The 2017 NCWSS Collegiate Weed Contest will be hosted by Iowa State University at the <u>Field Extension Education Lab</u> near Boone, IA on July 26-27, 2017. The Field Extension Education Lab is a training facility with hands-on demonstrations designed to improve student's and crop advisor's diagnostic skills and crop management knowledge.

This year's Collegiate Weed Contest will consist of a written sprayer calibration, hands on sprayer calibration, weed identification, unknown herbicide identification, and farmer problems.

Registration is set to open on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on June 30<sup>th</sup>. To register for the contest click <u>here</u>. To volunteer as a judge or help with other parts of the contest please answer the questions at this link.

We have reserved a hotel block at the <u>Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center at ISU</u> under the event name NCWSS for the nights of July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve a room by calling (515) 268-8808 by July 5<sup>th</sup> to receive the discounted block rate. An awards banquet will also be held at the Holiday Inn Ames Conference center on July 27<sup>th</sup> following the competition. Other nearby hotels that may be options include the Gateway Hotel and Conference center and the Best Western Plus University Park. For more details about the 2017 contest including rules and <u>directions to FEEL</u> go to the <u>Weed Contest page</u>.

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