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Alberta's first Waterfowler Heritage Days to focus on youth

Event encourages the next generation of safe hunters

Edmonton... Youths aged 12 to 17 will be able to hunt waterfowl without a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit or Game Bird Licence on September 5 and 6 in southern Alberta as part of Alberta's Waterfowler Heritage Days. A youth hunter must be accompanied by a mentor, and restrictions apply.

Youth hunters who have completed the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or somebody who is 18 or older with written permission from the parent or guardian. The adult must have a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit but can not possess or use a firearm while accompanying the youth.

"Alberta's first Waterfowler Heritage Days provides an opportunity for youth to learn proper hunting, including ethics and responsible hunting practices from experienced hunters," said Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. "This weekend, youth can experience the outdoors and connect with the natural world around them with some of Alberta's best conservationists."

Waterfowler Heritage Days is limited to southern Alberta Wildlife Management Units. There must be an open season for waterfowl in the Wildlife Management Unit and regular bag limits apply.

To learn more about Waterfowler Heritage Days and hunting in Alberta, visit www.mywildalberta.ca.

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Backgrounder: Map of Wildlife Management Units open for Waterfowler Heritage Days

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