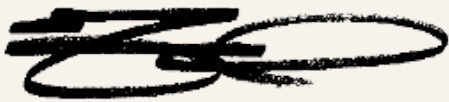


# RHODE ISLAND YOUTH WILD TURKEY HUNT

Spring turkey hunts are always a challenge and there's nothing like a big tom gobbling on the run! For the 5th year in a row, we're offering an exciting youth hunting and outdoor experience in Rhode Island for ages 12-15 years old!

We kick off the weekend on Friday night with a dinner open to selected youth hunters, guides, sponsors, volunteers, and landowners then we continue the fun until Saturday afternoon. To add to the adventure, the participants will stay at Pheasant Ridge Lodge. 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 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 of 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  
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.



April 18-19  
Addieville East Farm



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# APPLICATION DETAILS

[MATTLIGHT72.COM/YOUTH-WILD-TURKEY-HUNTS](http://MATTLIGHT72.COM/YOUTH-WILD-TURKEY-HUNTS)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Must be age 12 through 15 as of April 19, 2025
- Submit the application on [mattlight72.com](http://mattlight72.com) by March 10th and include the writing assignment as an attachment.
- By April 15th all youth hunters must:
  - Hold a valid 2025 RI Hunting License & Spring Turkey Tag
  - Be Hunter Education Certified

## 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 weekend hunt will kick off with dinner and a meeting on April 18th at 5:00 pm at Addieville East Farm.
  - 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:

Hunting has been a part of the human story since the beginning and today it represents a tradition that is passed down from generation to generation. The right to hunt is a gift available to all Americans. Those who are fortunate enough to experience a hunt often describe it as being a way to relieve stress, watch nature, challenge themselves physically and mentally or to provide food for their tables.

I was one of the lucky ones who grew up in a family that spent most of their time together in the great Out-of-Doors. I learned to respect the land and the animals for what they provided. I listened to the stories of hunts that took place long before I was born and witnessed the joy and camaraderie that forms the foundation of all great hunting camps. It's a special type of brotherhood/sisterhood that doesn't care how much money you make or the color of your skin. It's a truly inclusive lifestyle that requires effort, skill and a true respect for the game we chase.

**This year's essay topic is "A conversation with a Hunter".**

Your challenge is to take some time to sit down and learn from someone who is a hunter. Ask them why they enjoy hunting, how they got started, what's the most rewarding aspect and what has hunting taught them. There are plenty of other questions, those are just a few. You are welcome to talk to more than one and I hope you enjoy getting to spend time speaking with hunters. If you're lucky enough to have hunters in your family this essay should be easy enough but if you are new to hunting and don't have anyone to interview please reach out to us at the Light Foundation or call Rhode Island's Division of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education office at 401-539-0019 and we can connect you with some incredible hunters.

I hope you enjoy your conversations and when done you can summarize the discussion and your thoughts in the essay. There isn't a right or wrong..... it's all about getting to know another hunter and their passion. Good luck!

Matt

**Applications must be received by March 10, 2025 to be considered.**