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To: NEWSS Collegiate Weed Contest Coaches
From: Shawn Askew, 2007 Weed Contest Coordinator
Re: 2007 NEWSS Collegiate Weed Contest

The 2007 NEWSS Collegiate Weed Contest will be held on Tuesday July 31, 2007 at Virginia Tech. As with past contests, Monday, July 30 will be a travel day. Also on the 30th, volunteers will meet to review the contest plots and finalize preparations. An orientation dinner will be held at the Turfgrass Research Center's Schmidt Pavilion on the evening of July 30th to communicate arrangements for the contest. The contest will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday with the awards banquet that evening. Enclosed are the rules for the contest, a list of weeds and herbicides for 2007, a team registration form, and a meal registration form. Minor changes have been made since the 2006 contest in the weed ID and herbicide ID events. Please contact me if I can provide more information or clarification.

Please return the team registration form and the meal registration form to Julie Keating keatingj@vt.edu (address above or via e-mail) by June 25. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn-University and at Hawthorne Suites both near campus, for Monday and Tuesday nights. The address and phone number for the Holiday Inn are 900 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA , (540) 552-7001. Room rates are \$40/night, and be sure to use the group name "NEWSS Weed Contest" when making reservations. Reservations must be made by June 25 in order to guarantee this rate. Hawthorne Suites is located at 1020 Plantation Road Blacksburg, VA 24060 (540) 552-5636. Room rates are \$75/night. In order for us to track the number of rooms that are being reserved, please indicate on the enclosed form how many rooms you are planning to reserve. Also, enclosed is a brochure of local attractions. We are working on a possible student tour for Monday afternoon and will send out further details soon.

We encourage you and your students to participate this year. The weed contest is an excellent opportunity for students to learn and interact with other students and industry professionals. Please be sure to share this invitation with your students and any colleagues who may be interested in participating. We look forward to receiving positive responses from all of you, and to hosting you at our university in July.

Best,

Dr. Shawn D. Askew

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