horseback riding, equine activities and related activities.

4. **The participant hereby RELEASES AND WAIVES ALL RIGHTS** that the participant may have or hereafter have against the Hunt, the sponsor, and each landowner for death, personal injury and/or property damage, which is in any way associated with the risks.

5. **The participant does hereby WAIVE HIS RIGHT TO SUE** or to bring any action against the hunt, the sponsor, and/or each landowner in connection with the risks.

6. **The participant agrees hereby to INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS** the hunt, the sponsor, and/or each landowner from any such claim, suit, or action, including reimbursement of all reasonable legal fees associated with the defense of any such claim, suit, or action.

7. **The participant hereby EXPRESSLY ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS** of death, personal injury, and/or property damage that are in any manner associated with the risks enumerated, without limit, above.

8. **The participant hereby AUTHORIZES AND CONSENTS** to any emergency medical care that may, at the time, appear reasonably appropriate and necessary under the circumstances because of injury or illness caused by or incurred during the course of an equine activity conducted by the Hunt.

9. This agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect from and after the date given below the signature of the participant until it is expressly revoked by the same in a written notice personally delivered to the Hunt.

10. This agreement shall be so construed as to render it, in its entirety and each provision, fully enforceable. If any provision of this agreement is found to be unenforceable, such unenforceable portion shall be struck and the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

11. If this agreement is executed by the undersigned for and on behalf of a minor participant, as named below, the undersigned hereby warrants and represents the following:

- (i) that he is the legal parent or guardian of such minor, with full rights of custody and control;
- (ii) that this agreement is given on behalf of and is intended to be binding upon the below named minor participant, his heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns; and
- (iii) the undersigned further agrees that this agreement shall also be as fully binding upon the undersigned as if he had signed on his own behalf.

This agreement shall be binding on the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of the participant.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, EQUINE LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I HAVE CONSULTED AND RELIED UPON MY OWN ADVISORS ON ALL QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND I HAVE NOT RELIED UPON THE HUNT, THE SPONSOR OR ANY LANDOWNER FOR ANY ADVICE OR EXPLANATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT.

PARTICIPANT:

Signature (18 years or older): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of minor participant for whom signing: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

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