

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 15th 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 12-14
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 13, 2024
- 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 2024 Ohio Hunting License & Spring Turkey Tag
 - 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 6th 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 12th 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

REQUIREMENTS

500 word essay, 12 point font size, double spaced

FROM THE DESK OF MATT LIGHT:

Finding out WHO you are takes time. In high school I can remember thinking that I was the only person who really didn't know what path to take. It seemed as though everyone else had plans but me. I eventually found my way, as you will certainly do as well, but it takes time.

It's really a lifelong journey and there are countless clues and lessons along the way... especially if you are fortunate enough to have some help from the people in your life. They can provide the mentorship and encouragement needed to help you find the courage, passion, work ethic and moral fiber that can help you define YOU!

This year's essay topic is: What is it that matters to you?

We are all unique and different and those differences help define WHO we are in a sea of diversity. What I'm interested in knowing is how you decide what to put your time and focus into..... why does something MATTER to you?

We are marketed to constantly. It's easy to WATCH others do things via social media and not actually do those things ourselves. The drive to be the best and out-work everyone around us has been diminished. I want to know how you decide where to put your energy, time and passion... and why it matters to you.

Is it something related to an interest? Does it have something to do with your family? Is it tied to something you're good at doing? Did you experience something that defined you particularly and made you more aware?

Think about those questions and this year's topic and put in the time to answer it the best way you can. The things that MATTER to you will help make you WHO you are and play a major role in your life. You are designed to do great things!

Applications must be received by Friday, March 10, 2024 to be considered.