

North American Elk Breeders Association

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Dear NAEBA Members,

NAEBA is pleased to invite you to NAEBA's 19th Annual Conference and International Antler Competition in historic Omaha, Nebraska. Located along the Missouri River, Omaha is known as the "Gateway to the West" and is located in the center of the United States. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center which is also home to Coco Key Water Resort (see cocokeywaterresort.com), a fantastic water park for your kids and grand-kids. Attendees will enjoy freeway access from all directions and an airport with free shuttle service just minutes from the convention center.

This year, pricing has been reduced at almost every level for conference registration and exhibitor booth space! However, the same great learning opportunities and fun will be unending. If you're serious about the elk business, you can't afford not to come. Learning the latest feeding and grazing techniques or finding just the right breeding bull at the International Antler Competition can launch your breeding program to the next level. The right advice about alternative feeds can save a great deal on feed costs down the road. How about ideas for expanding your retail velvet antler sales? Or maybe you just want to hang out and have fun with fellow elk enthusiasts. There are unlimited reasons for every elk producer to attend!

NAEBA has set up affordable exhibit booth and sponsorship opportunities as well. Exhibitors and sponsors will receive the following benefits:

- Complimentary conference registrations (varies with level of booth or sponsorship)
- Listing in the conference program along with your products and services, address and phone number
- All donations and sponsorships will be acknowledged in the conference program and recognition in upcoming membership communications
- Official recognition from the podium
- Additionally for event sponsors, your farm logo will appear in the conference program

Consider combining business with pleasure and bring the entire family - Omaha is a very family-friendly city! Besides the awesome CoCo Key Water Resort at the hotel, there are numerous nationally and world-renowned attractions such as the Smithsonian affiliated with the Durham Western Heritage Museum, Strategic Air & Space Museum, and the Henry Doorly Zoo, one of America's largest zoos! There is also the Old Market District offering a wide range of fabulous restaurants and unique shops, Lauritzen Gardens, several casinos, and miles of recreational trails along the riverfront. Right across the river, there is even more shopping and entertainment in Council Bluffs, IA. Plan to spend time before or after the convention to take advantage of these fun, summer opportunities! See www.visitomaha.com or www.councilbluffsia.com for more information.

Return your conference registration form and payment before July 1st to save even more on registration fees. Consider the opportunity to gain exposure for your farm or ranch by taking out an exhibit booth, sponsoring one of several convention events, or by making a donation to the silent or live fun auction. This is NAEBA's biggest fundraising opportunity of the year and a time where all producers come together to support the North American elk industry which is so important to each and every one of us. Let's make this event one to remember!

For further information regarding the 2009 NAEBA International Antler Competition and Annual Convention at the Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center, please contact myself (see contact info below), or Joel Espe, Convention Chair at (608) 558-8445 or espe@tds.net.

Sincerely,

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