

About the Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society

Mission

The Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society are North America's foremost conservation organizations dedicated to preserving our sporting traditions by creating healthy forest habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other wildlife.



Purpose

- Forest conservation is facing the important challenges of unhealthy forest management practices, habitat loss and declining wildlife populations. RGS and AWS exist to protect, create and enhance healthy forests, abundant wildlife and our sporting traditions through scientific management of woodlands and public education.
- Devoted to the sporting life, ruffed grouse and woodcock hunters are a special group with a passion for the unique challenge these birds present. From Alaska and the Canadian Provinces to the Gulf of Mexico, our members include hunters, non-hunters, woodland owners, industries and conservation professionals. Our events and activities focus on camaraderie, learning, sharing and supporting the goals of our organization.

Looking for Sponsors

Is the future of hunting important to you? We are seeking sponsors to help with financial and in kind matches to meet grant eligibility requirements. All sponsors will receive recognition, including on promotional materials.



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For all new hunters, from youth to adults, interested in learning essential upland hunting skills from an experienced mentor.

New Hunter Mentor Program

The Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society have launched the New Hunter Mentor Program, an innovative outreach initiative focused on educating and influencing all new hunters including:

- Youth
- Women
- Young Adults
- Veterans
- Older Adults



Upland Hunting Education

The Program is performed by local RGS and AWS chapter volunteers and other professionals from the community and includes an educational component taught over multiple days that includes:

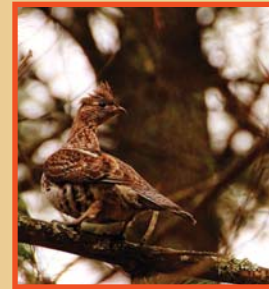
1. Gun Safety & Marksmanship, Shooting
2. Dog Handling & Care
3. Field Skills & Habitat Awareness, Mapping

Mentor Hunting Experience

New hunters that complete each educational level receive a patch and are able to attend the mentored hunt with an experienced upland hunter. They also receive a six-month membership in RGS or AWS that includes a membership card, decal and two issues of the Ruffed Grouse Society magazine.



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Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for dedicated members and chapter volunteers who would like to spearhead this New Hunter Mentor Program in their community!

Without you, RGS and AWS could not educate and influence the next generation of hunters. Thank you!



Healthy Forests
Abundant Wildlife
Sporting Traditions

