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Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's No Child Left Indoors National Awards Honor Outstanding Youth Program Efforts

Awards recognize chapter, volunteer, and partner efforts to engage youth in outdoor activities

Kansas City, Mo. – Feb. 20, 2016 – At the 2016 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic, the Northern Colorado Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the Mark Twain (Missouri) Chapter of Quail Forever received No Child Left Indoors® national awards, the organization's highest honors for chapters involved in engaging the next generation of hunters and conservationists.

The No Child Left Indoors® national awards annually recognize one Pheasants Forever chapter and one Quail Forever chapter for their youth program efforts. Additionally, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever bestow No Child Left Indoors® national awards to one outstanding volunteer and one key partner who have helped provide outdoor opportunities for youth throughout the nation.

“Creating the next generation of outdoorsmen and women is only possible with dedicated, passionate individuals who volunteer their time and talents to pass on the legacy of conservation,” explained Cheryl Riley, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's vice president of education and outreach. “Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever volunteers have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the past year to host 1,459 youth events which impacted more than 75,000 youth participants and 22,000 adult-onset hunters to represent new organizational records.”

Pheasants Forever NCLI Chapter of the Year

Celebrating their 25th anniversary banquet in March, the Northern Colorado Chapter of Pheasants Forever has delivered every aspect of the organization's conservation mission including wildlife habitat conservation projects and advocacy/outreach programs for youth and adult-onset hunters. In 2015, the local chapter hosted 13 outreach events to engage more than 450 individuals in outdoor traditions, and assisted with an additional eight events with other partners, chapters and conservation organizations. Additionally, The Northern Colorado chapter annually hosts two overnight camps to engage participants in a wide variety of outdoor activities and skills, and has purchased two outreach trailers with equipment to host outdoor education events related to hunting, fishing, and camping.



Leading the education and outreach efforts of the local committee is Stan Barthlama, youth education chair for the Northern Colorado Chapter of Pheasants Forever. In 2015, Barthlama's individual efforts included over 3,000 miles and 2500 hours of his personal time to help other chapters and organizations deliver outreach events throughout the state of Colorado. It is this personal sacrifice of Barthlama and other committee members that has led the local chapter to expend more than \$245,000 for habitat and conservation outreach efforts in the regional area surrounding Fort Collins, Colorado.

