

**2004 NAILE invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl**  
at the  
North American International Livestock Exposition  
Louisville, Kentucky  
November 4-9, 2004

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**Coach: Carmen VanTuyl**

**DETAILS**

**Training:** Team members met 8 times beginning in June. Meetings were held in Lynnwood, Everett, and Puyallup. Team members were given reading assignments from Hoard's Dairyman and other literature. They wrote questions and studied the material. The team communicated by email on a regular basis, and emailed questions to each other. More practices would have been beneficial. We spoke with teams that used conference calls to practice. That might work in the future. Also, the older members have the benefit of having taken more Biology and Chemistry classes. Also, for one of our practices we used buzzers like the contest buzzers. I borrowed them from the 4-H office at the fair. It would be helpful to use those buzzers for all of the practices.

Thursday, November 4

Team members met at the Northwest Ticket Counter at Sea Tac Airport at 10:20 am. Our flight left at 12:20. Suggest bringing snack food, as the meals on flights are small, and many flights no longer serve meals. Lunch was served on the flight to Minneapolis. We changed planes in Minneapolis, after a 2 hour layover. Arrived in Louisville around 10 p.m. and rented a Dodge Durango from Dollar Rent a Car. Originally planned on a mini van, but with luggage and 2 big boys, we needed more space. Price was \$309 for the 5 days.

We found the hotel easily (Holiday Inn South) and checked in. The hotel is at a great location, with easy access to the Expo Center. (It has a large Holidome with pool, hot tub, pool table, ping pong, air hockey, etc, and all of this can be viewed from the room balconies. It makes for a great area for the team members to meet kids from other states.) Team members were very hungry. Walked across the street to Big Boys (only place open) and had dinner at midnight!

Friday-

The kids got up around 9. We had continental breakfast at the hotel. (If you are a priority club member, there is a free continental breakfast on weekdays. It is small, but sufficient, and saved the kids money). We then drove the Churchill Downs. (I had prearranged for the Back Side Tour, and the tour of the museum. By prearranging, we were able to get a group discount for the museum.) The backside tour was great. We did not stay for a race. After the tour, we had lunch at Wagner's Pharmacy. This small café prepares the meals for the workers at Churchill Downs and delivers there. It was a great place to eat, with

reasonable prices, and a real local atmosphere. We then went back to the hotel, and took naps until 2:30, then practiced until about 4:30. We drove to the expo center, walked around the barns, then took the written test. The test was followed by a pizza party and get acquainted games. Around 9 pm the brackets were posted. We had a first round bye. We returned to the hotel after a stop for ice cream. We reviewed again in the hot tub, then lights out.

Saturday-

Woke the kids up and had breakfast at the hotel at 8. Our first round was 9:30, and pictures began at 9. Diane Magnochi was at the Jersey show with Lena, so she watched all of our matches. Our first match was against New Hampshire. Each team must provide a coach to keep score, so I had to go into the competition room early, to hear the team questions. Steve and Diane stayed with the group.

\*\* Need two chaperones, as the coach needs to leave the group to keep score.

\*\* Challenges must be made immediately by the coach or the team captain. Our team captain was Megan, and she was very comfortable asking for clarification and challenging answers when needed.

We lost our first round, then won the second round, then lost the third round. When we were out, we stayed and watched a few more rounds, then went to watch the Jersey and Shorthorn shows. Lunch was provided for the teams. We left about 5 pm to go to the hotel to change for the banquet.

We returned at 7 pm for the banquet. We met Diane again, and all sat together so we could cheer Lena as she competed for the National Jersey Queen title. The banquet is the time for all National Jersey awards to be presented, so it is quite lengthy. The highlight of the evening was when Lena was crowned the National Jersey Queen!

Sunday-

This was our relaxing day. WE went downtown Louisville for a late breakfast, then went to the Expo to watch the Jersey Futurity Contest. After the contest we went to the Saint Mathews Mall for shopping! We were told by one of the hotel staff that the store Dawahares had a lot of KY shirts, etc. We spent about 2 hours at the mall, and the trip was worth it, as Dawahares had great prices on a wide variety of KY clothing, including the coveted "Gettin' Lucky in Kentucky" t shirts, for only \$ 10!

We left the mall and went downtown. We crossed the river into Indiana and went to the Ohio river park, then crossed back to KY to "Joe's Crab Shack" for dinner. It is right on the river and a very upbeat restaurant that young people enjoy. The waiters broke into dance when disco songs were played! It was a fun place to eat. Outside of the restaurant was a horse drawn carriage, so we took a carriage ride along the river. We then went back to our hotel.

Monday-

We got an early start and our first stop was the memorial to Abraham Lincoln's birthplace. From there we drove to the Shaker Village, outside of Lexington. The drive through the backroads was beautiful and very interesting. We all enjoyed the Shaker Village (other Washington teams were touring, so again we were able to get a group

discount). From the Shaker Village, we drove to Lexington and enjoyed looking at all of the beautiful mansions and horse farms. It was a long day of driving, but we saw a lot of the country side.

Tuesday-

We packed up, ate breakfast at the motel, and went to the Louisville Slugger Factory for a tour. With a AAA membership, the entrance fee was cheaper. We all enjoyed the tour very much. From there, we went to the airport, turned in our car, ate lunch and waited for our flight. The trip home went very smoothly. We arrived on time at SeaTac (7 p.m.) and all went home. It was a great trip.