HUGO — VFW District 4 is sponsoring a free shotgun training course from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Hugo shooting range near Sawyer. The program is put on by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

The Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP) offers a broad range of learning opportunities for beginning shooters as well as experienced hunters, according to the Wildlife Conservation pamphlet. Special emphasis will be placed on teaching basic shotgun and wing-shooting techniques and fundamentals.

Shotguns will be provided as well as shells free of charge. Donations will be accepted to fund VFW scholarship programs such as The Voice of Democracy and The Patriot's Pen essay contest.