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*Youth hunter at the 2022 annual youth hunt hosted by the Yellowstone Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever and FWP. This year, the event will be Saturday, Sept. 9. Pheasants Forever image.*

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## ***Free hunting event for licensed youth hunters aged 15 and younger***

**BILLINGS** - The Yellowstone Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a free youth pheasant hunt on Saturday, Sept. 9, at a private shooting preserve near Billings. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will be at the event with hunting and access information and giveaways. The event is open to hunters aged 15 and younger who have successfully completed hunter education and have a valid Montana upland bird license.

This is the 29th annual youth pheasant hunt sponsored by the local Pheasants Forever chapter.

“This event is a great, safe way to introduce young people to the lifelong sport of hunting, especially upland bird hunting,” said Chad Hanson, president of the Yellowstone Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever. “It’s a special experience to be there when a new hunter shoots their first bird.”

Youth hunters will split into groups of two hunters for each time slot, beginning at 9 a.m. Each youth hunter will be accompanied in the field by a mentor to ensure safe hunting practices, a trained bird dog and dog handler. A free lunch will be provided to participants after the hunt.

Youth hunters will have another opportunity to waterfowl and pheasant hunt on public lands during the Youth Waterfowl and Pheasant Weekend, Sept. 23-24, before the season opens for all hunters.

For more information and to sign up for the event, contact Chad Hanson at 406-860-5145.

For more information on special youth hunting opportunities in Montana, visit: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/youth](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/youth).

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