

2012 State Pheasants Forever Convention



Session Descriptions



Time

- 8:00-9:00am..... Registration, continental breakfast available & exhibitor booths to visit**
- *Come early to get caught up on the activities happening for Ring-necked Pheasants around the state!* (North Room)
- 9:00-10:00..... Opening remarks**
- *Hear updates from Pheasants Forever, MDNR, USDA-NRCS, MACD and MUCC and get fired up for the PF mission in 2012! Presented in the Main Room*

Morning Sessions:

- 10:00-11:20..... The History & Mission of PF | Puppy Training Basics | How to Hold a Youth Day | Upland Game Bird Biology**
Come learn about where we've been, why we're here, and where we're going. Presented by PF CEO Howard Vincent. (Main Rm) Join MI PF's own Julie Griswold for the basic techniques for training your new bird dog puppy. (North) Come meet MI's new Youth Coordinator and learn how to hold a successful youth event in your chapter. (Eagle's Nest) Learn about the unique habitat needs of all MI's upland game birds. Presented by Al Stewart & Mark Sargent of DNR (Log)

- 11:30..... Lunch (Main Room)**

- 12:15-12:45pm..... Special Luncheon Presentation: Conservation and the 2012 Farm Bill**
- *We are pleased to announce our special guest speaker and champion for conservation, Senator Debbie Stabenow. (Main Room)*

Afternoon Sessions

- Round 1, 1:00-2:20.... How to Boost Your Banquet | Training Electronics | Priority Seed Program - Keys for Success | LEP Training**
Sit in on this session for some tips on boosting your banquet's success. Presented by Iowa PF's Matt O'Connor. (Main Room) Come check out the latest in electronic dog training equipment. (North Rm) Brian Woolcock provides an in-depth discussion on the trend-setting "priority seed program" from Chpt 465 & goes over some vital keys to planting success. (Lodge Room) How to pass on Leopold's land ethic to the next generation. (Nest)

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Round 2, 2:30-3:50.... Pheasant Co-ops and How To

Create Habitat on Public Land

How can you bring the Pheasant Restoration Initiative to your Chapter? Come learn about the opportunities available. Presented in the Main Room.

Keys to Grassland Management

What makes a for good grassland bird habitat & how is it created & maintained? Hear tips from the expert, Ken Kesson MDNR Private Lands Biologist. (Lodge)

Forever Shooting Sports

Come learn about PF's new initiative aimed at forever preserving youth shooting sports with Cheryl Riley. (Nest)

4:00-4:30..... Break

- *Snack & exhibitor booths available in the North Room.*

4:30-6:00..... Keynote Presentation, “MI Pheasant Restoration Initiative – From Concept to Action”

- *Last year, Michigan Pheasants Forever and our partners in conservation launched a unique and species-focused conservation initiative to revive declining Ring-necked Pheasant populations in our state. Hear about what we were able to accomplish in 2011 with your assistance and what we can do in 2012 to continue this success. Local Pheasants Forever chapters hold the opportunity to make a difference to pheasant hunting in our state- public State Game Area work, Landowner Pheasant Cooperatives and more. All Michigan Pheasant Forever Chapters should be on hand as we re-load for year two of the Pheasant Restoration Initiative. Presented in the North Room.*

6:00-7:00..... Social Hour

- *Unwind and visit with fellow PF'ers from around the state! (Main Room)*

7:00..... State Banquet and Annual Awards

- *Stay for the full-spread Eagle Eye banquet dinner and support the Pheasant Restoration Initiative and youth initiatives by taking part of the annual fundraising banquet where you'll have the chance to preview the 2012 PF Banquet Package and some special items and recreation packages to bid on.*

- *The PF State Council will also be recognizing the outstanding Michigan chapters from 2011. Award recognition will be given in the categories habitat, youth education, outstanding volunteer and Long Spur supporter. (Main Room)*

