

PROJECT TITLE: LLAMA AND ALPACA CRAFT

Description:

The Little Critters and Pocket Pets includes all small animals that cannot be exhibited in any other 4-H projects, e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice, fish, parakeets, salamanders, etc. A Crossbred rabbit raised as a pet (not for meat) may be exhibited in this project.

State Fair Entries:

Llama and Alpaca posters and educational displays intended to be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair should be entered in the "Animal Education" project.

Exhibit Guidelines:

Exhibit will consist of: one completed craft item which can be a single item or a set with a notebook explaining how the craft was made and/or a Llama Poster or Educational Exhibit. Members may choose to do one or both exhibits.

The posters must be entered during the designated time for Exhibit Hall projects prior to the fair. 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 way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Divisions for both poster/educational display and craft will be judged in the following divisions.

Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Make one craft and/or poster following the 'Project Exhibit Guidelines' that is appropriate for the current grade level.

Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Make one craft and/or poster following the 'Project Exhibit Guidelines' that is appropriate for the current grade level.

Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Make one craft and/or poster following the 'Project Exhibit Guidelines' that is appropriate for the current grade level.

Poster and Educational Display Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Posters will be judged on theme, construction, style and language.

Standards of evaluation:

- a. Content and information (accuracy and completeness) - 40 points
- b. Originality and creativity (attracts interest, encourages thought) - 25 points
- c. Suitable subject and age appropriate (matches child's age and ability) - 10 points
- d. Conveys message/accomplishes purpose - 5 points
- e. Meets exhibit requirements - 5 points

Total - 100 points

Advanced Study Options:

After completing posters for five years (not including years in Mini 4-H), the member is given the option to complete an advanced study. The topic needs to be pre-approved by the llama and alpaca project leader. Options include, but not limited to: fundraiser, research project, writing and illustrating a children's book, or studying and following animal husbandry pertaining to llamas or alpacas. Posters and Advanced Study are due at the time of Poster and Craft Entry. Be sure to include a label indicating Advanced Study as per poster rules.

Llama Craft 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, and a notebook explaining how the craft was made.