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What: Gopher Dairy Camp, a three- day workshop for teenagers wanting to improve their dairy cattle skills

When: June 11-13

Where: St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, February 13, 2009- The sixth annual Gopher Dairy Camp will be held June 11-13 at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. The Minnesota 4-H Dairy Committee and the Gopher Dairy Club at the University of Minnesota have teamed up again to sponsor this annual event for young people who want to increase their dairy cattle expertise. Participants are required to have completed sixth grade, but have not yet started twelfth grade. Registration will be limited to the first 100 persons who apply. Campers from all states are welcome.

“The Gopher Dairy Camp is a great place for students to start developing skills for animal fitting, judging, and meeting new friends. The relationships built, partnered with the dairy knowledge gained, make Gopher Dairy Camp a great value,” said Gopher Dairy Club Vice – President Lucas Sjostrom of Bernadotte, MN.

Highlights of the dairy camp include:

- Show ring preparation of cattle (feeding, grooming, showmanship);
- Hands- on fitting demonstration;
- Dairy workshops;
- Gopher Gold auction;
- Friday evening activities;
- Dairy cattle judging clinic

Lodging for two evenings will be in Bailey Hall, the dormitory on the St. Paul campus. All costs (dorms, meals, and materials) are included in the \$80 registration fee. Donations cover about one half of the cost of the dairy camp. Registration materials can be obtained by going to the website (<http://www.ansi.umn.edu/gopherdairycamp/>) or by calling 612-625-9294 and asking for registration materials to be sent.

The Gopher Dairy Club, a co-sponsor of the event, is the largest student organization at the University of Minnesota and is involved in many activities to promote the dairy industry – including the Dairy Bar at the Minnesota State Fair.