



# Jump into Fall!

## NFF Stables

Fall 2016



### Fall Calendar

**September 17**

Poolesville Day Parade

**September 18**

Potomac Hunt Junior Meeting

**September 25**

Interscholar Horse Show at NFF

**October 15 & 16**

NFF Show Team Show at  
WBTA

**October 16**

Potomac Hunt Junior Meeting

**October 23**

Interscholar Horse Show at NFF

**October 27**

Washington International  
Horse Show Barn Night

**October 20 & 30**

NFF Show Team Show at  
Loch Moy

**November 8**

Fun Day at NFF

*Fall means cooler days, beautiful sunshine, and plenty of colorful leaves...it's a great time to ride at NFF!*

#### Lessons

Our fall schedule begins September 6. If you haven't signed up for a fall lesson time - either weekdays or Saturdays - now's the time, because spots are filling up fast! Don't forget to check our online Team Up schedule to see what's available.

#### Poolesville Day

Our little town of Poolesville shuts down the streets for Poolesville Day with activities, vendors and music all day long - and the day kicks off with a parade. This year, we'd like to invite all our NFF clients to participate in the parade and ride in the back of an antique truck!

#### Horse Shows

Our 2016 Show Team has a few shows left for the end of 2016 - let us know if you'd like to try horse showing, or stop by one of the shows we'll be attending to see what showing is all about! We're also excited to be a host barn for the Interscholar Horse Show Series (ISHS) where riders of all levels, from 6th to 12th grade, compete either as individuals or as a school team. We are hosting several shows here this fall, and can always use help with grooming/tacking horses!

#### Fox Hunting

Our nearby hunt, Potomac Hunt, is once again having their junior hunt program, and we are excited to be a part of it! Junior members meet once a month, and get to hunt throughout the season.

#### Washington International Barn Night

Mark your calendars for October 27, as we travel down to the Verizon Center for WIHS Barn Night! Last year we won for most spirited group! It's a fun night for all horse lovers.

#### Fun Days

Throughout the school year, we have Fun Days - like a day of summer camp! Our November Fun Day will include riding in the morning, and games on horseback in the afternoon!

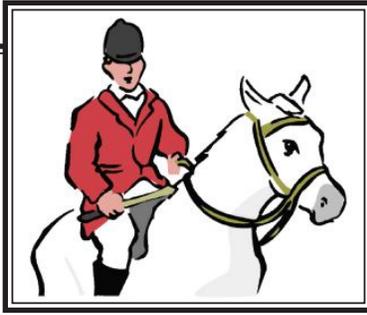
Sign up for all our fun events by email, or at

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## Foxhunting with NFF Stables

Junior Riders (under 21): For a fee of \$400 for the season (now through March), you may hunt as many times as you want provided you are accompanied by Jen. The Hunt meets up to three times a week, so there are plenty of dates to hunt, including days off school. Junior members are required to hunt at least five times throughout the season, but may hunt more. Junior members also attend monthly meetings at the Hunt Club to learn about foxhunting, land conservation, safety and tradition. Junior members participate in a learning project and present their work at the annual member meeting in May. Each junior member works with the hound puppies throughout the year, and have the opportunity to show them at the Maryland Hound Show in May. The Potomac Hunt Junior Membership fee is payable directly to the Potomac Hunt Club.

*Here are the fees associated with hunting through NFF Stables...*

**Horse Use:** \$100 per hunt, which includes providing an NFF-owned horse properly clipped and mane pulled, appropriate bridle/bit, breastplate/martingale if needed, any special shoeing needs, trailering to the meet, and supervision throughout the hunt by Jen. In order to use an NFF horse, you must be currently enrolled (and attending on a regular basis), lessons at NFF Stables, due to liability and insurance reasons.

**Trailering Only:** if you own (or full-lease an NFF horse), trailering to the meet will be \$50, which includes trailering and supervision throughout the hunt by Jen.

*And some more expenses to be aware of...*

All junior riders must be attired appropriately at all times. Starting in October, junior riders must wear either formal cubbing attire, or formal hunting attire to all hunts. See the next page for information on attire.

The first meeting of the Junior Program will be September 16 at 4:00 at the Potomac Hunt Club. Parents are encouraged to attend the first meeting! You can attend the first meeting and then decide if you'd like to join.

Throughout September, junior riders may hunt free of charge with the Hunt, but the above NFF prices are still in effect. You may want to go out and hunt to make sure you are comfortable before joining the program. The September schedule includes morning hunts on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and morning Saturday hunts.

**For our Adult Riders....**

If you are an adult rider at NFF, you obviously would not join the Junior program, but there are several options available to you: full memberships, a six-hunt package, or you may just ride as a guest once or twice. For prices for adults, please see Jen (the above NFF prices still apply). You do not have to jump when you are foxhunting - so if you enjoy trail riding and are competent cantering out in the open fields, you can do it!

## *Proper Foxhunting Attire*

Unlike adult members, Junior members are allowed to wear either Cubbing attire or formal Hunting attire throughout the season (adult members may only wear formal Cubbing attire during Cubbing Season, and must wear their formal Hunting attire for the rest of the season - so they have to have two sets of hunting clothes!).

The first place to start is the Surrey, in Darnestown. Ask for Lynn, tell them you ride at NFF and are looking for junior foxhunting attire. They have a huge consignment collection, so you may find what you need there. Your normal show breeches will work, as will your show boots and hard hat. If you can't find what you need at the Surrey, your next stop should be the Middleburg Tack Exchange. If you've never gone there, you need to go anyway (even if you're not going to foxhunt). It's like a candy store for horse lovers!

The easiest way to decide between hunting in Cubbing attire or Formal attire is to see what is available on consignment and go with that.

### *Cubbing Attire:*

Gloves - Full leather or leather with crochet backs in shades of BROWN (so your black show gloves won't work)

Headgear - Velvet show helmet - no velvet covers

Boots - Brown field boots or black dress boots (i.e. your black tall boots for showing are fine; if you normally show in paddock boots then those work, plus you'll need garters of course!)

Breeches - Tan, buff or canary - what you normally show in

Vest - Canary or tattersall - this is something to try and find on consignment.

Neckwear - Stock tie with a stock pin

Shirt Dress - shirt or ratcatcher collars in muted colors. Solid, pinstriped, or subtle patterns are accepted.

Coat - Tweed or wool in earth tones. Solid or subtle patterns. All coats should have three buttons and a single vent.

### *Formal Hunting Attire:*

Gloves - Full leather or leather with crochet backs in shades of brown. White or buff string and chamois gloves also acceptable.

Headgear - Velvet show helmet - no velvet covers

Boots - Black dress boots

Breeches - Beige, buff or canary

Vest - Canary

Neckwear - White or cream stock tie with plain gold or silver stock pin placed horizontally

Shirt - White or cream show shirt (to match the stock tie).

Coat - Solid black or dark navy hunting jacket with a single vent and plain black buttons. No pinstripes - so unless your show coat is solid you can't use it - plus, it can easily get ripped out hunting and then you don't have a show coat!

You must also have your own white fitted hunt saddle pad, and your own bathing supplies.

As always with everything at NFF, please feel free to ask questions! This is such a great opportunity for our riders, so we hope that you will all take advantage of this!



# WIHS Barn Night 2016

***Thursday, October 27 at the Verizon Center***

Come join your friends from NFF at the

Washington International Horse Show Barn Night!

This special night is for barns from the Maryland, Virginia, and DC area and features the world's top riders - including the always popular Gambler's Choice!

The Washington International Horse Show Barn Night Theme is "Major for President" (Major is the horse mascot of WIHS).

## **Our NFF theme will include...**

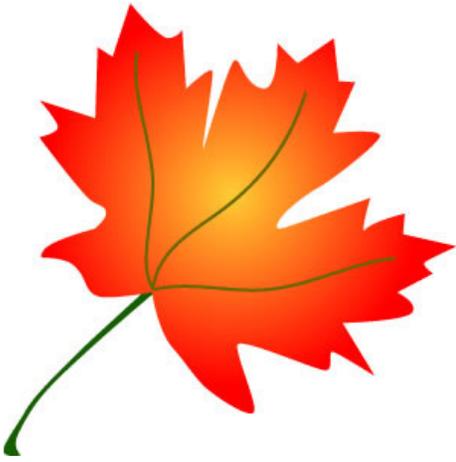
Red, White and Blue tie-dye t-shirts printed with our theme. We'll also use red, white and blue decorations for our group!

We'll participate in the most spirited barn contest (we won last year!), the video contest (we've won before!), and the banner contest (we've received honorable mention!)

Price for Barn Night is \$30 per person and includes admission and our NFF T-shirt  
(Ticket only \$15/T-shirt only \$15)

Please RSVP with the number of tickets needed, as well as the number and size of t-shirts.

Deadline is Thursday, October 20th so we can get shirts printed!



# Fall Fun Day

**Tuesday, November 8**  
**(no school MCPS/election day)**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**\$50 per rider - bring a lunch**

Spend a fun fall day at the barn! We'll spend the morning riding, then after lunch we'll have a campfire (weather permitting). Then we'll play some fun games, then ride some more!

Space is limited - email to sign up!

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**Poolesville Day Parade!**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**Parade starts at 10 a.m.**

**Join NFF in the parade.**  
**Our “float” is an antique truck!**

**You can ride in the back of  
the truck or walk beside!**

**Wear red, white and/or blue!**