



**Alyssa Behnke - 7th grade
Haddam Killingworth Middle School**

"I'm excited to be on Junior Team HMF because I love running races with my family and my cross country team. Running makes me happy, it's fun with a team and family! I'd love to share that with others!"



**Hazel Cuomo - 6th grade
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Middle School (Bloomfield)**

"I'm excited to be on Junior Team HMF because I get to be a bigger part of a sport that I love, meet new people and take on more challenges!"



**Emma Dean - 6th grade
Pearson School (Winsted)**

"I am excited to be a member of Junior Team HMF because I am proud to represent my school, volunteer and run in more HMF races!"



**Saraswathi (Siri) Denni – 8th grade
Martin Kellogg Middle School (Newington)**

"I am super excited to be part of Junior Team HMF. This provides me greater opportunities to meet people like me who are passionate about running, bring awareness among my schoolmates about the benefits of running, bonding as a team of runners. I am a huge fan of HMF and would like to get involved in its activities."



**Ava DiBella-Mills - 7th grade
WAMOGO Middle School (Litchfield)**

"I am thrilled to be on the Junior Team because running has taught me to push myself even when I feel like giving up and it has given me the confidence to not only succeed in running, but in school as well. I hope I can inspire others to run."



**Tucker Ferretti - 8th grade
John Winthrop Middle School (Deep River)**

"I am excited to be a part of this running team. I hope to improve and help others achieve their goals."



**Faye Fischer - 7th grade
Amity Middle School (Bethany)**

"I'm looking forward to sharing my love of running and helping others."



**Julia Fletcher – 6th grade
St. John Paul The Great Academy (Torrington)**

"I really enjoy running, and being on a team makes it even more fun because I can race with others to get faster and beat my own records."



**Deacon Gascon - 8th grade
Tolland Middle School**

"I am excited to be part of Junior Team HMF because it gives me opportunities to visit many areas of the state and be a volunteer at those events, while at the same time enjoying being part of a larger running community! HMF gives back in so many ways and I feel very proud when I represent HMF while running!"



Nate Glidden – 8th grade

Tolland Middle School

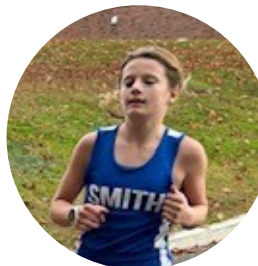
"I am excited to join Junior Team HMF so I can promote youth running as a way to stay active. It's a great sport."



Natalie House – 7th grade

Sage Park Middle School (Windsor)

"I'm excited to be part of this team to set and try to meet my personal running goals and to help volunteer in my local community!"



Sydney LeBlanc – 7th grade

Smith Middle School (Glastonbury)

"I am excited to be on Junior Team HMF to connect with other runners, support and promote HMF races, and stay in shape during the off season!"



Caitlin Leska – 8th grade

Dodd Middle School (Cheshire)

"I'm so honored to join the Junior Team HMF, and meet other kids my age who have the same passion for running! I love running because I like to be challenged and push myself to new limits."



Lyla Lopez – 7th grade

John Winthrop Middle School (Deep River)

"I am excited to be a member of the team again this year so that I can meet other runners in the state who share my love for running and competing."



Emily Lund - 6th grade

William J. Johnston Middle School (Colchester)

"I am very excited to be a member of the Hartford Marathon Foundation Junior Team so I can meet other kids my age who love to run. I can't wait to volunteer at different events."



Brennan McAvoy - 8th grade

Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School (Southwick, MA)

"I am excited to be a part of this team and help with running events!"



Tatum Milanese - 7th grade

Torrington Middle School

"I started running to become a better base runner in softball and it quickly became a passion of mine. I'm excited to join Junior Team HMF so I can inspire other young kids to start running and experience the excitement I feel when I'm competing against myself and others."



Cormac Neely – 7th grade

Suffield Middle School

"I like running because it makes me feel free and there's nothing holding me back."



Payton Oler - 6th grade

Homeschool (North Granby)

"I'm excited to be on the team! I found a love for running a few years ago, and love making goals and working to meet them. 2024 will be a great year!"



**Stephen Quealy – 6th grade
East Hampton Middle School**

“I’m looking forward to having goals and staying fit with HMF during the cross country off season. I enjoy racing and seeing how well I can do. I’m also excited to volunteer with my Grandad.”



**Nathan Settevendemie – 7th grade
Mabelle B. Avery Middle School (Somers)**

Nate says that he is excited to be on Junior Team HMF again because he likes meeting other kids who share his passion for running.



**Ivan Shapiro - 6th grade
Tolland Middle School**

"I am excited to be a part of Junior Team HMF now that I will be able to volunteer at races to help support runners in achieving their running goals. I am looking forward to running with the younger runners in the kids races to help inspire them! I am also excited to run some fun HMF races next year!



**Mia Shea - 7th grade
Sage Park Middle School (Windsor)**

“I’m so honored to join the Junior Team HMF, and meet other kids my age who have the same passion for running! I love running because I like to be challenged and push myself to new limits.”



**Violet Spooner - 8th grade
Tantasqua Regional Junior High School (Fiskdale, MA)**

"I am thankful for this opportunity, being able to meet new runners and share my love of running with them."



**Colton Strong - 6th grade
Horace W. Porter School (Columbia)**

"I'm excited to be on the team because I like running in different races and also want to help other people with races."



**Iain Verbickas - 8th grade
Torrington Middle School**

“I’m excited to be a part of the team because I like to help my community, and I love running. I’m looking forward to helping the running community. I like running, because I like to feel the wind, and it helps me let go.”