



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.

Twelve (12) youth between the ages of 11-15 will be chosen in Gallatin or Park Counties. Completion of Hunters' Education is required to participate in the program. 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 20, 2026. 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.

Program Schedule	Date	Location
Saturdays, 9am - 1pm		
Registration / Shooting Instruction / Gun Cleaning		Logan MWA
Shooting Instruction / Hunters Ethics		Logan MWA
Shooting Instruction / Hunting Basics / Shotgun Types		Gallatin Sporting Clays
Hunting Dog Demonstration / Shooting Instruction		Logan MWA
Shooting / Bird ID / Habitat / Where to Hunt		Gallatin Sporting Clays
Graduation Dinner TBD		TBD
Youth Hunt TBD		Local Rancher
Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8pm		
Shooting Instruction (optional)		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 Don Walker, Youth Program Coordinators, for the Gallatin Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever at GVPFYP@gmail.com or 602-882-5453.