



# **2020 Gathering of Friends and Champions**

**September 25 - 27, 2020  
National Cattle Congress - Waterloo, Iowa**

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## **The Gathering of Friends and Champions is quickly approaching!**

We can't wait to see you all in a few weeks. Now that we have had the opportunity to work through the location change, we felt it was important to pass on some general information as well as an update. We continue to thank you all for your patience and support.

Please continue to check the Gathering website at [ilrsdthegathering.com](http://ilrsdthegathering.com). This will provide you with the most up to date information.

- Don't forget to get your Vet Certificate. You will need to give your vet the following address for the facility. National Cattle Congress is 257 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701
- We understand that many of you are coming from afar. For

this reason, we have made arrangements for early arrival on Wednesday evening, or late departure on Monday. There will be a charge of \$5 per stall charged to the exhibitors for early arrival and/or late departure. Arrangements need to be made **in advance** with Lisa Robinson at [lrobinson17@comcast.net](mailto:lrobinson17@comcast.net)

- Our Host Hotels have been announced and can be found on the Gathering website. The cutoff date for our group rates is early next week.
- Silent auction donations are being accepted. Make your donation/commitment by contacting Venesa Carter at [crivenllamas@aol.com](mailto:crivenllamas@aol.com)
- Youth auction donations are also being accepted. Please contact Amanda Smith at [quartzandmarni@gmail.com](mailto:quartzandmarni@gmail.com) for more information.
- Sod is available for bedding **if pre-ordered by Tuesday, 9/15/20**. Pre-orders can be made by contacting Susan Hannah at [susan@lamaregistry.com](mailto:susan@lamaregistry.com) or 406-755-3438
- NO straw bedding will be allowed!
- If you were a past sponsor, don't forget to bring your sponsorship signs back. If you have not sponsored yet, there is still time to do so and be featured in the Gathering Showbook. Time is ticking though. Contact Lisa Robinson or Susan Hannah today!
- There will be other events taking place on the grounds of National Cattle Congress while we are there. These events are in different locations. To avoid events overlapping, our event will be closed to the general public.
- Camping and shower facilities are located west of the Hippodrome. Camping is \$25.00 per night. You will need to indicate this on your entry form.

### COVID Update

Below is an update for the area and additional information and expectations we are requiring.

- Waterloo, IA COVID numbers are currently listed at moderate.
- A mask resolution was passed in Waterloo, IA on August 18th. Below is additional information we received from the facility regarding the mandate.
  - WATERLOO, Iowa (KWWL) The mask resolution requires people to wear masks who aren't able to maintain social distance of six feet in a public setting, which also includes businesses, city buildings, public

transportation and ride sharing. The mandate doesn't apply when people are alone or with household members or while traveling in a personal vehicle.

Other exemptions include exercising, obtaining services that require temporarily removing the mask, and eating or drinking at establishments. Children under 2-years old and people with certain medical conditions are also exempt.

- We have been working all summer in conjunction with our past facility and now National Cattle Congress to implement a thorough plan that meets or exceeds current health department and CDC recommendations. The attached waivers will need to be signed upon check-in and will include a section answering the following questions. This is required and based on current guidelines and recommendations.
  - ■ Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been in close contact with a person known/suspected to have COVID-19 in the last two weeks? (close contact = less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more)
  - In the last 72 hours, have you had unaccounted for symptoms of such as cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, nausea, congestion, diarrhea, abnormal fatigue, loss of taste or smell, or a fever of 100.4 or more?

If you fail to complete the waivers or if you answer either of the questions in a positive manner, you will be required to leave the facility immediately for the safety of all exhibitors. Exhibitors will be given a wristband to wear for the weekend once this has been completed to ensure outside event participants are not entering our event.

- We have built and will be implementing a plan in regards to the following - mask requirements, social distancing, a closed event, ventilation of barns, sanitizing and minimal touch points.

**[Waiver #1](#)**

**[Waiver #2](#)**

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### **2020 Gathering Judges**

Halter: Cathie Kindler

Performance: Mike Haumschild, Cathie Kindler and  
Tricia Schneeberger

Fleece: Mary Jo Miller

## **2020 Current Sponsors**

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We are striving to make the 2020 Gathering extraordinary! Mark your calendar now for this memorable event September 25th - 27th and continue to make The Gathering the "Go To" event of your llama year. Check out our website at [www.ilrsdthegathering.com](http://www.ilrsdthegathering.com) for regular updates.

### **2020 Gathering Chair:**

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