

AHCA

Historic City Hall
22 S. 4th Ave., Ste. 201
Brighton, CO 80601-2030

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**HOTEL / REGISTRATION DEADLINE
May 15th**



Make plans to attend the 2014 AHCA National Convention!

Hotel Accommodations

Contact The Inn on Lake Superior by May 15, 2014.

Phone: 888-668-4352 or
Online: theinnonlakesuperior.com
(reservations tab)
Group ID: 5686
Password: 37000033

Great rate of \$117 per night (1-4 people) includes complimentary deluxe continental breakfast each morning. The hotel is located in the heart of Canal Park in gorgeous Duluth, Minnesota! You will be within walking distance of great sightseeing, food and entertainment. The hotel is at 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN 55802.

Camping/RV Facilities

For camping and RV parks, check out visitduluth.com (lodging tab). The two closest to Canal Park are:

Duluth Indian Point Campground 855-777-0652
Spirit Mountain Campground 800-642-6377 x 544

Travel Arrangements

The Duluth International Airport is approximately 12 miles from the hotel and you can find information at duluthairport.com. It is serviced by Delta, United and Allegiant Air. The closest major airport is Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport which is approximately 2.5 hours from Duluth.

There is a complimentary hotel shuttle to/from Duluth International Airport. It is best to reserve your seat when you book your sleeping room.

Tourist Information

Scenic wonder, a relaxed pace, many attractions, shopping, dining and the Lakewalk will give you plenty to do when you have free time. Spend a few days before or after the convention sightseeing and take in what the region has to offer. Learn more about the area at visitduluth.com, exploreminnesota.com or contact fellow Highland breeder Mark Schulz 507-481-7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com.

Trade Show

Promote your farm, regional association or cattle related products/services for only \$25. The trade show will be open each day during free time so you can attend the convention and have a booth. A 6' rectangular table with tablecloth and two chairs will be provided.

Beef & Beer Tasting

Enjoy a three course Scottish Highland beef and beer paired dinner served in the Tycoons Alehouse, historic Duluth City Council Chamber. Culinary preparation by Chef Bret Knutson. Three 10 oz beers paired by Fitger's Brewhouse Master Brewer, Dave Hoops. It's a short walk from the hotel so no transportation will be provided. Pre-registration required and tickets will be collected at the door.

Junior Program (ages 6-21)

Kids will enjoy activities Thursday-Saturday while mom & dad are attending the general membership meeting and educational seminars/tours. In addition to the awesome activities on the schedule, the farm tours will include mob grazing, low stress cattle handling, low cost equipment anyone can build, etc. Chaperones are adult AHCA members or older junior members and transportation will be by bus. A permission slip for each youth will be sent after receiving registrations back. Signed permission slips must be returned at registration on June 12 for the child to be eligible to participate.

Auction at the Banquet

Saturday night's auction is always a great way to pick up Highland collectables, livestock supplies and popular genetics while benefiting the breed and these organizations. Contact the following to pledge your support by supplying an auction item(s):

- North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA)
Mary Schmidtke 608-348-4047 info@creachanngleann.com
- Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF)
Mark Schulz 507-481-7367 mark@flatlandfarm.com
- American Highland Cattle Association (AHCA)
Ginnah Moses 303-659-2399 info@highlandcattleusa.org

Notice of General Membership Meeting

The American Highland Cattle Association will host its 63rd Annual General Membership Meeting in Duluth, MN on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at The Inn on Lake Superior. At this meeting the membership will elect three At Large Directors. All members of AHCA with dues paid for 6/1/14-5/31/15 (excluding junior members) will be entitled to 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 45°-70° with rain possible. We suggest dressing in layers and traveling with a jacket.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 AM-2:00 PM AHCA Committee Meetings
2:00 PM-5:00 PM HCF Board of Directors' Meeting
6:00 PM AHCA & NCHCA Directors & Guests' Dinner

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 AM-3:00 PM AHCA Board of Directors' Meeting
12:00 PM-3:00 PM Registration & Trade Show
3:00 PM Welcome by Mark Schulz, President NCHCA
3:00 PM-5:30 PM Junior Meet & Greet Fun in the Sun
3:15 PM-4:00 PM CattleMax: Taking the Next Step with Your Recordkeeping System

• *Terrell Miller, Owner, Cattlesoft, Inc.*

Terrell will discuss how keeping records can help you make sound management decisions about your herd. Learn what to record and how to use one of the online systems to track your data. From basic record keeping needs to registered cattle ranches maintaining weights, performance records and more, CattleMax is flexible for herds of all sizes.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM Highland Beef Seems to be Bucking the Trend

• *Dr. Bryon Wiegand, Associate Professor Meat Science, University of MO*

Dr. Wiegand, the principal investigator for this scientific study of Highland beef, assisted the Beef Marketing Committee and Highland Cattle Foundation with the development of the protocol and has overseen the research and data collection. As the study has now eclipsed the halfway mark in samples submitted, he issued a statement of preliminary findings. Watch as Dr. Wiegand discusses some exciting trends seen thus far in the samples submitted and what lies ahead for breeders regarding the research.

4:45 PM-5:30 PM Fun with Numbers: Understanding and Benefiting from AHCA's Performance Program

• *Jacquelyn Chotkowski, Co-Owner, Spring Flight Farm LLC*

This workshop includes a step by step walk through of data entry for AHCA's Performance Program, what the data produces for individuals and how to use that information to make decisions regarding your herd. Knowledge is power!

6:00 PM-10:00 PM Junior Dinner & Bikes on the Beach

7:00 PM-10:00 PM Dinner & Annual General Membership Meeting

This session is the formal annual meeting of our Association. Hear the annual update which includes reports from the President, standing committees and regional associations. Make your vote count in the membership's election of At Large Directors. ROE (Roll of Excellence) winners will be revealed with awards presented. The Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF) will announce the Memorial Junior Scholarship winners.

10:00 PM "After Hours" at Tycoons Rathskeller

Enjoy a relaxing evening with plenty of "Highland" talk. Optional event; cash bar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 AM-8:00 AM Deluxe Continental Breakfast & Trade Show
Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests. Non-hotel guests \$10/person.

7:00 AM-8:00 AM AHCA Board of Directors' Meeting
Junior shuttle departs hotel lobby at 7:45 AM & returns at 5:00 PM

7:45 AM-5:00 PM Junior City Tour
Includes a boat load (literally) of fun at the Great Lakes Aquarium, Lake Superior Maritime, Grandma's Caboose, S.S. William A. Irvin and Spirit Mountain Adventure Park.
Buses depart hotel lobby at 8:15 AM & return at 11:00 AM

8:15 AM-11:00 AM Fitger's Brewhouse Brewery Tour & Beer Beef Cycle: Brewhouse Craft Beer

• *Tim Nelson, Owner, Fitger's Brewhouse & Brewhouse Drunken Beef*
Tour the Fitger's Brewhouse Brewery led by Duluth Experience and learn how they make their award winning craft ales and lagers. They use their spent brewers malt as feed for their Highlands. A special beer is being brewed for the conference and classically named Highland Fling 80 Shilling Ale; sampling is on the schedule. Just minutes from the hotel for those who want to walk but as always, buses are provided. Event sponsored by Fitger's Brewhouse.

11:00 AM-12:15 PM Lunch on Your Own
Buses depart hotel lobby at 12:15 PM & return at 5:00 PM

12:15 PM-5:00 PM Grass Meadows Tour
Want to see how a cattleman with over 20 years' experience "discovered" Highlands and made a profitable switch? We will visit Grass Meadows North, one of two farms owned by Jake and Lindsay Grass. Here we will learn how 60+ Highland cows are bred to polled Angus bulls and the calves are fed to mature weight exclusively on summer grasses and winter forage. These finished cattle, raised following strict protocol, are sold to Thousand Hills Cattle Company, a supplier of 100% grass fed beef to major retailers such as Target stores.

OR
12:15 PM-5:00 PM North Shore Tour
Enjoy a scenic coach tour along historic Highway 61 and the rugged Lake Superior shoreline. Stops include Split Rock Lighthouse, where shipwrecks from a mighty 1905 November gale prompted the construction of this historic Minnesota landmark. Climb way up inside and also visit the other restored buildings to get a glimpse of the lonely lighthouse life of the 1920s. We'll also visit Gooseberry Falls State Park where you can listen to the thunderous roar of the falls as the river plummets through a rocky gorge and empties into Lake Superior. Visitor centers at both locations.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Meet the Rancher Mixer at Tycoons Council Chamber
Optional event; cash bar

5:30 PM-9:00 PM Junior Dinner & Pool Party

6:00 PM Dinner on Your Own

OR
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Beef & Beer Tasting (pre-registration required)
Enjoy a three course Scottish Highland beef and beer paired dinner served in the Tycoons Alehouse, historic Duluth City Council Chamber. Culinary preparation by Chef Bret Knutson. Three 10 oz beers paired by Fitger's Brewhouse Master Brewer, Dave Hoops. Truly an evening to remember!

8:00 PM Scottish Dancing & Pipes at Tycoons Main Level Stage
Blessing of Scottish ale and live music to polish off a memorable evening sponsored by the Duluth Scottish Heritage Association. DSHA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to perpetuate Scottish culture and arts in Duluth, Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. Optional event; cash bar.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 AM-8:00 AM Deluxe Continental Breakfast & Trade Show
Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests. Non-hotel guests \$10/person.

Junior shuttle departs hotel lobby at 8:00 AM & returns at 9:00 PM

8:00 AM-5:00 PM Junior Ranch Tours, Lunch & Campfire
Kid-friendly visits with fun, fellowship and learning sessions at Strom Ranch, Mach Ranch and Buck Crossing. They will return to Strom Ranch for the banquet.

EARLY Bus departs hotel lobby at 10:00 AM & returns at 9:00 PM

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Tour Strom Ranch & Grain Feed Out
Rob Strom and his young sons, Rider and River, are the third and fourth generations to farm their 80 acre property in Twig, MN. It had been a long gap since the last bovine had left the land to when a partnership was formed with the Fitger's Brewhouse Brewery and Grille. Spent grain is taken fresh from the Brewhouse mash and to Strom's fields where it is fed to the Scottish Highland steers. The beef in turn is served at Fitger's Brewhouse Grille and its Duluth affiliates Tycoons Alehouse and Eatery, Burrito Union and Endion Station Public House.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Rotational Grazing & Cost Share Programs
• *Tom Gervais, Regional Grazing Specialist, USDA-NRCS*
Tom will present information about grazing land conservation and management, forages for beef production, infrastructure needs for grazing management and conservation programs available for livestock producers.

LATE Bus departs hotel lobby at 11:30 AM & returns at 9:30 PM

12:00 PM-1:00 PM Blessing of the Cattle & Ranch Lunch
Root beer and beer sponsored by Fitger's Brewhouse.

1:00 PM-5:00 PM Nutrition Trilogy – Sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition & Windemere Farm

Harvesting Great Feed
• *Larry Roth, Cargill Animal Nutrition*
Larry is a forage expert! Learn how to harvest quality forage, store it to preserve nutrient value and provide excellent quality feed to your cattle.

Roaming the Rumen
• *Charlie Woodward, DVM, Cargill Animal Nutrition*
What's going on in there? Dr. Woodward and "Stinky" the fistulated Highland cow will give you an inside look at what happens in the rumen. Learn how cows digest feed and diet affects production.

Ruminations
• *Anne Proctor, Ph.D., Heartland Cooperative Services*
Practical information from a field nutritionist. She will assist you with the basics of providing a good nutrition program for your Highland herd.

Taking a Closer Look: Structure and Function
• *Kyle Rozeboom, Livestock Judging Team Coach, University of MN*
Kyle will share his knowledge about cattle evaluation, how structure affects function and how conformation should be used when determining which animals to use in your breeding herd.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Social Hour with Cash Bar

6:00 PM-8:30 PM Banquet & Auction
The prestigious Highland Member of the Year and Hall of Fame honors will be awarded. Highland collectibles, livestock supplies, coveted semen and everything Highland to benefit the NCHCA, HCF and AHCA.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2014

Registration
_____ x \$175 / adult = _____
_____ x \$110 / child (ages 6-21) = _____
Name, age & shirt size (youth or adult) of each child attending:

Trade Show Booth OPTIONAL
_____ x \$25 = _____
Beef & Beer Tasting OPTIONAL
_____ x \$45 / adult = _____

TOTAL DUE

Number Attending Each
_____ Grass Meadows Tour **OR** _____ North Shore Tour
_____ Sat AM Early Bus **OR** _____ Sat AM Late Bus

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover

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

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

Signature: _____
(required)

Please mail, fax or email form and payment by May 15, 2014 to:

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Brighton, CO 80601-2030 info@highlandcattleusa.org

Registration fee includes: All activities, transportation during convention, one lunch and two dinners. Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast for hotel guests. Non-hotel guests \$10/person. All fees non-refundable.