

Junior Angus leadership conference set in 'Big Sky Country'

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). One event that allows members to develop their leadership skills while building friendships to last a lifetime is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. This year's LEAD is set for Aug. 1-4 in Billings, Mont.

All juniors 14 to 21 years old are encouraged to attend this year's conference, themed "Take it to the Top." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and tour agricultural and historical sites in "Big Sky Country." In addition, the NJAA Board will present interactive workshops that explore the beef industry as well as personal development topics. Tour stops will include prominent auction yards, bull studs, ranches and a rafting trip.



Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175 and due June 15. After this deadline, the rate increases to \$200, if space is still available. Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year and on the NJAA web site.

For more information about LEAD, visit www.njaa.info or contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100. LEAD is just

one of many programs provided to nearly 11,000 youth members of the American Angus Association across the United States. LEAD is funded in part through the Angus Foundation, which supports education, youth and research.

A tentative schedule follows:

2008 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development Conference

"Take It to the Top!"

All events take place at Holiday Inn, Billings, Mont., unless otherwise specified.

Friday, August 1

1:30 p.m.	All flights should arrive at airport prior to 3 p.m.
2 p.m.	Registration, NJAA Board
4 p.m.	Icebreakers, NJAA Board, General Session Room (GSR)
5 p.m.	Welcome – GSR
5:15 p.m.	Montana Agriculture — Andy Rest, GSR
5:30 p.m.	Speaker, GSR
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
7:45 p.m.	Speaker, GSR
9 p.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
9:15 p.m.	NJAA Board — roundtable discussions
10 p.m.	NJAA Board skit, GSR
11:30 p.m.	In-room curfew

Saturday, August 2

7 a.m.	Breakfast
7:45 a.m.	Load buses for tours (off property all day)

TOUR DAY – Tentative Schedule

8 a.m.	PAYS Livestock Auction Market
9:15 a.m.	Arrive at Genex Hawkeye West Bull Stud
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at Midland Bull Test (Lunch, tour and discussion of feed efficiency)
2:30 p.m.	Arrive at rafting company
Evening	Dinner at Monson Angus Vespers — NJAA Board
11 p.m.	Arrive at Holiday Inn
Midnight	In-room curfew

Sunday, August 3

7 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
7:45 a.m.–11:05 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshops, Breakout Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4
7:45 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 1
8:35 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 2
9:25 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 3
10:15 a.m.	NJAA Board Workshop — Session 4
11:05 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	Load buses
12 p.m.	Arrive at ORigen Genetics
2:15 p.m.	Arrive at Little Big Horn Battlefield
5:30 p.m.	Arrive at Vermilion Ranch
	Group and state photos; view cattle
	Devotional
	Retiring thoughts
7 p.m.	Dinner, dance to follow dinner
10:30 p.m.	Depart for Holiday Inn
Midnight	In-room curfew

Monday, August 4

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Speaker, GSR
9:15 a.m.	Retiring thoughts, GSR
9:30 a.m.	Wrap-up, GSR
Departure	No flights prior to noon