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Dear AGJA Member,

Time flies when you're having fun and it's already that time of year again – it's time for Junior Classic! I hope that you are all excited about this year's summer schedule. A lot great people have been working very hard to make sure that the regional shows and the Junior Classic will be a great experience.

Enclosed in this packet are materials for the AJGA Eastern and Western Regionals, and the Pride of the Heartland Classic. As you review all the material, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

First, the South Dakota Junior Gelbvieh Association is hosting the AGJA Western Regional from June 5-7 at the Pine Acres 4-H Grounds facilities in Yankton, S.D. Checks should be made payable to the South Dakota Junior Gelbvieh Association. All entries are due by May 20, 2009.

Second, the Tennessee Gelbvieh Association will host the AGJA Eastern Regional, June 12-14 at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Tenn. Make checks payable to the Tennessee Jr. Gelbvieh Association. All entries are due by May 22, 2009.

Finally, the AGJA Pride of the Heartland Classic will be July 6-11 in Des Moines, Iowa at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Junior Gelbvieh Breeders of Iowa have been working very hard to ensure a great week for everyone. All the contest details are included in the rules packet. Rule changes for 2009 appear in bold in the rules packet. Please review all the rules carefully. The ownership deadline is June 1 and the entry deadline is June 8. *Please note that all entries must be registered at the time of entry. No pending registrations will be accepted.* Scholarship applications, Director's applications, Ambassador Notebooks and Creative Writing entries should be received on or before June 19.

The Jr. GBOI has a few fun events planned for the week. The Fun Day trip to Adventure Land is being finalized. Be sure to come prepared for the Tailgating Showdown Tuesday evening. Last year marked the first year for this event and the AGJA Board of Directors wants 2009 to be even bigger and better. This is your chance to show your school pride for your state's favorite team. Bring your spirit shirts, lawn ornaments, chairs, tents or any other team spirit item that you have room to pack! The sky's the limit. During tailgating, there will also be a flag football game.

For Opening Ceremonies, states are encouraged to bring their state flag (or school flag to be used for the Tailgating Showdown) or a banner for the parade of states. Can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House will also be collected during this time.

A couple of other notes for states:

- Note the change of the schedule. Events will start Monday, July 6 and end on Saturday, July 11. This change is one day off of the traditional Sunday through Friday schedule.
- Don't forget the AGJA silent auction to be held during the week. All kinds of items are welcome from unique items from your state, to arts, crafts, and anything else!
- Book your hotel rooms soon. There are two host hotels plus an additional hotel offering a lower rate. That information is available in the rules packet. If making your reservations at a non-host hotel, because of the proximity to downtown, make sure the hotel can accommodate your parking needs.

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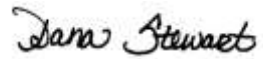


As you make plans for your summer travel, please contact me if you need help in finding somewhere to layover.

Finally, check www.gelbvieh.org often for updates and additional details. More information will be mailed to exhibitors once entries have been collected.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions. I'm excited and looking forward to a great summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dana Stewart
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