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2018 IYAK Member's Meeting and Show

We are excited to announce IYAK's annual events at the National Western Stock Show. Though there are a few details still to work out, the major activities and events have been scheduled.

Overview of Events:

Wednesday, Jan. 17

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Set Up – Stockyards
4:00 pm Exhibitor Orientation at the IYAK Tent
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Meet and Greet – Embassy Suites Hotel Atrium

Thursday, Jan. 18

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits – Stockyards
9:00 am - entries for Fiber Arts Contest submissions due
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Pen Show *Yak Fiber Judging* - Stockyards
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples - Stockyards
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Yak Pen Show - Stockyards
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Fiber Arts Contest Judging
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Meet and Greet – Embassy Suites Hotel Atrium

Friday, Jan. 19

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits - Stockyards
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Seminars at the Livestock Center
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples – Stockyards
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Membership Banquet– Embassy Suites Hotel
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Membership Meeting – Embassy Suites Hotel
10:00 pm – 10:10 pm BOD Meeting – Embassy Suites Hotel

Saturday, Jan. 20

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits – Stockyards
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples – Stockyards
12:00 pm – 2:45 pm Outfitting/Halter Show – Stockyards Arena

Sunday, Jan. 21

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Pack Up – Stockyards
Yaks showcased at the Rodeo
Yaks Removed – Stockyards

*Event times and locations subject to change to accommodate other events. Updates will be posted to the www.iyak.org and IYAK's Facebook page as they become available.

Meetings and Accommodations:

Accommodations

IYAK has reserved a block of rooms starting Jan. 18th

Embassy Suites, 4444 N. Havana St.

Contact Embassy Suites 303-375-0400, ref International Yak Association

Membership Banquet

Friday 1/19/2016, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Room: TBA

Banquet fee: \$45/adult \$10/child

Reservation form is on the IYAK website or contact Claire Roberts: Secretary@iyak.org

Membership Meeting

Friday 1/19/2016, 8:00 – 10:00 PM. Room: TBA

Exhibitor Instructions:

Yak Pen Show

All yaks brought to the NWSS are eligible for entry into the pen show. Animals will be evaluated for quality and confirmation. Gerald Parsons will be judging the event.

Yak Fiber Judging

All yaks brought to the NWSS are eligible for entry into the fiber judging. The animal must be able to be handled comfortably by the judge and owners need to be present. The judge will evaluate the fiber along the yak's entire body. Animals will be evaluated for quality and production characteristics of their fiber. Wini Labrecque will be judging the event.

Yak Fiber Arts Judging

Entries in the fiber arts competition are open to both IYAK members and non-members. IYAK Members with paid, live yaks, entered in the shows can enter up to three items for free.

Members not showing yaks can enter up to three items for a single entry fee of \$10.00. For

non-members, and entries by members in excess of three items, entries are \$10.00 each.

This year it is an open competition, any item made from yak fiber is eligible including yarn, felted items, knitted items, etc. Wini Labrecque will be judging the entries. Entries will be displayed in the IYAK tent from Thursday through Saturday.

Yak Halter Show

Yaks registered in the halter show will be judged by Gerald Parsons. Temperament, mannerisms, and the owners control over the animal in addition to overall quality of the animal will be judged.

Outfitting class

All halter-trained yaks may be entered into the outfitting class of the halter show and will be judged on the creativity and colorfulness of the animal and handler. Costumes should relate to packing or riding in some loose manner and may be traditional Tibetan, Mongolian, North American, or European in style. The yak will not be judged on conformation or other features considered in the main halter show except will be required to be handled in a reasonable manner. We are looking for the most colorful, attractive outfitting that will draw pleasant attention to the animal yet maintain a semblance of practical packing or riding.

Jerry McRoberts People's Choice Award

Formerly "the People's Choice Award", the members of IYAK choose to honor the contributions of founding member Jerry McRoberts by renaming this award. A ballot box will be mounted at the IYAK tent to collect ballots from the public and from members. Ballots will be counted and the ribbon will be awarded during the halter competition.

Ribbons

Ribbons will be presented in each class for the Pen Show, Pen Show Yak Fiber Judging, and Halter and Outfitting classes. Ribbons will also be presented for the Fiber Arts Contest, and the Raw Fiber Evaluation Class.

Registering and Checking In

- ☆ All yaks participating in the pen and halter shows must be registered. There will be a separate class for steers.
 - ☆ Registration deadline is **January 6th, 2018**.
 - ☆ Pen reservations and yak entries: \$45.00/yak and \$10/class.
 - ☆ Pen assignments will be assigned based on Sponsorship level first.
 - ☆ **ALL YAKS MUST HAVE COMPLETED HEALTH CERTIFICATES.** You and/or your vet can call the [State Vet For Colorado](#) (303) 869-9130, to determine requirements.
 - ☆ [NWSS Complex Directions](#)
 - ☆ Yak Check In: Present your health certificates at NWSS trailer prior to unloading. (Trailer marked on the attached map) **ALL PEN FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO UNLOADING ANIMALS**
 - ☆ You can then find the IYAK Pens that are usually directly south of the unloading docks. There you can find your assigned pens and determine the alleyways to get to those pens.
 - ☆ IYAK members will be available to assist. Please allow plenty of time to unload, organize your pen set up, get your bedding, hay and water placed. Bring your own pitchforks, water buckets and hoses.
 - ☆ Pen Divider Panels: At this time, no guarantee of the availability of panels is made. The NWSS does not officially provide these. To be sure of the having the panels you need, please plan to bring your own. We will provide updates as to additional availability as the show gets closer.
 - ☆ After unloading trucks and trailers must leave area and be parked at owner's expense or at the Embassy Suites designated areas.
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