

# JRA JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

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## WHAT LIES AHEAD?

### JRA OPPORTUNITIES IN 2007.

Recognition, money, travel, competition, scholarships...all are available to JRA members - if you want to be involved! Take note of the registration, application and entry deadlines listed below and seize your opportunities! For more information on any JRA program or contest, please contact Dawn Bernhard, Junior Programs Coordinator - dawn@redangus.org. Applications, registration forms and information available on the web at www.redangus.org.

**RAAA Scholarships** - 7 available - application deadline March 31, 2007  
Contact Betty Grimshaw -

betty@redangus.org - or download application from the website

**JRA Essay Contest** - entry deadline May 1. Topics found on the website

**JRA Powerpoint Presentation Contest** - entry deadline May 1.  
Details on the web.

**JRA Graphic Design Contest** - entry deadline May 1. Details on the web.

**Merit Award Program (MAP)** - applications due May 1. Awards include scholarships to attend Round-Up. Details and application on the web.

**American/Canadian Exchange Program** - application deadline May 1. Open to any JRA member, 16 years and older. JRA members selected to represent the RAAA/JRA travel to Canada to participate in Showdown. This year, the Canadian Junior Showdown will be July 19-21, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

**2007 Round-Up: Wyoming - Cowboy Style** - June 26 - July 1. Registration deadline May 1. Forms available on-line with the February issue of the "Have You Herd" newsletter.

**2007 JRA National Officer elections**

## JRA SEMEN FUNDRAISER!

BULL	REG. #	UNITS	PRICE
Bieber Kemo-Sabe 394B	326256	9	\$5/straw
Gilchrist Coyote B225	371018	10	\$15/straw
Red Cedar Prospector	306518	10	\$5/straw
OGF Patriot Wheel	371093	86	\$5/straw
Red Cedar Montana	329448	178	\$5/straw
AD Dream Maker 3R	349324	13	\$5/straw
RCRA Expedition 1989	318439	5	\$5/straw
Leachman EBV 6703	194921	10	\$20/straw
FHJ Patriot 5020	116781	4	\$25/straw
NSF Bond L007	773312	3	\$20/straw
LCHMN Heaven's Sake 1002F	532901	1	\$25/straw
OGF Pat's Runner 381	403270	21	\$5/straw
Schuler Rambo 0715	331920	9	\$5/straw
JRA Wrangler 999	184610	5	\$5/straw
LCHMN Milk Money 1090G	576078	164	\$5/straw
BJR C-Chief 811	139520	10	\$20/straw
Gilchrist Chief W515	273997	7	\$20/straw
Red Cedar Prince 112	769444	19	\$5/straw
Moorland Chinook 135	137159	20	\$5/straw
GMRA Quantum 769	557673	99	\$5/straw
AHE Home Run 864	418382	171	\$5/straw
LMB Elway 938	311469	1	\$10/straw
GMRA EBV 266	372528	5	\$10/straw
BJR Yo 121	274272	10	\$10/straw
HCC Flame (Simmental)	1246548 (ASA)	10	\$10/straw
FMB Gold Nugget 90A	366092	10	\$10/straw
Rock Creek Trek	347646	6	\$10/straw
DFR Monu 2XL607	381560	6	\$10/straw
VGW Fire King 128	350524	5	\$10/straw
BJR Thor 3197	317852	6	\$10/straw
BJR Easy Rider 781	336663	5	\$10/straw
Red Centurian C103	361091	25	\$10/straw

\*embryos:

Monu 2X8096 x OGF Peggy

Contact Dawn Bernhard to purchase  
this semen at dawn@redangus.org.

- application deadline May 1. Forms available online with the February "Have You Herd" newsletter.

Positions open for election in 2007 are: North Plains regions - IA, MN, ND, SD; Great Plains region - KS, MO, NE, OK; and Northeast region - CN, DE, IL, IN, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, WI

## MEMORIES OF ROUND-UP

*By the JRA National Board*

Round-Up - a week of Red Angus cattle, people and places, contests, activities, fun, excitement and friends... Though the theme of Round-Up focuses on the educational and leadership development and opportunities for all who attend, fun and friendship seem to be what most juniors (and the adults who travel along) remember. Members of the JRA National Board share some of their favorite memories...

### **Amber Leaf, President, Jacobson, Minnesota**

My favorite Round-Up memory comes from my very first Round-Up. Round-Up was being held in Montana and I was a little bit nervous because I had no idea what to expect. However, before I knew it I was headed up a mountain with a bunch of laughing kids, carrying my fifty pound suitcase to go to my palace for the night. No - it wasn't the Hilton hotel and resort. It was tee pees that were on top of a mountain at the Leachman Ranch. This was my first impression of Round-Up and from then on it has continued to be one of my favorite Junior Red Angus events.

### **Megan Johnson - Leadership Director, Nunn, Colorado**

The experience is why I attend Round Up. The list is endless when you want to count the reasons to attend. Between visiting colleges and

universities, looking at cattle, visiting ranches, and sight seeing there is laughter, jokes, and making friends. The stories you will return home with "At their place..." And "When we were there..." are never-ending. The experience is one of a lifetime. Round-Up is about learning, getting more educated in the cattle industry, but also about having fun and interacting with other junior members. There are activities that we do each Round-Up that are native to the area we attend. So along with getting experience with the Red Angus breed, we get to explore other parts of the country.

### **Marianne Mendoza - Fund Raising Director, Valley Springs, Colorado**

People getting sun burned in the hot California sun after running like crazy people into the freezing Pacific Ocean. Late nights, long bus rides, and dust storms. These are just some of the many memories I have from the four years of Round-Up that I have attended. Not to mention, I have traveled the United States and seen places that I otherwise wouldn't. I have met some of the greatest people during Round-Up and have seen people at their best (and worst) during this week long adventure. Some of these people are now my great friends. So, if you want to join us for a week of cowboyin' - come to Colorado and Wyoming in June to create some memories of your own!!

### **Amber Boyles - Public Relations Director, Kernersville, North Carolina**

It was the summer after my third grade year and I knew I had the meanest 4th grade teacher coming up in the fall. But guess where I got to go? The first time I ever got on an airplane and I was heading clear across the country to Oregon! That's right, my first Round-Up experience was twelve years ago on the third Round-Up ever. Let's just set the time. Betty Grimshaw was the Jr.

Advisor, Will Andras was the National President (who now is married with children), there was NOT a Mushrush signed up for the trip and swimming was on the agenda everyday. It was five days of the time of my life.

Times like that you never forget. We went whale watching in the Pacific Ocean, when I hadn't even been to the coast of North Carolina until ten years later. We went and toured a cheese factory, went horse-back riding on an Indian reservation and froze later on that night sleeping in a teepee. We traveled all across the state of Oregon ranging from the windy coast to what was practically the desert! Back home there are not many people that brand their cattle and at the time I had never seen it done. The best part of the whole trip was when we went to Norstar Cattle Co, and helped the cowboys with branding and vaccinating calves. I waited a little while; while all the "big kids" were doing the work then I asked if I could try. Woohoo! I have never enjoyed getting kicked by a calf as much as I did that day. All the pain goes away when you get to brand a calf for the first time...well for me it did.

By the end of the day I had gotten the swing of things and branded one all by myself. Daddy got in there and was flanking them, and a lot of the kids needed their clothes changed from getting so dirty. The best part was we still had a smile on our face at the end of the day. My favorite Round-Up memory was my first Round-Up trip. The next best thing to that is being the only junior still involved that can tell stories from that far back. Luckily for me, because of Round-Up, I have been able to travel to places like Oregon, Montana and Texas to name a few. Without Red Angus and without this junior program, who knows, I might not have ever gotten out of North Carolina!

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### CASEY MUSHRUSH, 1st Vice President, Strong City, Kansas

When I try to pick a favorite memory from Round-up, it's hard to pick out just one. One that comes to mind fairly quickly though is from Round-Up in California. It all started with a long bus ride. We were on our way to the ocean for fun in the sun. The road was very long and winding. Several of the passengers on the bus had decided to drink a lot of water before getting on. After riding on the bus for several hours, they had to use the restroom very very badly. The only problem was that the bus we had didn't have a bathroom. It also didn't help that every time we made a left turn, water spilled from the air conditioner. Between the rushing sound of the water, and the periodic cattle guards, it was all they could do to keep from falling out of their seats from squirming. When we finally got to the beach, it was a mad rush to the bathroom. I still like to bring up the story when talking with the good friends that I have made.

### The Top 10 Reasons to Attend the 2007 Round-Up: Wyoming - Cowboy Style!

1. Idaho is not the only place to whitewater raft
2. Your team has the potential to be

- Barnyard Olympic champions
3. Hanging out with old friends and making new ones
  4. You will see some of the best cattle in the Red Angus breed
  5. Cowboys don't only come from Montana
  6. You will get to see the beautiful Rocky Mountains
  7. Test your knowledge in the Quiz Bowl
  8. You might get to, but you will see others "shake their booty"
  9. You will get to meet legendary breeders in Red Angus
  10. You can dance the night away in Wyoming!

### Abbreviated Schedule

#### Tuesday, June 26

8 a.m. - noon Contests: T-shirt Design, Poster, Scrapbook, Print Advertising

Noon Registration deadline

1 p.m. Welcome Ceremonies; Orientation and Ice Breakers

2 p.m. Golden, Colorado - Coors Brewery tour

4:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt and team building, ice breakers, picnic in mountain park

#### Wednesday, June 27

8:30 a.m. Colorado State University: Cowboy College - hosted by Dr. Tom Field, CSU staff and grad students and Dr. Temple Grandin, Livestock Behavior

Injection site lesion demonstration - Ft. Dodge Animal Health

Quiz Bowl

Informed Speech

5 p.m. JAFDIP Ranch, BenJean Avendano and Jim Braun, Douglas, WY - commercial horse and cattle ranch: picnic supper at Natural Bridges Park, Barnyard Olympics/Ranch Rodeo

#### Thursday, June 28

10 a.m. Beckton Stock Farm (Forbes family) - ranch tour, educational programming,

Team Sales

Stockman's Quiz

#### Friday, June 29

9 a.m. Wagonhound Land and

Livestock Company: Meyer Natural Beef, production, ranch tour, equine facility tour. Visit: [www.wagonhound.com](http://www.wagonhound.com)

3 p.m. von Forell Ranch, Hardy and Mary von Forell: ranch tour

Cattle Evaluation Contest  
Equipment I.D.

#### Saturday, June 30

9 a.m. White Water Rafting in Ft. Collins area

1 p.m. OchoVca Ranch, Brent, Patti and Megan Johnson

Pfizer representative presentation

Chinese auction, JRA Standing

Committee meetings, JRA annual business meeting, elections, awards presentation

Overnight - Denver - depart Sunday morning except for New Officer Training

### Things to Know:

**Registration fee** - \$275 per junior; \$375 per adult/chaperone - discounts available for families

**Registration deadline** - May 1, forms in April Red Generation and online

**JRA Officer application deadline** -

May 1 with Round-Up registration

**RA positions open in 2007:** North Plains, Great Plains and Northeast regions

**Headquarters/arrival location** -

Denver, Colorado

**Contests during Round-Up:** Team

Sales, Informed Speech, Quiz Bowl, Barnyard Olympics, Print Advertising, T-Shirt Design,

Scrapbook, Poster, Cattle Evaluation, Stockman's Quiz and Equipment I.D.

### ARE YOU READY TO BE A LEADER?

*JRA Officer Candidates Needed!*

Each year, three positions on the six member JRA Board are open for election. In 2007, the three regions with open JRA officer positions are: North Plains regions - Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota

Great Plains region - Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma

Northeast region - Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Applicants for the JRA Board must be 16 years of age; must have attended at least one Round-Up prior to year of application; must be present at the 2007 Round-Up and must have a continuous JRA membership for two years prior to year of application.

*\*\*Applications must be completed and received by May 1, 2007.*

### **2007 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW - Denver, Colorado**

Winter weather ushered in the Red Angus activities during the 2007 National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado. The extreme cold, snow and icy road conditions around the country prevented some people from making the trip to Denver and the Junior Stockgrowers Contest was cancelled. But the Red Angus cattle exhibited in the pen shows, Mile High Sale and Junior and Open National Shows represented the breed very well.

The JRA sponsored an evening at the National Western Rodeo for all junior exhibitors on Sunday, January 14.

Junior exhibitors brought an impressive set of heifers to the Mile High City and judge, Tom Harrington from Montana made many positive comments regarding the cattle. National Junior Show exhibitors were: Riley Avery, Redmond, OR; Calli Bayer, Ringle, WI; Ty Bayer, Ringle, WI; Garrett Blanchard, Firebaugh, CA; Ryan Flaming, Hillsboro, KS; Rachel Glascok, Pilot Point, TX; Thomas Glascok, Pilot Point, TX; Ellie Karweik, Hopkins, MI; Amanda Owings, Powell Butte, OR; Jennifer Ringwelski, Marengo, IL; Ryan

Shuey, Corning, IA; Madison Shuey, Corning, IA; Amanda von Forell, Wheatland, WY; Ben von Forell, Wheatland, WY; Zane Ward, Russell Springs, KAS; Daniel Weidenbach, Highmore, SD; Kristine Weidenbach, Highmore, SD

2007 Junior Herdsman Award winner was Riley Avery, Redmond, Oregon. Congratulations, Riley!

Results from the 2007 National Junior Show are in this issue along with the National Open Show Coverage. However, the JRA wants to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors for the show - with your support, class winners received show halters; Champion Bred and Owned received a director's chair; Grand and Reserve each received show boxes; showmanship winners received show sticks and gift certificates to Sullivan Show Supply. So, to all who sponsored our show - THANKS!!!

Class Sponsors: leather show halters with engraved plates:

Hickory Hill Farm, Taft, TN Wiley Finley - owner; John Carter - mgr Brylor Ranch, Bryan Mackenzie, Alberta, Canada

Weber Farms Cattle Company, Jesse Weber, Lake Benton, MN U-Bar Ranch, the Dighans family, Peerless, MT

Red Hill Red Angus, Gary Callan - owner, Mark Ramsey - mgr; Lucketts, VA

Rocky Hill Farm, Howard and Charlotte Bobbitt, Petersburg, TN Atkinson Red Angus, Ray and Gwyn Atkinson, Pulaski, TN

Swan Creek Red Angus, Darryl and Rhonda Deist, Petersburg, TN Brandee Cattle Company, Ron Lytle, Coldwater, KS

Bred and Owned Heifer: Director's chair: Mendoza Red Angus, Laurence Mendoza family, Valley Springs, CA Grand Champion Heifer: Showbox: Coley Cattle Company, Tommy and Kim Coley, Birmingham, IA Reserve Grand Champion Heifer:

Showbox: Leachman of Colorado, Lee Leachman, Wellington, CO and Cedar Hill Farm, Dan Stickle family, Jane Lew, WV

Champion Junior Showman: showstick and certificate: McPhee Red Angus, Rita McPhee, Lodi, CA Reserve Junior Showman: showstick and certificate: Two Bit Ranch, John Eklund family, Van Alstyne, TX Champion Senior Showman: showstick and certificate R. A. Brown Ranch, Donnell and Kelli Brown, Throckmorton, TX

Reserve Senior Showman: showstick and certificate: Red Hill Red Angus, Gary Callan - owner, Mark Ramsey - mgr

### **JRA FUNDRAISERS NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW**

Two fundraisers were held during Red Angus activities in Denver: the JRA Board members were auctioned for labor during the National Show and semen donated by the Sam Minesinger estate, Iowa, was sold. Both fundraisers led off the Mile High Classic Red Angus Sale on Monday, January 15. Special thanks to Kyle and Amy Gilchrist, sale managers, for allowing the JRA these fundraising activities!

#### **Labor Auction results:**

Amber Leaf - purchased by Whitestone Farms, Aldie, VA Amber Boyles - purchased by Hickory Hill Farms, Taft, TN Casey Mushrush, Neil Brawner, Marianne Mendoza and Megan Johnson - all purchased by Ocha Vaca Red Angus, Nunn, Colorado.

#### **Donation semen sales:**

Make My Day semen purchased by: Ray and Gwyn Atkinson, Atkinson Red Angus, TN

Cheyenne semen purchased by: Tim Weber, Weber Red Angus, Wagner, SD

Quantum 769 semen purchased by: Alex Richards, Rocking R Ranch, Douds, IA ■