

Youth ages 12-15 are invited to participate in this all day event with adult mentors. Pre-register by Thursday evening, Oct. 6.

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The Perkins County Pheasants Forever chapter is again sponsoring a youth hunt on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Youth ages 12-15 interested in hunting are invited to this event that will teach gun safety, field safety, and all of the hunting skills they'll ever need by experienced and qualified adult mentors.

The youth/adult event will feature instruction and a gun safety overview, a clay pigeon shoot, followed by a real life hunt.

This year, Frenchman Valley Coop has graciously granted permission to hold the field hunt on their property adjacent to the trap range east of Grant. This allows the entire day's instruction and hunt to be held on one site, making it easier to watch from one spot, said Pheasants Forever chapter president Tom Olson.

The event begins at the trap range east of Grant at 9 a.m.

Olson is excited about this year's experience for youth.

"We're going to be able to do it better," he said. "We learned some things last year that will make this year's hunt better," providing the example of having the field hunt close to the trap range so youth don't have to be transported to a different location.

Young hunters will be paired with an adult to hunt in the Frenchman Valley field with pen-raised pheasants and a dog.

Each group will consist of two youth, two adults and one dog guide.

Those interested in taking part in the field hunt must have a hunter safety certificate.

Parents can be assured that their child will have one-on-one supervision, said Olson.

Teaching range safety and shotgun skills will be Craig Clough. Hunter education with field safety will be taught by new volunteer Clint White.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday evening, Oct. 6. Applications can be picked up from Jeff Wallin at Adams Bank and Trust in Grant, or interested youth may call Tom Olson 353-0123, Jeff Wallin 352-8612 or Aaron Uehling 352-6544.

An outdoor grilled lunch will be provided for all of the participants.

Perkins County Chapter

The Pheasants Forever chapter in Perkins County was established in early 2009 to promote youth involvement with the outdoors, which will help build character and give them an understanding of the importance of conservation.

The Perkins County chapter is a strong advocate of the federal Conservation Reserve Program and is working to improve CRP management.

About Pheasants Forever

Established in 1982, Pheasants Forever is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness and education.

Such efforts benefit landowners and wildlife alike.

Pheasants Forever's unique system of county chapters allows 100 percent of net funds raised by its chapters to remain at the chapter level for local habitat projects.

Headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., Pheasants Forever has more than 120,000 members in over 600 local chapters across the United States and Canada.