



13th Western Regional Dairy Challenge

Hosted by University of Idaho

Twin Falls, ID

Thursday, March 1st – Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

On behalf of the Western Regional committee of the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, it is our privilege to invite you to participate in the 13th Annual Western Regional Dairy Challenge. The event will be held in Twin Falls, Idaho March 1-3, hosted by the University of Idaho. We thank you for your continued support of the Western Regional Dairy Challenge.

Volunteer Conference Call: We have scheduled a conference call for all volunteers so that you have a chance to hear about the different volunteer roles and we can get you assigned to an area of interest to you. Please save the date of Tuesday, January 16th at Noon PDT and call details and an agenda will be sent out the week prior to the call.

Sponsor Participation: We are building our list of volunteers to help with the event on Thursday evening thru Saturday afternoon. Being involved and working directly with the students gives you a firsthand view of the students in action, plus a large volunteer pool helps the contest run smoothly.

Schedule: A listing of the scheduled events for this year's contest will be posted on the Western Dairy Challenge web page at http://www.dairychallenge.org/ws_event.php

Sponsor Volunteer Registration: Please submit information for each volunteer from your company using the online form at <https://2018westernregdairychallenge-volunteerreg.eventbrite.com> Forms are due back Friday, February 16, 2018.

Hotel: We will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls. A block of rooms is held under the Western Regional Dairy Challenge Sponsors until Friday, February 23, 2018. Please call the hotel directly to make appropriate reservations.

Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs-Twin Falls
1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard N
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208)734-5000

Meals: Meals will be provided to sponsor volunteers. Please indicate your meals on the registration form.

Sponsor Display: You are invited to set up a booth at College of Southern Idaho in the Evergreen Building. With the exception of Thursday afternoon, the majority of the activities will be held in this building from Friday morning through Saturday at 12:00 pm. Presentations also will be held in the Evergreen Building on Saturday morning. If you wish to set up a booth in this Building, you may do so on Friday afternoon in that building. Please indicate your desire to reserve a booth using the online registration form. There is no charge for booth. Electricity will be available. But you will need to supply your own electrical cords. All sponsors are encouraged to interact with students and University coaches and view student presentations on Saturday. Remember because of the number of teams, presentations will be going simultaneously.

We kindly ask each individual attending from your company register using this form. Forms are due back Friday, February 16, 2018. Go to: <https://2018westernregdairychallenge-volunteerreg.eventbrite.com>

On behalf of the steering committee, we thank you for your time, energy and commitment to the Dairy Challenge.

If you have questions about volunteering your company's time at the event, please communicate with Volunteer Coordinator, [Renee Smith, PH: 661-699-8552 rsmith@omegabalancer.com](mailto:rsmith@omegabalancer.com)

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Many of you have volunteered the time and energy of colleagues and yourselves. Thank you! As we enter the final stages of planning, we are able to identify the areas where assistance is needed. Those areas are: (if you have a volunteer duty preference please complete the information on the form and every opportunity will be made to assign you those responsibilities).

1. Mentors: We need volunteers on Thursday Evening thru the farm visit on Friday morning to Mentor the student groups and to work with them on the host farms. You will work with your group on Thursday evening as they start to look through information and prepare for the farm tour. You will then escort this group of students while on the farm tour on Friday morning. It is critical all volunteers who do want to sign up for this new duty are available all of Thursday evening thru lunch on Friday. We will need at least 12 mentors available.
2. Farm Volunteers: We need people on Friday morning to help get the students on buses and keep them moving on the host farms.
3. Support Help: Individuals are needed for Friday afternoon to assist teams in getting support from IT, questions answered, and to assist with farm manager meetings.
4. Room Monitors and Time Keepers: We need 3-6 room monitors and 3-6 time keepers for Saturday's presentations. These volunteers are needed to share the coverage of the 3-6 presentation rooms from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.
5. Debrief Team: We need 3 individuals to visit with teams following their presentation for 10 minute debriefing sessions on their experience.

Please complete the form. Thank you in advance for your support of the Western Dairy Challenge.

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