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Westar Energy Green Team Invites Area Youths to Dove Hunt.

The Westar Energy Green Team is hosting its annual youth dove hunt to kick off dove season. It's an excellent way to learn dove hunting basics, with plenty of birds flying at close range. Hunts will take place Thursday, Sept. 1 through Sunday, Sept. 4 at Jeffrey Energy Center in St. Marys in the early morning or late afternoon.

Youths 16 and younger may participate in the hunt. They must bring their own shotguns, be accompanied by a non-hunting adult and have a license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) stamp, if age 16. Nontoxic shells will be provided.

The spacious wheat and sunflower fields have been prepared to draw plenty of doves, so the action should be lively.

Hunters will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunts will be scheduled as requests dictate and hunting groups can be formed. Guides will be provided for each group. To register, call Barb Cornelius at 785-575-8125 by Wednesday, August 24.