

2016 KEN MIDDLETON YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT FINAL REPORT

The 2016 Ken Middleton Youth Pheasant Hunt was conducted on Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at Chauncey Ranch YMCA Camp's High Desert Hunt Club. The Hunt was coordinated by Arizona Game and Fish Department Hunter Education personnel and conducted by volunteer Hunter Education instructors and National Wild Turkey Federation volunteers.

Funding for the event was provided by grants from the following organizations:

AZSFWC	\$5000
NWTF-AZ Chapter	\$5000
SCI-Phoenix Chapter	\$2500

Participants were selected from a random draw of Hunter Education students that were nominated by their instructors from across the State. 80 youth participated in the event (20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon both weekends). All participants were provided with a safety briefing prior to going to the sporting clays range to receive instruction from expert shotgun coaches and practice their shooting. Participants then proceeded to the individual fields where 2 students and their individual coaches were met by the dog handler and the designated bird flusher. All of the participants had the opportunity to shoot pheasants, and most were successful (approx. 95%). For many of the participants, this was the first opportunity for them to actually hunt an animal.

Lunch consisting of burgers and hot dogs was provided to the participants, their parent/s, and the volunteers.

Participants and their parent or guardian were informed of the sponsoring organizations and their commitment to foster new hunters and wildlife conservation. Sponsor organization banners were posted prominently at the hunt club building.

The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:

Dog handlers	\$2000
Lodging for volunteers, pheasants, food	\$8500
Clay targets and shotshells	\$2000

Respectfully Submitted,



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