

LLAMAS AND ALPACAS

STATE FAIR ENTRY: Yes

EXHIBIT BY: Classes. Project manuals and showmanship only are by division.

Division	Project Book	Record Sheet
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	4-H-996*	4-H-996* and LLA - 12/11*
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	4-H-997*	4-H-997* and LLA - 12/11*
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	4-H-998*	4-H-998* and LLA - 12/11*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 3 activities in your project book each year. 		



JUDGING TIME: Monday, **July 19** at 5:00 p.m. Check in your llama and / or alpaca on Saturday, **July 17** between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Llamas will be released after the show.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Llama & Alpaca project helps 4-H members develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance and sportsmanship. An important objective of this project is for the 4-H member to experience the pride of owning / leasing a llama or alpaca, gaining it's trust and being responsible for its management.

OWNERSHIP:

1. Llama and alpacas must be owned by the 4-H member or leased by the 4-H member.
2. Llamas and alpacas may be leased subject to approval of both the County 4-H Llama Committee and the 4-H Extension Educator. Complete a lease form – 4H869-W. NOTE: Once an animal is leased, it falls under the same rules as ownership #4.
3. All animals must be in the 4-H member's possession by May 15 unless leased.
4. The same animal may be co-enrolled by brothers and/or sisters. 4-H animals shown under a different name (than they are listed on the 4-H enrollment form) after the 4-H animal enrollment deadline shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Carroll County 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair. This means that if the animal is exhibited at any show by anyone other than a person listed on the Indiana 4-H enrollment form, the animal will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show This term / condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility, regardless of whether or not the sibling is a 4-H member. (NOTE: 4-H'ers and siblings are the only ones who can show 4-H llamas / alpacas between May 15 and the end of the Indiana State Fair.)

LLAMA / ALPACA ENROLLMENT:

1. All llamas / alpacas must be enrolled on-line by May 15th. (Note: You may enroll 1 – 2 llamas / alpacas but you will only be allowed to show 1 at the fair.) A color photo (showing the profile of the llama with the face and 4 legs showing) is to be uploaded to the llama / alpaca enrollment form.
2. Lease agreement must be attached to the on-line enrollment form. The original lease agreement is to be taken to county and state fair.

RECORDS:

1. All record books must be started by May 15.
2. All project record sheets should be turned in when the animals are checked-in at the fair. A committee will review the records and they must be at least 50% complete to show. NOTE: 4-H'ers are required to do 3 activities in the record book and then record the activities on the record sheet.
3. A record sheet must be turned in to be considered complete even if the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit.

RULES - GENERAL:

1. Only show officials and exhibitors are permitted in the show ring.
2. All questions should be directed to the Project Leader. Protest guidelines are outlined on page 19.
3. All member's must fill out the county Llama Information Form / Class List. See Leader or Extension Office for details. This form must be turned in no later than June 15, specifying the lama you will exhibit.

4. Animals may be substituted after June 15 with another animal enrolled in 4-H online.

HEALTH:

Any animals that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious must be treated by following the veterinary procedures process, outlined on page 24 in "Animal Policies". Failure to meet all health requirements will necessitate removal of all animals presented by exhibitor.

1. An approved health certificate on any animal coming from outside Indiana for exhibition in Indiana is valid for 30 days.
2. No animal may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable disease.
3. All animals must be sound and healthy. Any questionable animal may be removed by the 4-H llama committee or the judge.
4. No test is required on any llamas or alpacas for exhibition in Indiana. For more information on llama / alpaca health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health 877-747-3038.
5. Animals may be treated by an accredited veterinarian for illness / lameness. Any animals that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious must be treated by following the veterinary procedures process, outlined on page 24 in "Animal Policies". Failure to meet all health requirements will necessitate removal of all animals presented by exhibitor.
6. Any questionable animal will be brought to llama project leader, 1st VP or Extension Educator to determine treatment by accredited veterinarian or removal.

EXHIBIT:

1. At fair check-in, each animal must be designated to a specific 4-H'er and can only be shown by this 4-H'er throughout the entire county fair (including showmanship). A 4-H'er must show his/her own animal unless permission is obtained at least 24 hours prior to the show from the Project Leader.
2. 4-H Llama & Alpaca members are encouraged to attend 50% of the meetings or clinics with or without an animal in order to participate at the Carroll County 4-H Llama & Alpaca Show. Exhibitors must attend at least 1 safety meeting to exhibit / show at the fair.
3. Each exhibitor should wear a white dress or polo type shirt and black dress pants or black jeans and present themselves in a clean and orderly fashion. No sandals or open-toed shoes allowed.
4. Each 4-H member may enter their animal in each class.
5. Llamas and Alpacas must be shown in a black halter and with a black lead.
6. No intact males 24 months of age or older will be permitted in the 4-H classes without approval by Leader / Committee.
7. Nursing Llama or Alpaca mothers may not be accompanied in the ring by their babies.
8. No Llama or Alpaca under the age of 5 months may be shown.
9. No classes can be added after June 15. Any class may be dropped at any time.

SHOW / BARN (Llamas may be in barn from 3:30 p.m. on Saturday – 2 hours after the show.)

1. During the fair, all 4-H members will be expected to help set up, clean up, and take down the fair stalls and Llama relief area.
2. 4-H members exhibiting Llamas must provide own feed, feed boxes, water buckets, bedding, and care for own animals.
3. Pen assignments will be obtained from the leader upon arrival to the fairgrounds.
4. 4-H members must clean their Llama's pen and pass inspection by the leader before the Llama is released from the fairgrounds.
5. Use of an electrical cooling device must be approved by the leader before use.
6. Signs are NOT allowed in livestock barns except those provided by the Carroll Co. 4-H Exhibit Assoc.

CLASSES

- The performance classes offered will be determined by the project leader and will be dependant upon the age, experience and skill level of the members and their animals.
- There will not be separate classes for male and female animals. There will not be separate classes for Llamas and Alpacas. They will compete against each other.
- Each performance class will have 6 obstacles chosen by the llama committee.
- Members will be required to participate in showmanship and obstacle class. All other classes are optional.

1. **Showmanship (Required)** – 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 of presenting the animal to the judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not to be considered.
2. **Obstacle (Required)**– member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles.
3. **Pack** – member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles and perform activities in the back country while carrying a pack.
4. **Public Relations** – member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles and perform activities in the community.
5. **Costume** – member and animal are judged on originality, difficulty in training animal to accept and exhibit costume, and suitability to theme (exhibitor's choice). Exhibitors must submit a 30 second narrative to be read during the scheduled start of the class.
6. **Driving**- Member walks/trots their llama by ground driving or cart and shows the animal's ability to respond to commands given verbally and/or through a driving halter and reins. Member and animal are judged on training, driver's skill, coordination of driver and animal, smoothness and accuracy of execution of the obstacles. The use of the cart is based on the skill level and training of the member and the animal. Any llama not showing the ability to safely use the cart may be restricted to ground driving during the fair at the discretion of the project leader.
7. **Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Llama and Alpaca Performance** – throughout all the classes there will be points awarded based on the 4-H'ers placement in the class (see below). The points for each 4-H member will be totaled at the end of the competition. The Grand, Reserve Grand and top awards will be determined by the cumulative points from the top 4 scores of any combination of 6 classes. (NOTE: Member must show in a minimum of 4 classes to be considered for the top awards.) Reserve Grand Champion will go to the 4-H'er with the 2nd highest point total. In case of a tie the points on obstacle will be the tie-breaker.
 - Champion – 30 points;
 - Reserve Champion – 25 points;
 - 3rd place – 20 points;
 - 4th place – 15 points;
 - 5th place – 10 points; and
 - 6th place – 5 points.

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Competition in showmanship contests for livestock exhibitors will be required for all 4-H exhibitors in the llama or alpaca projects.
2. Junior and Intermediate Showmanship winners must advance to the next level.
3. Once a 4-H member advances to the next division, the 4-H member is not allowed to return to the previous division.
4. Grade is the grade the 4-H'er is in at the time of enrollment (March 1).
5. The following divisions will be offered:
 - **Junior** - Designed for any 4-H llama / alpaca exhibitor grades 3 - 5. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner then he/she is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship class in subsequent years.
 - **Intermediate** - Designed for any 4-H llama / alpaca exhibitor in grades 6 - 8. Once an exhibitor is the Intermediate showmanship winner, he/she must compete in Senior showmanship in future years.
 - **Senior** - Designed for any 4-H llama / alpaca exhibitor grades 9 - 12. Exceptions only for previous Junior or Intermediate Showmanship winners. Once an exhibitor is the Senior Showmanship winner, he/she must compete in Master Showmanship in future years.
 - **Master** - Designed for previous winners of the Senior Showmanship class.

STATE FAIR REQUIREMENTS:

1. State Fair entry form must be done on-line per exhibitor according to the State Fair Entry Department guidelines / dates.
 2. Each Llama and Alpaca may only be shown by one 4-H member at the Indiana State Fair.
 3. Animals entered at the State Fair must be owned (or leased) and cared for by the 4-H member by May 15, and remain under the same continuous care until show day.
 4. 4-H animals sold or purchased privately or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair.
- See State Fair book for additional information on any questions.