

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE
DAIRY CHALLENGE
WEST REGIONAL

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The Forth Western Dairy Challenge will be held in Visalia, CA. on February 26 through February 28. Applications are available on line at the National Dairy Challenge website www.dairychallenge.org under Regional Contests, West.

The Challenge will cover up to \$1200 in travel costs. Hotel rooms and meals at the contest are provided. Thursday night we will again have a team building activity. This activity has received high praises in year past. Plan you travel to arrive prior to 6 PM in order to participate. Dairies will be visited on Friday and we will have presentations on Saturday morning. We plan to have the challenge concluded by 2 PM.

Contest management will make all the necessary hotel reservations for your team and yourself. This will consist of a room for one coach and rooms for students on Thursday and Friday, which will be covered by sponsorships. If your team is unable to return to your home campus for Saturday night, this night will also be covered at a hotel of your choice, with the cost per room not to exceed the cost of the room in Visalia. Please note that rooms will be reserved using the student names provided on your registration form, and inform our management staff of any changes prior to the contest to minimize confusion at check-in time. In the event that you do not need all the rooms that have been reserved, it is your responsibility to notify the management staff at least 3 days prior to the contest in order to have the rooms cancelled. In the event that you fail to notify us, you will be responsible for reimbursement of the unused rooms.

The official schedule of events will be followed for the three days of the contest. Contest rules are available at the NAIDC website and your students should be aware of the rules and scorecard. Computers will not be provided. Each university should bring a laptop computer for each 4 students.

We are very excited about this contest and the response from students. As we develop this contest for the future, we look forward to your input to improve the educational experience of your students. The Western Regional Steering Committee looks forward to meeting you and your team at the 2009 Contest!

Sincerely,

Tami Tollenaar
Chair

Michael Tomaszewski
College Liaison Committee