



**Genesee County Pheasants Forever &
Flint Regional Chapter of SCI -
“Sept. 26th Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt”
At Muzzy Pheasant Farm**



On September 26th the Flint Regional Chapter of SCI partnered with Genesee County Pheasants Forever to sponsor a Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt for 20 young men and women at the Muzzy Pheasant Farm in Corunna, Michigan. There was a morning and an afternoon hunt that started with a presentation on SCI and Pheasants Forever and how our organizations are working to promote and protect hunting in our country.

Next, the youths learned firearms and hunting safety and the rules they had to follow as they went into the field. A training session followed that saw the young hunters actually firing at flying clay targets that simulated the game they would be going after. They were then split up into two groups of 5 and each group was assigned a guide/dog handler and a mentor to help them as they took to the fields. Hot temperatures and strong dry winds made the conditions for hunting less than ideal but the guides and hunters worked hard and were successful. On their return to the Muzzy headquarters they were given a hotdog and hamburger lunch to satisfy the appetites worked up on the hunt. After eating, a discussion of what they had learned was held which flowed into a session where the young hunters were shown how to prepare the pheasants for cooking. They then went to work on the birds they had harvested, cleaned them and dressed them for transport home. This was a valuable lesson because it sounded like it may have been the first time some of the young people had a chance to see what goes into converting an animal into meat to be cooked. They saw that there is more to it than just buying white plastic trays with a cellophane covering. Overall it was an enjoyable experience for everyone. The Muzzy staff was happy to have given young hunters a successful hunt. The hunters, their parents and grandparents were all smiling when they headed home. Our thanks goes out to Pat Okopny, Jay Blair, Larry Petrella, Scott Maxson and Colton Sholovach from Pheasants Forever and CJ Merriman, Megan Somers and Carl Griffin from the Flint Regional Chapter of Safari Club International for making this hunt a success.

