

LLAMA
(See General Livestock Rules on page 123)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Llama Craft and Llama Poster Llamas
JUDGING:	Llama Craft Llama Poster Llama Senior Showmanship Pack Obstacle Class Llama Intermediate Showmanship Llama PR Obstacle Class Llama Costume Class Leaping Llama Exhibition Llama Junior Showmanship Llama Field Obstacle Llama Youth Judging Class
RELEASE TIME:	Monday, July 22, after Royal Showmanship
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

Project Description:

The 4-H Llama educational program and related activities provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both llama subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications). If you are interested in leasing a llama, contact the Extension Office for more information.

Levels:

Junior **Grades 3-5**
Intermediate **Grades 6-8**
Senior **Grades 9-12**

Project Guidelines:

- Recommended to complete Llama Record Book for the llama exhibited that year. Also encouraged to complete four (4) activities each year in the current Llama Activity book for your age group and turn in to the Llama Leaders to sign.

General Rules:

- Animal exhibitors have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rules, Page 30, #14. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. A champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.) A Grand Champion poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.
- A 4-H'er may enroll and show only one (1) llama at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.
- A llama may be owned and kept at the 4-H'ers farm. A llama may be owned and boarded at another location. A llama may be leased by the 4-H'er. For leasing information, contact the Extension Office.
- For the Hamilton County 4-H Fair only, a llama may be shared by up to three (3) 4-H'ers in different classes.

- To show at the Indiana State Fair, all 4-H llamas must have a completed online livestock ID/enrollment form by **May 15**. Photo of animal's face and all four (4) feet must be included. This llama may NOT be dual enrolled by another 4-H'er, unless by a sibling.
- An Animal Location and Identification Form, must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15**. A County Fair class registration form must be turned into the Extension Office by **July 1** in order for the 4-H'er to be eligible to show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. No changes may be made, either with the animal or with classes, after this date. In the case of severe illness, severe injury, or death, proposed changes must be brought before the llama project leaders and reviewed for approval prior to the date of the fair.
- For the safety of all exhibitors and orderly conduct in the show ring, a 4-H'er may not show an intact male that is 24 months of age or older as of the day of the show. A female or gelding of any age may be shown.

At the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, performance, youth judging, costume, and showmanship classes are as follows:

- Junior - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade
- Intermediate - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- Senior - 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade

NOTE:

Each showmanship class level will be broken down into heats, if necessary. The judge will select any number of participants from each heat to advance to the final heat. The final grand drive heat would result in the placing of a Grand Champion, a Reserve Grand Champion, and placing one to ten (1-10) per showmanship level (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). The Grand Champion of Senior Showmanship will be the llama representative to Royal Showmanship.

- Prior to the Fair, attendance and involvement in the "Set-up" activities at the fairgrounds are strongly encouraged.
- Adequate stalling will be provided for all animals.
- At the conclusion of the 4-H Fair, attendance and involvement in the "Tear Down and Clean Up" activities at the fairgrounds is strongly encouraged.
- All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements. Requirements are updated annually and available at www.in.gov/boah.

Exhibit Requirements:

- See "General Livestock Rules" in the Handbook.
- See "Animal Care and Animal Environment Policy" as well as "Adequate Care for Animals" in the Fairbook.
- All exhibitors must remain until check-out time to help with stall clean-up and show area take down.
- For safety, shoes must be appropriate for the show ring. Open toed or open heeled shoes, sandals, and bare feet will disqualify the exhibitor.
- Show Attire: Llama exhibitors are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate attire in the show ring:
 - Performance classes allow casual dress or their club shirts. It is strongly encouraged exhibitors not wear tank tops, midriff tops, halter tops, baggy pants, extremely short shorts, or tops with spaghetti straps. The judge may deduct points for inappropriate dress.
 - It is strongly suggested for Showmanship that exhibitors wear dress slacks or skirt, blouse or shirt with collar, and dark shoes or boots. The show outfit may be accented with a colored vest or tie. No tennis shoes or jeans. The judge will use these guidelines as criteria for final placements.

Llama Wool Project (Optional): Open Judging

- Exhibit a finished llama wool item/article. Items shall be handmade of at least 75% llama fiber. Finished items may be woven, knitted, crocheted, wet felted or needle felted, or any combination of these applications.

- Llama Wool Project is open to any 4-H'er. The exhibitor does not have to be enrolled in the Llama Project.
- Llama Wool Project is a separate project from Arts & Crafts and is not considered as one of the four (4) specific craft areas as defined in the Arts & Crafts project – see Arts & Crafts.
- Llama/Alpaca Fiber Crafts - 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.
- All projects will be judged by grade levels and one (1) champion is awarded per level. Champions are eligible for State Fair.
- Craft cards: 4-H members enrolled in the Llama Wool Project must complete and attach a craft card to their exhibit. Cards are available in the Extension Office or through your project or club leader.
- All appropriate projects should be ready to hang.
 - No unfinished llama wool projects will be exhibited.
 - All exhibits must be ready for use.
 - No item will be accepted after judging occurs.

4-H Llama Show Class Descriptions:

Showmanship Class:

Judged on how well the 4-H'er reacts with the llama and how well the llama is trained as it is presented at its best advantage to the judge. Exhibitor must demonstrate basic skills in presenting the animal to the judge, grooming, and following directions. Control of the llama and knowledge of anatomy/physiology is important. The llama's conformation is not considered. The handler's attire should be neat, clean, and appropriate for the class. A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors, displays good sportsmanship, and pays attention to both the animal and to the judge at all times.

Obstacle Performance Classes:

Field Obstacle Class: Judging centers on how well the obstacles are negotiated by the 4-H'er and the llama. How well the 4-H'er and llama work together is very important. This competition also examines the llama's trust in its handler, while using its own intelligence to evaluate tackling each obstacle.

PR (Public Relations) Obstacle Class: This class demonstrates the llama's ability and willingness to negotiate any obstacle and situation that relates to the animal's participation in community events such as parades or festivals, visits to schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.

Pack Class: Pack class focuses on the llama as a beast of burden and shows the llama's willingness and ability to negotiate obstacles while carrying packs. This class carries no weight in the packs, but they are filled-out with a lightweight material to simulate the bulk of a full pack.

Costume Class:

The exhibitor decides on a theme and dresses him/herself and the llama to illustrate the chosen theme. The llama can be presented with music or written script. The llama must be taught to accept the costume. Class placement will be based on originality, creativeness, and the coverage of the costume on sensitive areas of the animal such as its head, back, legs, ears, etc.

Judging:

This class focuses on offering the youth an opportunity to recognize correct conformation, showmanship skills, and performance skills while judging llama classes.

- Each 4-H exhibitor will place a halter class of four (4) animals based on correct conformation, movement, tracking, and balance; a showmanship class of four (4) exhibitors; and an obstacle class of four (4) exhibitors.
- Exhibitor's scores will be tallied and compared to the official judge's scores to determine final placing for this class.