

Western Bison Association

ON THE MOVE...

Announcing the 2023 Conference & Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show & Sale

It's Time for the WBA Conference & Wild West Buffalo Stampede!

It's almost stampede time and we have an exciting lineup of topics, speakers and, of course, amazing animals for our conference, and show and sale event, slated for November 29 - December 2 in Ogden, UT. The animals and the auction location will again be the beautiful River View Ranch at 5800 Adams Ave. Parkway in Washington Terrace, UT.

The River View Ranch is a 60-acre private facility with an outstanding setup and is located about eight miles south of our conference hotel. The show animals will be housed on the ranch property and our simulcast auction will take place on site at the multi-purpose venue.

Our judge for the Stampede this year will be Garrett Brown, Brown's Buffalo Ranch, Nyssa, OR.

The Junior Judging event will also be held at the River View Ranch.

Conference activities will take place at the host hotel, Comfort Suites in Ogden. Educational sessions, trending topics and a wide array of speakers will highlight our conference this year. Highlights will include 777 Bison

Ranch Manager, Moritz Espy, talking about anything and everything bison! Moritz has a great sense of humor that he injects into his presentation. Chad Peterson, Buffalo Trail Ranch, Molt, MT, will take us through pasture supplementation and his experiences with mob grazing. Chad was one of the first to use this technique with bison and he will share what works and doesn't work when using this regenerative management tool.

We hope you will make plans to join us in Ogden to network, learn, socialize and show and sell some amazing bison!



MAKE CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Comfort Suites in Ogden, UT

2250 S 1200 W • 801-621-2545 • I-15, Exit 343

WBA Room Block • \$85/night • Reserve by November 15

Winter Conference • November 29 - December 2, 2023

Marland Ray Memorial Junior Judging Scholarship Competition Set for Friday, Dec. 1

Competition Guidelines:

\$1800 IN SCHOLARSHIPS! Entry and registration free – all juniors ages 9 thru 19 are invited to participate. Junior membership in Western Bison Association, 4-H or FFA is not required.

- Top scoring individual will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a school of higher education of their choice.
- Second top scoring individual will be awarded \$500 scholarship.
- Third top scoring individual will be awarded \$300 scholarship.
- Take home awards will be presented to the top three scoring individuals and the top three scoring teams made up of three to four participants.
- The judging format will be similar to that used by the 4-H and FFA. All participants will judge three classes of bison; these bison will already be at The River View Ranch location in preparation for the Western Bison Association's Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show & Sale.

Register ONLINE at www.westernbison.org or in person on Friday, December 1 at the corrals River View Ranch, 5800 Adams Ave. Parkway, Washington Terrace, UT.

Schedule of Events:

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** - Orientation - basics of judging - instructions on filling in a judging card.
- **12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** - Pre-judging instructions - Q & A - classes being judged - other event related information.
- **12:30 p.m.** - Judging begins.
- **3:30 p.m.** - Announcement of winners - distribute prizes/awards - photograph the winners.
- **6:00 p.m.** - Western Bison Association Awards Banquet at the host hotel; Comfort Suites, 2250 S 1200 W Ogden, UT. The top three individual scoring/scholarship winners are invited to attend and will be recognized.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FUN AUCTION ITEMS!

Be creative, be unique, and have FUN as we raise money for WBA

Founders Award and Grand Champion Bull and Heifer From 2022



**2022 Founders Award Recipient
Boyd Meyer**



At Left: 2022 Grand Champion Bull from Buffalo Run Ranch.

At Right: 2022 Grand Champion Female from 2J Bison.



WESTERN BISON ASSOCIATION 2023 CONFERENCE & WILD WEST BUFFALO STAMPEDE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Unloading bison at River View Ranch, 5800 Adams Pkwy. Washington Terrace, UT

Thursday, November 30

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Unloading bison at River View Ranch, 5800 Adams Pkwy. Washington Terrace, UT

1:00 p.m. - Judging of bison begins with judge Garrett Brown, Brown's Buffalo Ranch, Nyssa, OR

1:00 p.m. - Board of Directors meeting, Comfort Suites, members welcome

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Cottonwood Room at the Comfort Suites, Ogden, Consignors and Buyers Meeting and Social Hour with wet bar open

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Taco Buffet.

Taco Buffet sponsored by: Buffalo Run Ranch, Joe & Kathleen Sorenson, Wade & Kristen Klingler

Annual General Membership Meeting, election of officers and board members. Boyd Meyer to speak on the "State of the Industry"

Friday, December 1, Comfort Suites Banquet Rooms

9:00 a.m. - Agri-Tourism, Erich Ehrlich, Renaissance Insurance Group - Nationwide Agribusiness

9:30 a.m. - Panel Discussion for Smaller Ranches; 2J Bison, Joe and Bonnie Brown, Grand Mesa Bison, Jake Weirich, and Erich Ehrlich, Renaissance Insurance Group - Nationwide Agribusiness

10:30 a.m. - Pasture Supplementation and Mob Grazing, Chad Peterson, Buffalo Trail Ranch, Molt, MT

12:00 p.m. - Junior Judging Program at the River View Ranch

12:00 p.m. - Lunch served at Cactus Red's, inside Comfort Suites, included in conference fee.

1:30 p.m. - Everything No One Told You About Raising Bison, Moritz Espy, Ranch Manager, 777 Bison Ranch, Hermosa, SD

3:00 p.m. - Everything Bison Q&A Panel with Moritz Espy, Boyd Meyer and Chad Peterson

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Wet Bar at Comfort Suites, Sahara Room

6:00 p.m. - Banquet Dinner.

Banquet Steaks donated by Cold Creek Buffalo Co., Boyd & Allison Meyer

- Intermountain Packing, Idaho Falls, ID - Update on new processing facility
- National Bison Association, Karen Conley, Bison World Editor
- Stampede Awards, and FUN AUCTION

Saturday, December 2, River View Ranch

Coffee and donuts will be available at the River View Ranch location throughout the morning

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. - Judges comments

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Tours of the bison for adults and children

10:00 a.m. - Wild West Buffalo Stampede Live Animal Simulcast Auction

TBA - New board members meet at Comfort Suites hospitality room



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**2023 Conference Registration
& Wild West Buffalo Stampede
Show & Sale Entry Packet**

Western Bison Association WILD WEST BUFFALO STAMPEDE SHOW & SALE

November 29 - December 2, 2023 • Ogden, Utah

Top Bison Producers Representing the Best of the West!

Educational Conference - Thursday, November 30 - Friday, December 1 at Comfort Suites in Ogden, UT. Complete conference registration is \$140 for adults, \$50 for children 10 and under. Includes Thursday night Taco Buffet, lunch and banquet meals on Friday, awards banquet, fun auction and more!

Live Bison Show - Animals on the grounds at The River View Ranch, Washington Terrace, UT. Featuring animals in the following classes: Bull Calves, Heifer Calves, Yearling Bulls, Yearling Heifers, Pen of 2 Yearling Heifers, Two Year Old Bulls, Two Year Old Bred Heifers, Three Year Old Bulls, Three and Four Year Old Bred Cows.

Simulcast Bison Auction - Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. MDT at The River View Ranch. Live, onsite bidding or bid online at www.qasbuy.com.

Marland Ray Memorial Junior Judging Scholarship Competition - Friday, December 1 at The River View Ranch, Washington Terrace, UT. Youth ages 9-19 will compete for scholarships and other awards. Registration available online at www.westernbison.org or onsite beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**Conference registration and Show/Sale entries are due no later than November 17, 2023.
Registration and entry forms are inside this packet or register online at www.westernbison.org.**