

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE Dairy Challenge™

Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders

Dear Dairy Challenge Coach:

On behalf of the Midwest Regional Committee of the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, it is our pleasure to invite your school to participate in the 15th Annual Midwest Dairy Challenge. The event will be held February 13-15, 2019 and is hosted by the University of Illinois at Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois. The 2019 contest will take place Wednesday through Friday.

Registration:

- Registration for the contest is online. This is the *only* method of registration. Registration fees can be paid using a credit card at the time of registration, or you may pay by check. **Team registration closes Friday, November 30.** Registration is available here: <https://2019midwestdairychallenge.eventbrite.com> Be prepared with your students' email addresses when you begin registration.
- New this year: entry fee for each student is \$50 total due at time of entry. Late registrations will not be accepted, so please be sure to register your team by November 30.
- Each school may register up to 8 students and 4 alternates. Please review Contest Rules, Eligibility of Contestants as you select participating students.
- This year's contest will be capped at 120 students. Once the cap of 120 is reached, any additional schools who register will be placed on a waiting list. Students registered as alternates will be likewise placed on a waiting list. **With this expanded number per school, it is important that every student who registers is committed to participating.** Schools will be notified of their acceptance, on or about December 6.
- Coaches *do not* have to collect and submit student forms. Once participation is confirmed, students will be responsible for completing a Student Information form online. This form will be available on the Dairy Challenge web site after December 6. Students must submit this form by January 25. The signing of the Contestant Liability Waiver, Contest Information Release Waiver, and the Contestant Honor Code will be handled on site at the event.

This year's contest hotel is the Hampton Inn, in Freeport, IL. Room reservations will be made from the returned student information on the Entry Forms. Rooms will be provided for each school for the evenings of February 13 and February 14 at no charge. Please note, to keep costs down and to facilitate interactions, participants may be placed in rooms with participants (same gender) from other schools.

The committee is asking your team to arrive at the hotel on Wednesday afternoon, February 13 and depart after the completion of the contest on Friday, February 15. If you choose to stay on Friday night, room reservations and costs are the financial responsibility of the school. Driving directions to the hotel will be provided in later communications.

We will be pairing coaches for room sharing again this year. If you have a roommate preference, please contact Molly Kelley.

Dinner on Wednesday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Thursday, and breakfast, lunch and a snack on Friday will be provided for one coach and all participating students. Additional meals must be paid for at the time of registration at a cost of \$120 per person, this includes additional coaches. Should you have a member with dietary restrictions, please indicate this information on the Entry Form.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting and innovative contest. Additional information, including the schedule and guidelines, as well as entry forms and student information forms, will also be available online at http://www.dairychallenge.org/mw_event.php

Sincerely,
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Chairpersons
Midwest Dairy Challenge Committee

Dr. Phil Cardoso

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