

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE Dairy Challenge™ *Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders*

December 13, 2016

The 12th Annual Western Regional Dairy Challenge will be held in Twin Falls, Idaho, February 23 - 25, 2017. Registration Entry, Skill Assessment, and Liability Waiver forms are available to complete online at the National Dairy Challenge website www.dairychallenge.org under Regional Contests, West.

This year, we will be holding all the program events, lunch and dinner meals at the College of Southern Idaho located in Twin Falls, Idaho. Hotel rooms we will be at the Red Lion Hotel, located at 357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID. Since we will be using these two locations, we would like all the teams to check-in at the hotel by 3 p.m. on Thursday. The campus is about two blocks from the hotel. Contest events will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, February 23th, with a Team Building Program. Following the Friday morning dairy visit, presentations will be prepared on Friday afternoon and presented on Saturday morning at the College of Southern Idaho. We are planning to complete the contest by 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The Challenge will cover up to \$1,200 in travel costs. Hotel rooms and meals at the contest are provided. **Contest management will make all the necessary hotel reservations for your team and yourself.** This will consist of a room for students on Thursday and Friday, which will be covered by sponsorships. If any coaches would like to share rooms, please inform the planning committee. 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 Twin Falls. Please note that rooms will be reserved using the student names provided on your registration form, and inform contest management staff of any student 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 three 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 for the three days of the contest will be provided in late January. Contest rules are available at the NAIDC website and your students should be aware of the rules and scorecard. Laptop computers are being graciously provided by the College of Southern Idaho. Each university should still bring at least one laptop computer.

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 for your students. The Western Regional Dairy Challenge Committee looks forward to meeting you and your team at the 2017 Contest!

Sincerely,

Western Regional Dairy Challenge Committee