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MSU Livestock Judging Camps

Starkville, MS

June 9-11, 2014 (Starts-12:00 p.m. June 9th)

June 6-Separate “day camp” for juniors and coaches (8:30-5 p.m.)

Hosted by new MSU judging coach Brett Crow

I think it is always important to continue to introduce myself for the benefit of those I've not yet met in my short time on faculty at Mississippi State University. I am a native of Danville, Alabama and a graduate of the judging programs at both Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas and Kansas State University where I was a member of the 2006 Reserve National Champion Team. After my year of competition on the team at KSU, I served as the assistant coach of the 2008 Reserve National Champion livestock judging team at K-State while in graduate school. I then spent four years coaching at the junior college level at Seward County Community College in Southwest Kansas. I began just over a year ago as the new livestock judging coach at Mississippi State University, and I can't tell you how exciting it is to be back home in the South! Many of you know that I am underway with the process of re-establishing a livestock judging team here at MSU and am now wrapping up the spring season of travel to contests with the first group our university has sent into competition in over a decade!

The time has come to begin making plans for yet another summer of judging camps! Those who made these camps a part of their busy summer last year saw an enormous return on the investment of their time and resources. These events were designed to be a unique opportunity that you'll remember for being well worth the time! Again this year, I expect to have instructional assistance from past members of my collegiate livestock judging teams. For those who attended our “day camp” last year, you'll be pleased to know that with the prospect of more help this year, we expect to be able to break into smaller groups and keep the critiques more interactive.

As for the format of these camps, a separate “day camp” on June 6th will be held for younger youth (ages 9-13) as well as adult coaches and volunteer leaders. This “day camp” will be conducted with an instructional method and level targeting the kids. Coaches will benefit by observing the teaching methods used on the kids, and they'll learn about the format and note-taking methods used for oral reasons. This should be a day filled with learning for the kids, and it should give coaches ideas and material to take home and develop these new skills in their students. The focus of this camp will be to develop an understanding of the basics of evaluation and judging as well as general note-taking methods. The kids will do NO actual delivery of reasons during this camp. A three-day camp will then be held beginning June 9 for older youth (ages 14 and up) and will entail a combination of classroom lectures, live animal evaluation on the farm, oral reasons and lab exercises.

The camps will be conducted with a distinct level of intensity, so I hope that all participants will come eager to learn and prepared to work! I am going to work hard to make this experience truly one-of-a-kind, so don't miss out! I look forward to seeing y'all in June!

Respectfully,

Brett Crow



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MSU Livestock Judging Camp
For Older Youth

***Eligible participants:** Ages 14 and up

***Cost:** Non-refundable fee of \$200/person (includes meals and lodging). Make checks payable to: **MSU Foundation**. Mail entries to:

Mississippi State University
Animal & Dairy Sciences-Wise Center
Attention: Brett Crow
Box 9815
Mississippi State, MS 39762

***Deadline:** Entries with checks must be **postmarked by May 1**. *Camp will be limited to the first 30 entries, so be sure to call before mailing forms to make sure that spots are still available.*

***Lodging:** More information will be sent to those who enter the camp.

***Check-in and Camp Dismissal:** Check-in will be from 12:00-12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9th to provide those participants traveling from quite a distance time to arrive in Starkville (lunch is on your own). The camp will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 (lunch on Wednesday will be provided). The exact location of check-in and dismissal is yet to be determined and will be disclosed to participants after entries are received, but expect it to be either on the MSU campus or within minutes of Starkville.

For additional information contact:

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316-323-4879

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MSU Livestock Judging Day Camp
For Junior Youth and Coaches

***Eligible participants:** Youth ages 9-13 AND any interested coach or adult

***Cost:** Non-refundable fee of \$25/person for youth and adults (includes meals).
Make checks payable to: **MSU Foundation**. Mail entries to:

Mississippi State University
Animal & Dairy Sciences-Wise Center
Attention: Brett Crow
Box 9815
Mississippi State, MS 39762

***Deadline:** Entries with checks must be **postmarked by May 1**. *Camp will be limited to the first 50 entries, so be sure to call before mailing forms to make sure that spots are still available.*

***Lodging:** Not provided.

***Check-in and Camp Dismissal:** Check-in will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 6 (Breakfast is on your own, but lunch and snacks will be provided). The camp will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6. The exact location of check-in and dismissal is yet to be determined and will be disclosed to participants after entries are received, but expect it to be either on the MSU campus or within minutes of Starkville.

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“Three-Day Camp” Registration Form
Youth 14 & Up

Name of School or 4-H Club _____

Coach’s Name _____

Coach’s Phone # _____

Coach’s Email _____

Coach’s Address _____

List of youth participants **at \$200/person included with form:**

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____ T-shirt size _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____ T-shirt size _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____ T-shirt size _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____



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“Day Camp” Registration Form **Adults**

List of adult participants **at \$25/person included with form:**

* _____ -Are you a coach, parent or volunteer? _____

Male _____ or Female _____

If attending with youth, provide their names _____

* _____ -Are you a coach, parent or volunteer? _____

Male _____ or Female _____

If attending with youth, provide their names _____



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“Day Camp” Registration Form
Youth 9-13

Name of School or 4-H Club _____

Coach’s Name _____

Coach’s Phone # _____

Coach’s Email _____

Coach’s Address _____

List of youth participants **at \$25/person included with form:**

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

* _____-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2014) _____

Male _____ or Female _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

4-H Parental Release and Code of Conduct Agreement

Activity: _____

Inclusive dates: _____

Rules for Conduct

4-H Activities

Each participant must read and strive to live up to the 4-H Code of Conduct and obey the rules listed below and all directions given by Extension Service and 4-H leaders, officials, and personnel. As examples, but without limiting such rules and directions that may be applicable to a given activity type, time, or location, each participant must observe the following rules:

1. Attend and actively participate in programs outlined for the activity.
2. Show respect for the equipment, property, and facilities, and assume financial responsibility for damages he/she causes.
3. Observe hours of curfew and remain in his/her own room during curfew hours.
4. Do not enter rooms assigned to those of the opposite sex (in other words, boys may not go into girls' rooms, and girls may not go into boys' rooms) unless accompanied by an authorized adult Extension Service worker or adult 4-H leader (adult meaning 21 years of age or older).
5. Do not leave the activity area without permission from an adult Extension Service worker or adult 4-H leader.
6. Do not use, possess, or distribute alcohol or other drugs at any time during the inclusive times and dates of participation in the activity.
7. Do not use tobacco in vehicles at any time during the inclusive times and dates of participation in the activity.
8. Do not use tobacco during any scheduled 4-H meeting or other activity events.
9. Observe dress codes stated by Extension Service workers or 4-H leaders.
10. Observe good manners and grooming.
11. Observe all other rules and requirements identified by Extension Service workers or 4-H leaders.
12. Be responsible for his/her conduct and be polite and respectful in conduct, behavior, and language toward all Extension and 4-H personnel and all other participants (as stated in the 4-H Code of Conduct on the back of this page).

These rules are only examples of expected conduct.

This is to certify that I _____ (name of 4-H member) understand these rules and that failure to comply may result in my being sent home from the activity at my own expense and/or being declared ineligible to participate in future 4-H activities.

Date Signature of 4-H member County

I certify that I understand my child named above is required to comply with the above rules and that failure to do so can result in his/her being sent home at my expense and/or being disqualified from participation in future 4-H activities, whether in a leadership role or otherwise.

I hereby grant permission for my child named above to participate in the above 4-H activity.

We agree to indemnify and hold Mississippi State University, the Mississippi State University Extension Service, and its employees and volunteers harmless from liability for any injury or damage suffered by me or my child resulting from his/her participation in this activity and while he/she is being transported to, during, or from this activity.

Date Signature of parent/guardian Telephone number

Route or street address City State Zip

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