



YELLOWSTONE
Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation

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“When birds are in a coop like that, there’s a pecking-order mentality. A lot of these kids are victims of bullying, so they really empathize with a bird that’s getting picked on in the pen, and observing the birds becomes a therapeutic tool to start a conversation about the kids’ experiences.” - Cass Cole, Yellowstone Academy Principal



It Sure Makes A Difference When You Know Somebody Cares

YBGR Pheasant Program

In 2019, Yellowstone Academy, the fully accredited K-12 school right on the YBGR campus, added a new program to the Vo-Ag department...pheasants! The boys and girls at YBGR now get to take part in monitoring egg incubation, raising chicks, building pheasant pens, and continuously caring for the birds.

Raising the birds helps kids maintain daily obligations and learn more about an animal’s life cycle. Once the pheasants are fully grown, the birds are either released to wetland sites in the area or sold to individual landowners to replenish the pheasant population. Proceeds from the program go right back into supporting Yellowstone Academy’s efforts to provide the highest quality of education to its students.

The program keeps about fifty hens and fifteen roosters as breeding stock for the following year’s program, and eggs and live chicks are purchased as well to supplement those hatched at the Ranch. The pheasants are just another way YBGR is enriching the lives of troubled boys and girls.



Just hanging out with the chicks.



To learn more about supporting the Pheasant Program at YBGR, please contact Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation at 406-656-8772.



Gathering Eggs



In 2019, YBGR began participating in a pilot program devoted to repopulating the Ring Neck Pheasant in Montana. Staff and kids built breeding pens and fly areas for the birds.



Incubator



YBGR's first pheasant release into the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site near Laurel, Montana.



Hatchling

*Adult Male
Ring Neck
Pheasant*



Chuckers



*Yellowstone's 2021
Christmas Ornament
celebrated the
Pheasant Program.*