MSU Livestock Judging Camps
May 14-16, 2016 (Starts 2:00 p.m. May 14)
May 29-31 (Starts 2:00 p.m. May 29)
June 4—Separate “day camp” for juniors and coaches

I think it is always important to continue to introduce myself for the benefit of those I’ve not yet met in my time on faculty at Mississippi State University. I am an instructor in the Animal and Dairy Sciences Department and serve as the Livestock Judging Team Coach. I am a native of Danville, AL but my time on collegiate judging teams was spent in Kansas both at Butler Community College and Kansas State University. At K-State, I was a member of the 2006 Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team and served as the Assistant Coach of the 2008 Reserve National Champion Team while in graduate school at KSU. I then spent four years coaching at the junior college level at Seward County Community College in Southwest Kansas. However, I can’t tell you how exciting it is to be back home in the South! Many of you know that we have re-established a livestock judging team here at MSU and actually have already notched MSU’s first champion title since the revitalization of our program!

As for this year’s camps, I once again expect to have instructional assistance from current and past members of my collegiate livestock judging teams. We are now offering two camps for older youth in order to allow them an opportunity to find the time-frame that best accommodates their schedules. As for “Day Camps”, this year we will be offering two sessions of that camp also, but both will occur on the same day. You’ll have your choice (on a first-come, first-served basis) of signing up for either the morning or afternoon session. Each session will be capped at a maximum of 50 participants. The material will obviously be condensed. We strive to find ways of engaging these younger youth and holding their attention, and this approach worked well last year.

The “day camps” on June 4th will be held for younger youth (ages 9-13) as well as adult coaches and volunteer leaders. These “day camps” 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 these camps 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 these camps. Two different three-day camps will also be held May 14-16 as well as May 29-31 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.

Respectfully,

Brett Crow
**MSU Livestock Judging Camp**  
*For Older Youth*

**Eligible participants:** Ages 14 and up

**Cost:** Non-refundable fee of $225/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 April 25 if you plan to attend the first camp held in May.** Otherwise, a postmark deadline of May 1 will apply to those attending the later 3-day camp. **Each 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 2:00-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. The camp will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16 (Lunch on Monday 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 on the MSU campus. For those attending the later camp, Check-in for that camp will be from 2:00-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31 (Lunch on Tuesday will be provided). Information about locations will again be provided for those who register.

For additional information contact:  
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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 $40/person for youth and adults (includes snacks).
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 10. Each session (morning and afternoon) 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 for the morning camp will be from 7:15-7:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 (Breakfast is on your own, but snacks will be provided at both morning and afternoon camps). The morning camp will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. Check-in for the afternoon camp will be from 12:15-12:45 p.m. with that session beginning promptly at 1:00 (Plan to have lunch before arriving). The afternoon camp will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. 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 on the MSU campus.

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

Circle Session Attending: May 14-16 or May 29-31

Name of School or 4-H Club_____________________________________
Coach’s Name________________________________________________
Coach’s Phone #_______________________________________________
Coach’s Email_________________________________________________
Coach’s Address______________________________________________
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List of youth participants at $225/person included with form:

*____________________-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2016)______
   Circle: Male or Female T-shirt size___________
   Emergency Contact Name and #_______________________________

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   Circle: Male or Female T-shirt size___________
   Emergency Contact Name and #_______________________________
“Day Camp” Registration Form

Adults

List of adult participants at $40/person included with form:

Circle session attending: Morning or Afternoon

*__________________-Are you a coach, parent or volunteer? ______

Circle: Male or Female

If attending with youth, provide their names__________________
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Circle session attending: Morning or Afternoon

*__________________-Are you a coach, parent or volunteer? ______

Circle: 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 $40/person included with form:

Circle session attending: Morning or Afternoon

*__________________-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2016)_____

Circle: Male or Female
Emergency Contact Name and #______________________________

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Emergency Contact Name and #______________________________

*__________________-Upcoming Year in School (Fall 2016)_____

Circle: Male or Female
Emergency Contact Name and #______________________________
# 4-H Parental Release

**Activity:** __________________________________________________________

**Inclusive dates:** _____________________________________________

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.

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