



The purpose of this program is the development of future responsible bird hunters who contribute to our environmental future through involvement in habitat improvement and habitat protection for upland birds and other wild species. Youth completing the program will also be taught skills needed to be a safe hunter in most bird hunting situations.

Twenty (20) youth between the ages of 11-15 will be chosen from successful graduates of the spring 2024 Hunters' Education Program or prior graduates in Gallatin or Park Counties. Recommendation by their Hunters' Education Instructors to participate in the program is encouraged. One of the many criteria of the selection process is based on providing the opportunity to youth who would have a difficult time learning the skills taught in this program at home. All youth selected must have in their possession a valid Montana hunting license for upland game by September 21, 2024. All youth will be asked to join Pheasants Forever as a youth member at no cost to them and will receive several Pheasants Forever magazines designed for youth on Bird Habitat. Any Youth at any time may be removed from the program at the sole discretion of Pheasants Forever.

<b>Program Schedule</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm (First Day Different)</b>		
Registration/ Shooting Instruction/ Gun Cleaning	August, 3	Logan MWA - 3:00PM - 7:00PM
Shooting Instruction/ Hunters Ethics	August, 10	Gallatin Sporting Clays
Shooting Instruction/ Hunting Basics/ Shotgun Types	August, 17	Logan MWA
Hunting Dog Demonstration/ Shooting Instruction	August, 24	MFWP Horse Pasture/Gallatin Sporting
Shooting/Bird ID/Habitat/Where to Hunt	August, 31	Logan MWA
Graduation Dinner TBD 5:00 PM	September, 21	TBD Bozeman
Youth Hunt	September, 21	Marx Farm
<b>Tuesday, 6:30 pm – 8 pm</b>		
Shooting Instruction (optional)	August, 6	Logan MWA
Shooting Instruction (optional)	August, 20	Logan MWA

- Selected youth must have a parent or guardian attend the events with them and are expected to attend all events. A release form for all events will be required to be signed by the parent or guardian. Parent/guardian will be interviewed. All Youth are expected to complete a total of 25 miles of hiking before graduation at their discretion. All youth are expected to complete Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks online course on Hunter Landowner Stewardship (approx. 3 hours).
- Instruction, guns, shot shells, hat, vest, eye and hearing protection and outing are provided at **no cost to the youth or families** by the generous support of our sponsors. Electronic devices such as cellular phones are prohibited to be carried by youth at all events for safety reasons. Youth will be required to wear hiking boots 7 inches or higher for the September outing.
- All youth must fully explain the program to their parent(s) or guardian and have their permission to participate in the program and provide the following information to their Hunters' Education Instructor or Pheasants forever directly when applying.

Questions on the program could be directed to Kimberly & Artemis Pechishev, Youth Program Coordinators, for the Gallatin Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever at [huntered@insky.us](mailto:huntered@insky.us) (406) 640-7816



# Pheasants Forever Gallatin Valley Chapter #541

## Youth Program Application

### Applicant Information

Youth Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Relationship to Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Ed. Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Montana resident? YES  NO  If NO, what state? \_\_\_\_\_

### Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_