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Young adult pheasant hunt program at NORCO

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NORCO Sportsman's Club in Princeton is sponsoring a young adult pheasant hunt program to everyone from ages 12 to 17 that has or is going to take the Basic Hunter Education Course offered by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

NORCO Club does not charge the students for targets or ammunition throughout the program. The club has shotguns participants may use or they may use their own shotguns if they have them.

Signup starts now and continues through August when students will start instruction on Tuesday nights learning how to shoot at the trap range and begin to build confidence handling the firearm. NORCO reserves Tuesday nights also for new shooters young and old to come and learn the trap game and get advice from veteran shooters from April until the snow falls.

In October, two weeks before the regular pheasant season (this year September 29) the club will conduct a pre-hunt and do some dog work on birds. The following Saturday the hunt will be held.

Students help stock the birds in the fields at the club that are given by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and then come to the clubhouse for breakfast. Each hunter will be paired with a mentor and at least one other person to hunt. At noon hunters return to the clubhouse to learn how to clean the pheasant they have shot and how to prepare it for a meal.

After lunch, those who did not fill their bag limit of two birds can go back to the fields and continue to hunt.

Dr. Mark Tisa, a Princeton resident, is the coordinator of the program at DFW, and a member of NORCO.

For more information and to sign up contact Ken Stidsen at (978) 422-6238 or Dick Fontaine at (508) 886-6690.

