

AHCA

Historic City Hall
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Brighton, CO 80601-2042

Return Service Requested

**HOTEL & REGISTRATION
DEADLINE JUNE 1st**



Hotel Accommodations

Our host hotel, Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva, is a lovely property on the water and conveniently located with many restaurants and shops in walking distance. Book now by calling 888.746.7371 or 262.248.9181 and mention American Highland Cattle to get your group rate on Thurs \$119/night and Fri/Sat \$169/night. Rates include a complimentary hot breakfast each morning in the breakfast room. The hotel is at 300 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva, WI 53147. **Reservation deadline June 1, 2018. Don't delay as this is prime tourist season!**

Camping/RV Facilities

There is room for self-contained campers at the host farms. Please contact Four T at 262.539.3257 ftacres@yahoo.com or Cobblestone 262.689.7013 tamarlinnorth@aol.com to reserve your spot prior to the event. You must provide your own transportation to/from the hotel both days if you plan to ride the bus to events.

Travel Arrangements

Located just 90 minutes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport and 45 minutes from Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport, visitors will find the region easy to navigate.

Tourist Information

Nestled on the northeastern shores of Geneva Lake in southeast Wisconsin, Lake Geneva has been a resort community since just after the Civil War when wealthy Chicago families discovered the site and began building summer homes. The area boasts a number of one-of-a-kind attractions including Black Point, a painstakingly restored estate; Yerkes Observatory, home to the world's largest refracting telescope; Geneva Lake Museum of History, housing a treasure trove of artifacts dating back to the 1880s; and the U.S. Mailboat Tour, carrying on a tradition since 1870 of delivering the mail by boat. Also there is a shore path that rings the lake which was created by the region's earliest settlers to connect the many Native American camps. The 21-mile walking trail can be navigated in segments; all offering a backyard view of the many historic estates that dot the shoreline. Learn more about the area at:

www.visitlakegeneva.com
www.visitwalworthcounty.com
www.travelwisconsin.com

Or contact fellow Highland breeders:

Jean Gruenert 262.539.2725 or greenearth.jean@gmail.com

Jan Larson 262.539.3257 or ftacres@yahoo.com

Heather Bailey 262.689.7013 or tamarlinnorth@aol.com

Auction at the Banquet

Saturday night's auction benefits the breed and these organizations. Contact the following to pledge your support by supplying an auction item(s) and we always welcome you to bid!

- **North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA)**

Kerie Olson 507.219.9825 or secretary@nchca.org

A one-of-a-kind 7 day "Scottish Escape" guided tour from Glasgow to Edinburgh is being auctioned! Full details on this trip and other items at www.nchca.org.

- **American Highland Cattle Association (AHCA)**

Ginnah Moses 303.659.2399 or info@highlandcattleusa.org

- **Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF)**

Mark Schulz 507.481.7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com

Notice of AHCA General Membership Meeting

The American Highland Cattle Association will host its 67th Annual General Membership Meeting at Cobblestone Farms, East Troy, WI on Friday, June 22, 2018. At this meeting the membership will elect three At Large Directors. Yearly members with dues paid for 6/1/18-5/31/19 who own or have previously owned purebred Highland cattle registered with AHCA and all lifetime members, will be entitled to vote. Junior members may not vote. Absentee ballots will be sent in May and should be completed and returned to AHCA in the envelopes provided, by those who are unable to attend the membership meeting.

Weather

During June, temperatures are typically 55-80° with rain possible. We suggest dressing in layers and bringing a jacket.



Friday, June 22

AHCA board members only, meet in hotel lobby at 7:30 AM to carpool to Cobblestone Farms

7:30 AM-10:30 AM AHCA Board of Directors' Meeting

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Registration at Hotel

Bus departs hotel lobby for Cobblestone Farms 10:00 AM and returns to hotel 6:30 PM

10:00 AM-1:30 PM LD's BBQ Lunch & Annual General Membership Meeting

This is the formal annual meeting of our Association. Updates include reports from the President, standing committees and regional associations. Make your vote count in the membership's election of At Large Directors. The Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF) will announce the Memorial Junior Scholarship winner(s). Lunch sponsored by Cobblestone Farms.

Cobblestone is located on the edge of the Kettle Moraine State Forest and the middle of the Crooked Creek Preserve. The name was derived from the original 1850's cobblestone house that still stands and has undergone a complete renovation. Gordon and Carole Segal purchased the farm almost 25 years ago to conserve quickly disappearing farmlands. With preservation in mind, they set their eyes on Highland cattle. The cattle are raised for educational purposes, show and beef. They currently have 60 registered Highlands, 25 Highland crosses and 20 registered Angus. The property encompasses 470 acres plus 90 acres leased.

1:45 PM-3:45 PM Cattle Movement & Handling Clinic

- *Ron Gill, PhD, Associate Department Head for Extension Animal Science, Texas A&M University – College Station, TX*

Ron is Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and also serves as Associate Department Head and Program Leader for Extension within Texas A&M's Department of Animal Science. He provides leadership in extension programming related to animal well-being, stockmanship and low-stress livestock handling and assists in providing guidance to statewide efforts in Beef Safety and Quality Assurance programming. In addition, he is president of Effective Stockmanship, LLC, providing training and consultation related to livestock handling and facility design in all phases of the beef cattle industry for the past 20 years. He assists with NCBA's Stockmanship and Stewardship program conducting trainings across North America. In addition, he owns and manages Gill Cattle Company a commercial cow/calf and stocker operation in north central Texas. Focus on this session will be developing the handler's sense of when to apply pressure and how much, to get cattle to work smoother and with less stress. Proper cattle trailer loading techniques will also be demonstrated.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM

Nutrition - It's More than Grass or Grain

- *Anne Proctor, PhD, Co-Owner, Windemere Farm – Junction City, WI*

Anne earned her PhD in Ruminant Nutrition from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and currently works as a nutritionist for Form-A-Feed. In her professional life, she splits her time between working directly with farmers providing diets and management advice and

supporting a multi-state sales team as a member of Form-A-Feed's Technical Support team. While most of the cattle she feeds during work hours are black and white, she goes home and applies her knowledge to her herd of Highlands. She and her husband, John, own Windemere Farm which is home to about 25 head of registered Highland cattle with a focus on producing top quality breeding stock. Anne has a thorough understanding of ruminant nutrition and passion for teaching. Her session will open your eyes to nutrition as it matters to the cow and leave you thinking about your feeding program in a whole new way. Your cows will thank you for attending!

OR

Writing that Stellar Sale Ad

- *Spencer Reetz, Co-Owner, Rocking T Highlands – Ohio, NE*

Spencer is a native of Nebraska where he grew up raising cattle on the family farm, Rocking T Highlands, with his parents Rod and Terri Matthies. He holds associate degrees in Ag Production and Ag Business from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, as well as a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Spencer has worked for large cattle operations across the Midwest and is currently employed with Farm Credit Services of America/AgDirect. This session will take a deeper look into livestock evaluation as well as setting yourself up for success. Who are you targeting? What are they looking for? Whether it's a Highland, commercial or show cattle operation, the basics of cattle evaluation will be a focal point to draw in your customers. Not only is this stellar advertisement essential but presentation of your animals is especially important. Key points of how to display their best qualities and traits in one photo will be shared.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Structure, Functionability & Durability of Beef Cattle

- *Wally Congdon, Owner, Garr Canyon Ranch & Big Sky Natural Beef – Missoula, MT*

Big Sky Natural Beef sells a few seedstock but almost wholly beef. A geographer by training, Wally's graduate education at an ag university in New Zealand was a text book cap for a lifetime of in the field evaluation. He wrote the law for certified natural and certified grass-fed beef and many right to farm ordinances adopted in numerous states. This demonstration is an exercise in observing, selecting and identifying structural components of Highland cattle. See how these physical characteristics relate to and affect the functionability and durability of a cow and how components relate to the animal as beef. A number of Highland breeders raising cattle for multiple decades participated in assembling and providing input in this hands-on workshop. Bring a pencil, paper, shoes to be around cows and your spectacles to this one.

OR

Bull Evaluation & Selection Criteria

- *Cody Talbott, CHS Specialist, Wyoming Department of Agriculture – Laramie, WY*

Cody was born and raised on the family ranch in Laramie with club calf, commercial cow/calf and hay enterprises. He's currently an inspection specialist for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and active in the family ranch. Managing Thorbardin Ranch, LLC for 15 years, they had a progressive crossbreeding program with Highland cattle promoting

carcass traits and provided bull development and testing opportunities for both commercial and purebred producers. While at Thorbardin, he also conducted a high altitude (PAP-Pulmonary Arterial Pressure) test site for Angus breeders to identify genetics with brisket disease. Cody judged Highlands at the National Western Stock Show and other regional shows. He will discuss the physical and genetic traits to consider when selecting or purchasing bulls for your operation.

6:30 PM

Evening on Your Own

Saturday, June 23

7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Breakfast on Your Own

AHCA board members only, meet in hotel lobby at 8:00 AM to carpool to Cobblestone Farms then on to Four T Acres

8:00 AM-10:00 AM

AHCA Board of Directors' Meeting

Bus departs hotel lobby for Four T Acres 9:30 AM and returns to hotel 3:30 PM

9:30 AM-1:00 PM

Sale Preview & Buyer Registration Sale Consignor Meeting

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Tour of Four T Acres

Four T Acres is a fourth-generation family farm located near Burlington, beginning in 2003. Over the years we have grown to 80+ head, with both registered and unregistered Highlands. Our self-sustainable farm is situated on approximately 100 acres and has expanded over the past few years by adding another 100 acres of rented crop and pastureland. The goal of our operation is to continually produce better quality cattle to help support our thriving beef market. We also spend a great deal of time educating about the breed and our farming practices. Every year we visit multiple public events throughout our state, host farm tours for schools and for visitors who are just curious. By being active members of the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association, NCHCA and AHCA, we are always working to promote this beautiful breed.

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Lunch by NCHCA Juniors

This is a fundraiser for the local junior association. Lunch on your own; cash or checks accepted.

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

NCHCA Highland Production Sale

Fifty lots of outstanding genetics up for auction! These cattle represent all phases of production including cow/calf pairs, bred cows, heifers, yearlings, breeding bulls, show prospects and much more. Consigned from near and far with bloodlines to fit any breeding plan, this sale offers buyers the chance to add value, integrity and diversity to their herd. Arrangements can be made to hold cattle after the sale while you stay and enjoy the weekend events.

Bus departs hotel lobby for Four T Acres 5:30 PM and returns to hotel 10:30 PM

5:30 PM-10:30 PM

Highland Beef Roast, Auction & Dancing

Festivities this evening will include the prestigious Highland Member of the Year and Hall of Fame honors. Roll of Excellence (ROE) winners will be revealed with prizes presented. A wide array of Highland collectibles, livestock supplies and unique wares will be offered to benefit NCHCA, AHCA and HCF. Enjoy camaraderie and plenty of tunes by DJ Joe... have a great time! Highland beef and music sponsored by Four T Acres.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEADLINE June 1, 2018

_____ x \$120/person = _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover AMEX

Card Number: _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Expiration Date: _ _ / _ _ Authorization Code: _ _ _

Signature: _____
(required)

Please email, mail or fax form and payment by June 1, 2018 to:

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Registration fee includes:

All activities, transportation during convention, one lunch and one dinner. Complimentary hot breakfast for hotel guests.

All fees non-refundable.