

3rd Annual Upland Junior Pheasant Hunt 4-4-12

To All Who Sponsored: **Because you took the time to care, we thank you really BIG!!!**

WOW, you did it again!! You made it possible for 51 young hunters, ranging in ages from 7 to 16, both boys and girls to spend an action packed day at "ACE HIGH ADVENTURE" participating in the 3rd Annual Upland Junior pheasant Hunt. That's 19 more kids than last year!

Here is how the day played out.

We started the 51 juniors, 46 parent, 8 volunteers and the 12 dog handler's morning off with muffins. Then while Lynette headed up the registration the parents, youths and dog handlers exchange stories with each other on previous events in the season. That slowly rolled in to our safety orientation, this reminded us all of the privilege and of the responsibilities that come with the handling a fire arm.

From there the youths went to the 3 various trap stations. This is where we really get to see the junior's gun handling skills in action and check their equipment out. Many have improved tremendously over last year. I must say I was very impressed with the parent participation, it truly is reflected in everyone's skills. Targets and shells where supplied by "Friends of NRA"

Then we split into 12 groups. Some family's had their own dogs, and some utilized our volunteer dog handlers, then out to the fields we went. Some handlers had as many as 5 juniors accompanied by their parent in the field at once. The dogs and their handlers are always awesome!! We spent a good 3 hours hunting for those pheasants. All the young hunters came back with smiles, many with birds, and some with their limits. Roosters were supplied by "ACE HIGH ADVENTURE" & paid for by "Friends of NRA"

About noon Critter Creek showed up with their animal pelt exhibit. They have a very extensive collection. Then we sat down for a BBQ lunch, potato salad, and raffle. There were many raffle prizes, games, instructional hunting videos, bird hunts, gift certificates, shot gun shells. All raffle items were made possible by Sponsor money, local business and or parent /participant donations. We raffled off 2 shot guns. One was won by Garrett Price of Coalinga, the other by Bubba Garcia of Kerman.

Photos of the event can be found at acehighadventures.com

Special thanks to: Robert Ochoa, Anthony Canales, Lynette Gomes. We couldn't do it without you!!!

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On behalf of, **fifty one youths!**