# The Larry Higgins BISON JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

# Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Hosted by the National Bison Association (NBA) and Rocky Mountain Bison Association (RMBA). Held in conjunction with the Gold Trophy Show & Sale during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, CO.

#### **CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS**

- Participants will judge four classes of bison and provide oral reasons on one class, as selected by the judges.
- Open to individuals 8 to 21 years old who are academically eligible (i.e. passing all classes). Individuals will compete in one of three divisions:
  - Junior Division: Grades 3rd 6th
  - Senior Division: Grades 7th 12th
  - Collegiate Division: Freshman Senior in College
- Everyone competes as an individual, but can choose to compete in the Team Division as well.
- Scholarships will be awarded to the top three scoring individuals in the Senior and Collegiate divisions and paid to the higher education school of their choice.
- NBA/RMBA membership not required, but available; no entry fee.

TOP 3 IN EACH Division receives A plaque

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1 <sup>st</sup> -	· \$1,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$7500	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$500

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Register online at https://bit.ly/bisonjrjudging or in-person. The contest will be held in The Yards at the NWSS, by the bison pens. Day-of registrants are asked to check-in early. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; judging begins by 9 a.m. Awards will be presented around 12 noon.

For more information: Visit https:// bit.ly/rmbajrjudging or contact Jim Matheson at jim@bisoncentral.com or 303-292-2833.



#### COLLEGIATE DIVISION Scholarships

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,500 Sponsored by the National Buffalo Foundation



## 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1,200 Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Bison Assocation Cocker MOUNTAIN BISON BISON ASSOCIATION 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$900 Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Natural Meats



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