

OHIO

YOUTH WILD TURKEY HUNT

Spring turkey hunts are always a challenge and there's nothing like a big tom gobbling on the run! For the 14th year, we're offering an exciting youth hunting and outdoor experience at Chenoweth Trails for ages 12-17 years old as of the start of the season!

We kick off the weekend on Friday night with a dinner open to selected youth hunters, guides, volunteers, sponsors, and landowners then we continue the fun until Sunday afternoon. To add to the outdoor adventure, the participants will stay in yurts at Chenoweth Trails, our outdoor facility. Each year we look forward to this weekend of building great friendships, eating good food, enjoying the thrill of the hunt, and sharing stories of the one that did or didn't get away.

In order to be selected for this local hunt, you must complete an application and writing assignment. I encourage each of you to put forth the effort to complete these in order to be chosen for this once in a lifetime chance! Don't worry about being an experienced hunter; our guides will get you close. We will also provide you with all the tools necessary for a successful hunt, but it will be up to you to come prepared and be ready to bag that bird.



Matt Light
Co-Founder/President
The Light Foundation

THE LIGHT FOUNDATION'S MISSION

Our mission is to take young people out of their everyday environments and provide them with unique opportunities that ignite their passion, purpose, and motivation to succeed.



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April 14-16
Chenoweth Trails

12-17 YEARS OLD



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APPLICATION DETAILS

[MATTLIGHT72.COM/YOUTH-WILD-TURKEY-HUNTS](https://mattlight72.com/youth-wild-turkey-hunts)

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be age 12 through 17 as of April 14, 2023
- Submit the application on mattlight72.com by March 10th and include the writing assignment as an attachment.
- By April 1st all youth hunters must:
 - Hold a valid 2023 Ohio Hunting License & Spring Turkey Tag
 - Attend and pass a Hunter Safety Course or comply with apprentice hunter registrations
 - Times & Location of Hunter Safety Courses are here: wildlife.ohiodnr.gov | 1-800-WILDLIFE

IF YOU'RE SELECTED

- Top applicants will be notified by March 24th. Their names will be posted on Light Foundation social media. Only the top applicants will be contacted.
- The Gun Sighting & Volunteer Workday will be on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. You will be required to attend.
- The weekend hunt will kick off with dinner and a meeting on April 14th at 5:00 pm at the Chenoweth Trails office.
 - Family members are welcome to attend the dinner.
- Pack based on weather conditions and bring camouflaged clothing if you own it.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

WORDS FROM MATT LIGHT!

During my time as an New England Patriot, I began developing the Light Foundation. I never would have dreamed of winning three Super Bowls let alone starting a successful non-profit, but with a lot of help from my family and friends here we are today.

That's not all it takes though. It also takes a large amount of focus, which is one of the keys to success. Remaining focused on tasks at hand has not always been easy and as we dive more into a digital world it becomes more challenging. We are constantly surrounded by advertisements, commercials, gossip, breaking news, social media trends, and the list goes on.

A major problem is young people are growing up thinking all of these distractions are normal along with the high demand of certain tasks that don't help them reach their goals. Their normal is constantly being on the go and onto the next thing. They are used to answering texts and emails while driving or in the middle of conversations, which distracts them from what's happening in front of them and lowers their overall productivity and chances of success.

Our goal is to help young people focus on the things right in front of them, to become more successful and build pride, which will also help them develop healthier habits.

**Applications must be received by Friday,
March 10, 2023 to be considered.**

REQUIREMENTS

500 word essay
12 point font size

HOW DO YOU REMAIN FOCUSED?

When we look at the quality of things that were built 50 or more years ago, we see the attention to detail and pride that is in the work. For centuries, masters in their craft proudly worked by hand and used techniques that were passed down from generation to generation. Today, we see craftsmanship being exchanged for cheaply made, mass produced items that often are designed to fail and be thrown away. How can we focus to have more success and build the kind of pride that will withstand the test of time?

Below are some questions you may choose to answer in your essay and may help get your creativity flowing. Feel free to write about personal experiences and/or do some research.

When we are working on something, are we truly giving it all of our attention?

Do we take pride in our work? Why does that matter?

How can we develop tools to help us focus?

What are our major distractors?

Are we more or less productive? And connected?

Are there any perks to multi-tasking?