Caleb Heisz is guided by a volunteer from the Wisconsin River Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) at last Saturday's “dream hunt” at Tanglewood Ranch and Hunt Club.

The day began at Tanglewood with breakfast and a morning round of pheasant hunting and fishing. Pizza Hut donated pizzas for lunch, and then an afternoon hunt was held.

Activities included hunting pheasants, fishing, trap shooting, games and learning about hunting safety. The Wedig’s donated the exclusive use of all the fields as well as the lodge for lunch and activities.

Many of the children required adaptive equipment including a chair bolted into a four-wheeler which enabled the young hunter to aim and shoot from a sitting position.

For Kathy Saucier of Marshfield, the legal guardian of Alexander and Byron Gunn who both suffer from learning disabilities and ADHD, the events means a lot.

“I think the organization is just great. It helps the kids get away from the problems of their lives. It has been a real blessing for us and for the kids,” she said.

“The first one we sent up was a turkey, then a rooster and two featherless came off on my first shot. Now we’re gonna go back out and get him.” Caleb Heisz said. Caleb was one of many young sportsmen who needed a little help from the volunteers. A chair was set up for him and the dog he was partnered with, Shelby, went to work. When he was ready the dog flushed the bird and Caleb, with help from a volunteer, took his shot.

“Well it was a good shot, but I missed him again,” Caleb said with a smile.

For more information on the organization visit their website:

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Caleb Heisz was a volunteer from the Wisconsin River Chapter of the NAVHDA.