

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE Dairy Challenge

Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders

December 14, 2012

Dear Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge Participant,

Thank you for your entry into the upcoming Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge, being hosted by Lakeshore Technical College Wednesday, February 6 – Friday, February 8, 2013 in Manitowoc, WI. This email is to acknowledge and confirm your school's Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge entry.

Please note: Due to an increase in the number of schools participating in this year's contest (19 schools), the first four students that were entered by each school may participate. One additional student may also participate from the following schools: South Dakota State University, Lakeshore Technical College, Michigan State University and the Ohio State University. ******If any of the above schools will NOT be bringing the additional student noted, please notify NAIDC as soon as possible. There is a waiting list and it is our goal to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate in the Midwest Dairy Challenge. We likewise ask that you confirm with all of your students so we are sure to have a full contest.******

All payments (\$50 team entry fee plus \$350 for each additional student as indicated above) must be sent to NAIDC, 3310 Latham Drive, Madison, WI 53713 and be received by **January 11, 2013.**

Each student participant must complete the following forms: Skills Assessment Form, Liability Waiver and Personal Information Waiver. **All student forms are also due back to NAIDC by January 11, 2013.** Forms may be emailed, faxed or mailed.

- The contestant Skills Assessment Form is used to more easily group students into appropriate aggregate teams. NEW for 2013: Students will be asked to indicate whether they will be going on to veterinary/graduate school, home to farm or into the industry. If industry is selected, please have your students select which sector of the industry they intend on pursuing. *It is critical for students to properly complete this section as this information will be used to coordinate additional student interaction opportunities with sponsors.*
- The Participation Release Waiver and Release of Liability Waiver must be filled out by every student before they can compete in the contest.
- The Personal Information Release Waiver will be used to provide a complete list of participant contact information to sponsors. Each student will be required to sign this release of personal data to have their information included in the packets for networking.

Other items of note:

- Although the above deadlines may fall during your winter break, it is critical that we receive entry fee payments as well as student forms by the January 11, 2013 deadline to facilitate other contest aspects and events.
- At the upcoming contest, most materials will be presented electronically. Please be sure all computers you bring can read the most current versions of PDF.
- In addition to school computers, participants are welcome to bring their own computers for use during preparation time. Cell phones are not permitted, therefore, if your students would like to take photos, they need to bring their own digital camera along. Students are also encouraged to bring a jump/thumb drive to move information between computers.

Additional details, including the Schedule and Midwest Dairy Challenge Rules, as they become available, will be posted on the Midwest page of the Dairy Challenge website: www.dairychallenge.org. A final letter will be emailed to you with last minute details before the contest. Please let me know if there is any way we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Bryan Horn, Chairman

Sheryl Nehls, Host School Contact