



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 - 12pm		
Registration / Shooting Instruction / Gun Cleaning	Aug 8, 2026	Logan MWA
Shooting Instruction / Ethics, Basics, Tues 6p - 8:30p	Aug 11, 2026	Logan MWA
Shooting Instruction / Ethics, Basics / Shotgun Types	Aug 22, 2026	Logan MWA
Hunting Dog Demonstration / Shooting Instruction	Aug 29, 2026	Logan MWA
Graduation Dinner, 5-8pm	Aug 29, 2026	Dave Jarett's
Shooting / Bird ID / Habitat / Where to Hunt	Sept 12, 2026	Gallatin Sporting Clays
Youth Hunt	Sept 19, 2026	Local Rancher

- 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.



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: _____