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Hello Everyone!

It is once again that time of year for the Little International Hippology contest! We have been working very hard to make this year's 86th Little "I" a great success. We have made some changes, so please read this letter and the contest rules carefully. The contest will be held Friday, February 10th at 8:00am. The contest will be held at the North Dakota State University Equine Center located at 5140 19th Avenue North (2 miles West of Interstate 29).

Attached you will find the registration form for the contest along with the rules and regulations. One of the MAJOR changes that have been made is to the way registration will be handled. **Preregistration will be required.** All contestants must be registered by **midnight on Thursday, February 9th**. **There will be NO registration the day of the contest or exceptions to this rule!** This change will help to eliminate confusion and keep the contest running on time. If you have incomplete teams please email kimberly.l.klein@my.ndsu.edu and you will be assisted in filling the team. If you need to change a team member the morning of the contest, staff will be available at 7:00 am to help assist you. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that they arrive at the barn with adequate time to fix the problem. Teams may start checking in by 7:15am and every effort will be made to start the contest on time. **Teams that arrive after 8 am will not be allowed to compete.** Out of respect for teams that come from far away and need to get back on the road it is imperative we start on time and stick to the set schedule. The cost of registration will be \$6.00 per contestant which includes a lunch ticket. Non-contestants may also receive the lunch at the cost of \$6.00.

There will be a maximum of 4 participants on each team. When forming your teams, remember that a junior may be bumped up to participate with a senior team, however, a senior may not participate on a junior team. We will allow individuals to join with another team as discussed above. Also remember to bring #2 pencils for the written exam, clipboards (optional), and paper for judging classes. PLEASE do not bring any horse related material into the barn; it will not be allowed during the contest.

We would like to invite you to forward this information to others interested in the contest. Also, remember that this is an open competition and it is not required that youth be a member of 4-H or FFA. Any horse enthusiast 18 and under is invited to participate.

We hope to see you all the 86th Little International themed "Agriculture in Action"!

Happy Trails
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86th Little International Hippology Contest

Rules and Regulations

Objective:

The objective of the hippology contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge in equine science and apply the knowledge to practical situations.

Divisions:

There will be two divisions:

- 1) Junior -contestant who is 13 or under as of September 1st of the current year (2011)
- 2) Senior-contestant who has reached their 14th birthday as of September 1st of current year (2011)

Please use discretion when entering Juniors to ensure that their maturity level and abilities are suitable for this competition. Hippology is a long and challenging event and the reasoning, math and comprehension skills may be above that of younger juniors.

Awards:

1st-3rd place awards will be given for the top teams in both divisions and the top three individuals in the senior division.

The Contest:

- Seniors will individually complete the examination, station, and judging phases but will complete the team problem together as a team. Scores from the individual team members will be combined to determine the team score.
- Juniors will judge the entire contest as a team.

Any of the following is subject to change:

Examination Phase (100 points):

This portion will consist of a written exam consisting of 50 questions.

Station Phase (100 points):

This portion will consist of 5 stations with 10 questions each.

Judging Phase (100 points):

This portion will be different this year as only **2 performance classes** will be judged. Each class will be worth 50 points.

Contestants may use printed scoring sheets for the appropriate classes if they desire (contestant must bring their own, as these will not be provided).

The classes will be selected from the following:

- Hunter under Saddle
- Hunt Seat Equitation
- Trail
- Reining

Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship

Team Problem (50 points):

Teams will work together to solve a problem using their practical knowledge of horses and the horse industry. Teams will then present the solution to a judge.

Contest Scoring:

For individuals:

Highest combined points from the written, station and judging phases.

For teams:

The top three individual scores will be combined and added to the score from the team problem.

Tie Breakers:

The following criteria will be used to break ties, should they occur:

For individuals:

Highest written phase

Highest station phase

Highest judging phase

For teams:

The highest average score in the above order

General Comments:

- **Cheating is strictly forbidden, any individual or team caught cheating will be disqualified from the contest.**
- Contestants are not permitted to have cell phones at any time during the contest. Use of a cell phone while competing is grounds for disqualification.
- Coaches will not be allowed in the examination, station, or team problem areas during the contest. Stations will remain up for an hour after the contest for viewing purposes.

86th Little International Hippology Contest Registration Form

Town/County: _____

State: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Address: _____

Coach's Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Senior Team Name: _____

Senior Team Members Names Birth Date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Junior Team Name: _____

Junior Team Member Names Birth Date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Individual Contestants Birth Date Jr/Sr

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Total number of contestants: _____ x \$5= _____

I have read the cover letter as well as the rules and regulations along with
agreeing to these terms and conditions set forth by the 86th Little "I"
Hippology Committee

Coach's Signature

Date

Please mail registration to: Department of Animal Sciences
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