

The Live Oak Hounds-USPC Foxhunting Challenge Award is made possible through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin Wood III, Joint Masters of the Live Oak Hounds in Monticello, Florida, and Past Presidents of the MFHA. The award is designed to encourage Pony Club members who do not regularly hunt to try the sport and reward members who hunt regularly and act as mentors to less-experienced Pony Club members.

Permission to hunt and date availability must be obtained in advance by the club DC/CA by phoning the Secretary of the hunt. The Master(s) or Secretary should be consulted regarding pace, terrain, skill level required, group size, and height and types of jumps (if applicable). *Please note: This is not a Pony Club sponsored activity and therefore Pony Club Accident/Medical Coverage does not apply.*

All participating hunts must be an MFHA Member Hunt and are asked to waive capping fees. A list of member hunts is available on the [Masters of Foxhounds Association](#) website.

Pony Club members must provide their own horses. Signed releases of liability, which will be provided by the hunts, will be required by each Pony Club member, and parent or guardian.

Eligibility:

Any active, participating club or center member is eligible, the participating member must have the club/center applying for the award listed as the club/center of record with the Pony Club National Office.

- Members who are first-time Foxhunters or who have hunted less than 3 times in the previous season must hunt a total of 3 or more times.
- Members who have hunted 3 or more times in the previous season or participated in the Live Oak Challenge last year must hunt a total of 6 or more times.
- Regular hunting members must hunt 9 or more times.

All hunt days must be done in the current season and can include cubbing, formal hunting season, and riding 1st, 2nd, or hilltopping fields. All Pony Club members must list all dates of their hunts and have their Live Oak Hounds Certificate signed by the Master of the Hunt or Hunt Secretary where they participate. Members may hunt with multiple hunts.

The award period is from April 10th the previous year to April 9th, and winners will be announced by May 1st. A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to the top 6 clubs/centers that qualify based on the total number of members of active Pony Club members hunting.

It is strongly suggested that anyone who participates in the Live Oak Hounds Challenge purchase a copy of the book, "Riding to Hounds in America" by William P. Wadsworth MFH. It has suggestions for preparing your horse or pony for foxhunting, and proper dress and etiquette involved with the sport.

For more information or questions, contact the [Development Director](#) or [Activities Coordinator](#).

Due April 10.

Send certificates to the Activities & Events Coordinator activitiescoordinator@ponyclub.org

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