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 92nd Little “I” a great success. This letter contains a lot of important information, so please read this letter and the contest rules carefully. The contest will be held Friday, February 9th 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. This e-mail will be the only item you will receive to register. You are encouraged to simply e-mail me at katelyn.oland@ndus.edu with all information needed as this is simple and fast. All e-mails will get a reply to verify registration. If you do not receive an e-mail, please resend registration information and double check the e-mail address.

Preregistration will be required. All contestants must be registered by midnight on Monday, February 5th. There will be NO registration the day of the contest or exceptions to this rule! You will be allowed and encouraged to e-mail changes to teams until midnight on Thursday, February 8th. If you have incomplete teams, please email katelyn.oland@ndus.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 assist you. It is the coach’s responsibility to ensure that they arrive at the barn with adequate time to notify the staff and be assisted in changing registration. 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 $9.00 per contestant which includes a lunch ticket. Non-contestants may also purchase a lunch ticket for $9.00. You are more than welcome to pre-pay registration fees by mailing a check to the address above. Please mail checks by Friday February 3rd. Checks must be received before the contest begins or contestants will not be allowed to compete. You may also pay registration fees the day of the contest with cash or check.

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. We will not follow 4-H regulations for teams as this is an open contest. This way, we can have extra contestants join together to form a full team. There is also no limit to the number of teams per county. 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 at the 92nd Little International themed “Honoring our Heritage”!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I would be more than happy to help you through the registration process!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Katelyn Oland,
Hippology Committee Co-Chair
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Phone: (701-680-8032)
91st 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, 2016.
2) Senior - contestant who has reached their 14th birthday as of September 1st, 2016.
3) There is no limit to the number of teams per county, as this is an open contest.
4) Individual contestants and extra contestants can be combined with counties in any fashion if NECESSARY. You may only do this if you cannot complete a full team from your county or have extra members after you have filled teams.

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 two 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):
Only 2 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:
- Halter
- 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. Participants have 10 minutes to prepare.
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.
- Scantrons will be used for the contest. There will be a tutorial on how to properly use the scantrons and questions may be asked during the contest on how to use the form. Scantrons turned in late will NOT be scored!
## 92nd Little "I" Hippology Registration Form

**Town/County:**

**State:**

**Coach's Name:**

**Coach's Address:**

**Coach's Phone #:**

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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 91st Little “I” Hippology Committee.

**Coach's Signature:**  
**Date:**

Total number of contestants: [ ] x $9 = $  

E-Mail to [katelyn.oland@ndus.edu](mailto:katelyn.oland@ndus.edu)

OR Mail Registration to:  
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