

Local students attend T.U.N.E. camp

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Hannah Gillmore and Makayla Spitz of Holyoke and Garrett Shafer of Haxtun attended The Ultimate Nature Experience (T.U.N.E.) youth camp July 11-14 at the Cal-Wood Nature Education Center located in the Rocky Mountain foothills near Jamestown.

As a continuing effort to connect youth to outdoor experiences, Colorado's Pheasants Forever chapters partnered with Trout Unlimited, The Colorado Bowhunters Association, Colorado Hawking Club and The Leopold Education Project to provide three days and nights of enjoyable outdoor experiences. The Phillips County Chapter of Pheasants Forever provided scholarships for Gillmore, Spitz and Shafer.

At T.U.N.E. camp, 30 students from rural and urban areas of Colorado learned how to fly fish, safely handle fire arms while shooting trap and rifles, archery, forest and fire ecology, wilderness survival, falconry and safely hiking the high country. Hands on activities developed the students' sporting, observation and critical thinking skills.

Readings from "A Sand County Almanac" encouraged the attendees to consider the environmental consequences of their actions and helped them start developing their own land ethic. Other activities included guided hikes, serving meals in the cafeteria and games that developed group cooperation skills.