

Pheasants Forever State Habitat meeting in Holyoke this Friday and Saturday

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Pheasants Forever is hosting its third annual Colorado State Habitat meeting Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at the Phillips County Event Center in Holyoke. This event is rescheduled from a weather-related cancellation in February.

During Friday's portion of the event, Pheasants Forever's Colorado State Council will host a Pheasants Forever chapter member workshop to discuss chapter outreach and youth conservation education programs. Friday will also include a Leopold Education Project teacher workshop.

Saturday, the event is a cooperative effort with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency and the Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service targeted toward landowners interested in improving wildlife habitat on their properties.

"We are excited about the third annual state meeting, to build on past events and to continue to educate the public about Pheasants Forever's mission to develop wildlife habitat in our region and reconnect youngsters with the land," said Bob Hix, Pheasants Forever regional representative in Colorado.

"The seminar speakers for our third event come from a variety of different organizations, and attendees are sure to gain valuable insight to successful wildlife habitat management and organizing their own outdoor youth events."

The weekend kicks off with the Pheasants Forever chapter member workshop from 4-8:30 p.m. Friday. This event will include presentations on youth conservation education, outreach and chapter organization. Those interested in attending the workshop should RSVP at Colorado Pheasants Forever or with Bob Hix via e-mail at BHix@pheasantsforever.org.

The Leopold Education Project workshop will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Janine Kohn, Pheasants Forever Education Specialist, by e-mailing her at JKohn@pheasantsforever.org to register.

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Saturday seminars run 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and will cover pheasant ecology, pheasant habitat opportunities for pheasants and quail and mid-contract management for CRP acres.

There will be dialogues from the Colorado State Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Regional Manager, Pheasants Forever Vice President of Governmental Affairs Dave Nomsen and Pheasants Forever Education Specialist Janine Kohn. Presenting organizations include Pheasants Forever, the CPW, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information regarding the Colorado Pheasants Forever 2012 Habitat Meeting, visit Colorado Pheasants Forever or contact Bob Hix at 303-743-8957 or e-mail him at BHix@pheasantsforever.org.

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 130,000 members and 700 local chapters across the United States and Canada.

Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent, the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure.

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