

2018 Cow Camp Information and Study Guide

This year's Cow Camp Competition first round will take the form of a team stockmen's contest. There will be five stations for each division where team will display their knowledge of NALF, the Limousin breed, and common cattle practices and tools. Station questions and skills will be tailored to the age level of contestants with the difficulty increasing with age of the contestant. Each station is worth a value of 20 points for a total contest value of 100 points. Below is a short description of each station to help focus teams preparations and studying for the contest.

History of the Limousin Breed, NALJA, NALF and the National Western Stock Show

This station will focus on the breed history, the history of NALF, history of the National Western Stock Show and current facts about NALF and NALJA. Those looking for information should consult the book "The History of Limousin in North America", past issues of the Limousin World and the NALJA blog "Limi Know".

Common Industry Knowledge

This station will involve equipment identification, breed identification and other common industry knowledge. There will be a word bank for younger exhibitors. Older participants will also need to identify parts of the beef skeleton.

Final Products

This station will involve identifying the primal cuts of beef, general knowledge of USDA Beef Quality and Yield Grades, and a variety of beef by-products. A word bank will be available for younger participants.

Feed Rations

Participants should be familiar with a basic feed ration. Younger participants will be given material to make a basic feed ration. Older participants will be given a scenario and they must make a ration to match that scenario with materials supplied.

Calf Processing

Participants will have to identify different injections and be able to demonstrate how to give a proper injection. Older participants will be given a scenario and they'll have to identify the sickness, identify the proper medication and proper shot location.