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## APRIL 2007 INTERNS & HOSTS

Congratulations, you are coming to the end of your year! We have sent each host and each intern a list of documents still needed. (This went out by certified mail.) These documents must be completed in order to get the balance of your refund (\$1,050—unless you used part of the money for other educational opportunities). Remember the dates:

**March 15:** Date April 2007 entry interns must remain on the program in order to complete the program

**March 29:** Official program end date for April 2007 entries

**April 29:** Date Jan April 2007 entry interns must leave the country in order to be legal.

## APRIL 2008 INTERNS

... are in the process of getting visas. We may have some people to switch around as they get visas, so HOSTS, please let us know if you want to be on the list!

## JUNE 2008 INTERNS

Applications are due to Global Cow by March 1; by March 15-20, we'll start placing interns. HOSTS: CALL NOW TO GET ON THE JUNE LIST!

## NAME CHANGE

According to the new rules passed last August by the US State Department, "Interns" are now two different categories of visa types... and our program falls under "INTERNS". So you'll see references now to "INTERNS" instead of "TRAINEES".

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to all celebrating this next month February 15—March 15. Happy Birthday!

Marcelo Roca, ARGENTINA	February 27
Mauricio Silva Cardoso, BRAZIL	February 27
Carlos Andres Bustos, COLOMBIA	March 4
Willian Candido, BRAZIL	March 7
Wilson Calderon, ECUADOR	March 13

## PHOTO

Diego Landivar, ECUADOR, at Schmidt Farm in WI, stands all bundled up next to the milk truck.

## NEXT CAL POLY COURSE

Is in March... the first of the one-week courses! Full information has already been sent to the interns. Call with questions! Remember: you can ONLY attend the course early if you have paid the entire \$2,400 AND your hosts have given you permission! **If there are problems with travel delays, the contact person this time is MARK, and his cell phone is 805 310-1393.**

## LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER....

Last month, we noted that January 7th showed a record high of 69 degrees in O'Hare as Jill was returning from orientation. That did not last, and now most of us throughout the United States have experienced some of the coldest temperatures on record. The week of February 11, we heard of a spot in northern MN that had wind chill readings of -68 below zero F—that's -56 C! **Again, HOSTS please talk with your interns about the weather and its impact and required safety precautions. And interns—PLEASE listen to your hosts!** And yes, spring will come!

## DID YOU KNOW

Vermont ranks the highest in the nation for state taxes, at 14.1%. The second state is Maine at 14%, followed by New York at 13.8%. The lowest is Alaska at 6.6%.

According to the Tax Foundation, these are the days that we Americans work to pay for expenses: Federal taxes: 79 days; Housing & household operations: 62 days; Health & medical care: 52 days; State & local taxes: 41 days; Food: 30 days; Transportation: 30 days; Recreation: 22 days; Clothing and accessories: 13 days; All other days: 36 days

Source: *The Tax Foundation, 2007*



## FUN STATE INFO: KANSAS

Kansas is the 34th state to enter the Union, in the year of 1861. Its capital is Topeka, and it is the 14th largest state. It is the geographic center to the 48th contiguous states. It is has always been important to the country as the "hub": first as an network of Indian trails, which later became the Chisholm, Sante Fe, and Oregon Trails, the routes of the Pony Express, and the railroads.

With the railroads came rapid growth... cattle from Texas, Mennonites from Russia with Red Turkey wheat, which become the germ for the nation's large wheat crop. Corn, soybeans, rye and large cattle ranchers make agriculture very important to Kansas. Minerals, salt and natural gas are also all found in Kansas.

And President Dwight Eisenhower hailed from Abilene, and was elected the 34th US President in 1953.

*Source: The Book of the States*

## TAXES, TAXES, TAXES...

Some things to remember about taxes:

\*Hosts will issue a W-2 form to all their interns by January 31st. Host may do this sooner; this is the legal deadline,

\*Interns should take this form to H&R Block, or another tax preparer, to complete their taxes.

\*Interns are supposed to file a tax return.

\*Tax returns are due by April 15th. If you do it faster, the money is usually returned faster.

## INFORMATION VIA PODCASTS

If anyone is interested in some interesting dairy podcasts, see <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/podcasts/dairy/>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DESTINY DAIRY!

Congratulations to Ole and Jessica Johnson, Destiny Dairy, ND, who welcomed baby daughter, Payton Ella, to their household on February 4th.

## SPECIAL NEWS FROM TYLER FAMILY

After about two years of processing papers, our family has finally brought home our daughter (sister to her brothers), Kiran Catelin Tyler, from Guatemala. Kiran will be three on May 24. Her brothers are thrilled to have a "baby" sister! And yes, she is happy about the snow and loves sledding.. She is just not happy about the school bus arriving at the time the photo was taken!

Thanks in advance for patience again as you may hear a bit more noise when you call the Global Cow office. Kiran is here all the time, while Julie's daughter, Margot (who turns three in April) joins her on Mondays and most Fridays.

## DATES TO NOTE

**March 1:** Intern application deadline for June 2008 entries  
**March 15:** Date April 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program  
**March 17 -23:** (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course  
**March 29:** Official program end date for April 2007 entries

**April 3:** Jill flies to orientation.

**April 4-7:** Orientation

**April 29:** Date April 2007 entry interns must leave the country in order to be legal

**May:** Florida Tech Course

**June 7:** Date June 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program

**June 16-22:** (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

**June 18-21:** Orientation

**June 21:** Official end date for the June 2007 entries

**July 21:** Date June 2007 entry interns must leave the country in order to be legal

**Aug:** Probable Midwest farm visits

**Sept 15-21:** (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

**Sept 27-30:** Orientation

**Sept 29-Oct 1:** Babcock Short Course, Madison, WI

**Sept 30-Oct 4:** World Dairy Expo 2008

**Dec 1:** Intern application deadline for April 2008 entries

**Dec 8-14:** (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

**Dec 21:** Date January 2008 entry interns must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program



Above: Nathaniel (9) Kiran (2) and Ryan Tyler (7) at the bus stop

Right: Kiran enjoying her first real new snow.



## PHOTOS FROM INTERNS



Above: **Maria Harare, GUATEMALA** (September 2006-2007) (far left) and **Juan Lopez, COLOMBIA** (September 2006-2007) met with Jill Stahl Tyler, daughter Kiran Cate-lin, and her mother, Patricia Stahl in January.

Upper Right: **Diana Torres, ECUADOR** and **Ruben Torres, PANAMA**, at McArthur Dairy, FL

Right: **Moustapha Maiga, MALI**, in Madison, WI's capitol.

Far Right: **Feliks Ryduchowski, POLAND** and **Sebastian Kunert, POLAND** building GIANT snowman with the copious snowfall at their farm of Summit Dairy in Plymouth, WI (north of Milwaukee).

Below: **Lucy Rodriguez, COLOMBIA**, feeding a calf at Heartland Jerseys.





**Moustapha Maiga, MALI** (McArthur Dairy, FL) visiting farms as a part of the Babcock Course in October.

**Siaba Bendera, TANZANIA** (Bombay Dairy, MN); **Halid Sufiani, TANZANIA** (White Gold Dairy, IA); **Brahim El Fiou, MOROCCO** (Bombay Dairy, MN); **Moustapha Maiga, MALI** (McArthur Dairy, FL) at Babcock course.

**Harold Velapatino, PERU** (Silverstreak Dairy, MN), Jill Stahl Tyler, and Nathaniel Tyler at orientation in January.

**Diana Torres, ECUADOR** (McArthur Dairy, FL) working with calves.

