



LAMAS (Llamas & Alpacas)

Please refer to Purdue Extension Indiana Website: www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages for exhibit guidelines and <https://www.in.gov/boah/> for exhibition requirements.

Project Description

The 4-H Lama Project (Llama & Alpacas) provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animal. An important outcome of this project is for the 4-H member to experience the pride of owning / leasing a Llama or alpaca, gaining its trust and being responsible for its care. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Lama Project.

Project Objectives

- 4-H members enjoy llamas as they learn the history, care, and training of them.
- Encourage and develop 4-H members into better citizens by working together for the well-being of the individuals, the llamas, the club, and the community.
- Establish 4-H members as persons responsible for the llamas' physical, nutritional, and mental health needs.
- Promote the 4-H program and the llama industry within our county.

See General Livestock Rules and Health Registrations. All Llamas and alpacas must be enrolled in the online animal enrollment system by May 15 to be eligible to participate in the Indiana State Fair Llama and Alpaca show. Visit the Indiana State Fair website for more information.

Barns and Fairgrounds must be cleaned & closed up on Sunday.

Exhibit Guidelines

- Exhibit alpaca or llama at 4-H Fair. Judging categories include Showmanship, Performance Class (Obstacle Course, Public Relations, and Pack), and Costume Exhibition.
- Participate in at least one community service project.

- You are not required to own a lama to be in the project. A lama may be owned or leased by the 4-H member. If available, an animal(s) may be used on the owner's farm/ranch by the 4-H member without being owned or leased.
- Animal must be at least 5 months of age.

LAMA HEALTH RULES

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GENERAL RULES

NOTE: No intact males over 24 months of age may be shown.

- A lama may be owned or leased by the 4-H member and kept on the 4-H member's farm/ranch. Leader's animals, if available, may be used on the leader's farm/ranch by the 4-H member without being owned or leased. 4-H member is not required to own a lama to be in the club or to show a lama.
- The 4-H member will respect the dignity and personality of the lama and treat it with gentle kindness.
- Leasing fees for animals will be determined by the leader to assist with the care and transportation of the animal.
- The 4-H member must also complete an official 4-H Enrollment Form at v.4honline.com.
- **DRESS CODE**, while exhibiting animals, 4-H T-SHIRT or shirt with a collar & show jeans or pants. No tank tops or spaghetti strap tops.
- No open toed shoes. Closed toed shoes must be worn in the arena and while working with animals.

No smoking in or around barns at any time.

Llama & Alpaca Shows

Costume: Member and animal are judged on originality, difficulty in training animal to accept and exhibit costume and suitability to theme. Exhibitors must submit a one (1) minute narrative to be read during their performance.

Performance:

Obstacle - Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles. Five (5) specific obstacles are standard: jump, change of pace, backing, bridge/ramp, and maneuvering.

Pack – Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles. Six (6) specific obstacles are standard: backing, bridge/ramp, jump, flexibility and maneuvering, inspecting foot, manageability with pack.

Public Relations – Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles. Five (5) specific obstacles are standard: picking up foot/showing teeth, loading, backing, ramp/steps, petting by strangers.

Showmanship: Member demonstrates the ability to show his/her animal to its best advantage at halter. Judging is based on the exhibitor's basic skill in fitting, grooming, following directions, and style presenting the animal to the judge for evaluation.

Lama Poster Educational Exhibit

Exhibit Guidelines

All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

- Posters will be judged on theme, construction, style and language. Posters must have been constructed within one (1) year of exhibit and must follow general state poster guidelines.
- Each poster must have been made by the 4-H member enrolled in the current year's 4-H program.
- Size - 22" x 28", displayed horizontally with stiff backing and covered with plastic accompanied by a name tag in the lower front right hand corner.
- Standards of evaluation:
 - content and information (accuracy and completeness) - 40 points
 - originality and creativity (attracts interest, encourages thought) - 25 points
 - overall appearance/appealing (neatness, arrangement, background, workmanship, attention to detail) – 15 points
 - suitable subject and age appropriate (matches child's age and ability) - 10 points
 - conveys message/accomplishes purpose - 5 points
 - meets exhibit guidelines - 5 points
 - Total - 100 points
 - One state fair entry per level.

Llama Fiber Craft Exhibit

(This projects falls under an Arts & Crafts Project.)

Exhibit Guidelines

- Exhibit will be judged on craftsmanship only.
- Crafts must have been made within one (1) year of exhibit.
- Any craft item constructed with llama or alpaca fiber may be entered. Craft may also contain other materials.
- Fiber may be processed (felted, spun, etc.) or unprocessed, and may be originated from any llama or alpaca.
- Exhibits will consist of one (1) completed craft item, which can be a single item or a set.
- A notebook is required explaining how the craft was made.
- One State Fair entry per level.

Llama & Alpaca 4-H Biosecurity Procedures

Training & Animal Etiquette

- No open-toed shoes when working with the animals.
- Please do not feed or work with someone else's animal unless you have owner's permission.

- Make sure animal's halter fits correctly and is not restricting breathing.
- Animals should be in good health and pass a FAMACHA and Body score test with no visible skin infections or parasites.
- No jerking animals on lead or abusive behavior toward an animal will be allowed.
- If proper desensitizing has not taken place during training meetings Pack and Costume class will not be allowed during any shows.
- When grooming animal, please use only your farms belongings.
- When working at the fairgrounds please help with clean up of the property when training is completed.
- **Parents or Guardians are NOT allowed to assist other youth (not their own) during training or fair unless verified as a Floyd County 4-H Volunteer. Please call (812)948-5470 for registration information.**

Fair Week Requirements

- Species questions will be due at or before animal check in
- Each Lama must pass an inspection from a vet which will be supplied by the club if available.
- **Animals are to remain at the fair for the entirety of the event. Animals are only allowed to leave property if ill, injured or deemed necessary by animal superintendent.**
- The vet or any livestock superintendent may ask you to quarantine/remove your animal at any time if there are any visible ailments that would put your animal or anyone else's animal at risk.
- You are responsible for care of your animals the entire length of fair.
- Farms will be stalled with their animals only. **No sharing stalls to ensure proper biosecurity measures are followed.**
- No sharing of equipment, please label all your items.
- Each llama should have their own tack, stall mats, water buckets and fans.
- You will be required to fill out your stall sheet daily to ensure animals are taken care of.

- Dress appropriately for all shows. Showmanship clothing should be business attire. No jeans. Performance shows should have attire that is appropriate for running and being active with animal.
- Scoring will be done by 4H extension staff during show and score cards will not be given out until the following After Fair Party.

(4H Signature)

(Date)

*Not a contract, Signature is stating that you understand

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

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