LLAMA PARTNERSHIP

Cass county is offering a llama and alpaca partnership for 4-h'ers who not normally consider the llama and alpaca project. The purpose of the additional project is to involve new 4-h members with hands on experience to the llama industry.

Basically explained, the 4-H'er does not house or keep in his possession during the calendar year the animals he/she would enroll in the lama project. Instead, they create a working relationship with a Cass County Llama Farmer who wishes to participate with the 4-H'er and abide by guidelines set up by the Cass County Llama Partnership Contract.

Guidelines:

- Any 4-Her is eligible
- Lama leased animals can show in the following classes: Showmanship, pack, obstacle, costumes and public relations.
- Classes are subject to change per the committee
- Ownership stays with the llama farmer as the animals is used for 4-H Educational purposed only
- Six weeks before the Cass County 4-H Fair, the 4-Her must visit the llama farmer's far, at least once a week to work with the animal for at least one hour.
- 4-Hers provide the equipment pertaining to working with the animal at the farm and the show, including shearing expense.
- The Farmer provides housing and care for the animal until fair time, then the responsibility for the animal's care in transferred to the 4-Her during fair week.
- The small \$85.00 fee paid by the 4-Her to the farmer covers cost of transporting to and from workshops ad the county fair. This fee is to be paid at the time of signing the lease agreement.
- All llama rules in the handbook apply including enrollment dates, checking in and out of the fairgrounds, etc.

Contact the llama leaders to learn more and for a partnership agreement.

We, the llama committee, invite any and all 4-Hers to consider this project, remembering first of all that all projects encounter work and effort. Secondly, it is the farmer who is offering their animal for your experience so please treat with respect, both the farmer and the animal.

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