

## LLAMA AND ALPACA

The educational 4-H llama and alpaca program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both project subject skills (such as nutrition, training, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

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**State Fair Entries:** Check with the IN State Fair for sign up deadlines without penalties. (web: <http://www.in.gov/statefair/>)

### Project Exhibit Options

1. Exhibit a Llama or Alpaca in one or more of the following classes
  - Costume
  - Obstacle
  - Pack
  - Public Relations
  - Showmanship
2. Exhibit Hall Project
  - Exhibitors may make and exhibit a poster on some aspect of Llamas and Alpacas in order to complete the project. This can be in addition to showing a Llama or Alpaca
3. Complete the Llama and Alpaca Record Book in addition to animal exhibit or poster.

### GENERAL RULES:

1. All project requirements must be fulfilled in order to complete the llama and alpaca project and to show at the 4-H Fair. Exhibiting a llama and alpaca at the fair is encouraged, but not mandatory in order to complete the project.
2. Llamas and Alpacas will show together
3. Refer to the County 4-H Policies Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules. The Indiana State Fair Board requires all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for llama. To obtain a Premise ID #, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2381. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>
4. Requirements are updated annually and available at the Parke County Extension Office. Currently, there are no special health requirements, health certificates or health papers required even at our state level. However, unhealthy animals will not be allowed to show. They will be sent home
5. Llamas or alpacas must be owned or leased by the 4-H'er before May 15th. All llamas or alpacas need to be enrolled via the Indiana 4-H Animal Enrollment website by May 15th. If you lease your animal, a hard copy of the lease agreements must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by May 15th. *Leasing a llama/alpaca will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the animal regardless of where the llama/alpaca is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the llama/alpaca during the 4-H lease period from May*

*15 through the 4-H llama/alpaca show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H llama/alpaca must be enrolled (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 with color pictures and required information on 4-HOnline. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT A LEASED ANIMAL AT THE STATE FAIR, REVIEW THE STATE FAIR LEASING REQUIREMENTS. THEY ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN COUNTY LEASING PROGRAM.*

6. After entering animals on 4-HOnline system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the Fair Entry online system by designated date.
7. Only animals that are properly enrolled online with a color photo are eligible to participate in 4-H shows at the County and State level. Each exhibitor can enter their animals in any class in which they are eligible.
8. For safety, shoes must be appropriate for training and the show ring. Open toed or open heeled shoes, sandals, and bare feet are discouraged.
9. Show attire: Llama and Alpaca exhibitors are strongly urged to wear appropriate attire in the show ring: Performance classes allow casual dress or their club shirts. It is strongly suggested exhibitors not to wear tank tops, midriff tops, halter tops, baggy pants, extremely short shorts, or tops with spaghetti straps. It is strongly suggested for Showmanship that exhibitors wear dress slacks or skirt, blouse or shirt with a collar, and dark shoes or boots.
10. If a 4-H member owns their owns or leases a llama or alpaca and selects to complete the llama and alpaca project requirements without participating in the llama and alpaca project's regularly scheduled workshops, the 4-H member is required to meet all project requirements to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. **It is up to the member to find out any workshop information needed to complete the project and record book.**
11. An exhibitor may not take exception to the decision of an official/ and or judge in an unprofessional manner. Nor shall an exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor indulge in unbecoming conduct towards any other 4-H member, leader, volunteer or parent
12. Project and record sheets must be signed by a Llama and Alpaca Project Leader as well as the 4-H Club Leader for the project to be considered completed. Record Books must be turned in when unloading animals at the fair.
13. No intact Llama or Alpaca male 24 months of age or older will be permitted in the 4-H classes unless approved by superintendent after exhibitor and animal evaluation.
14. A female or gelding of any age may be shown.
15. The project leaders also reserve the right to dismiss any llama or alpaca from the fairgrounds which are deemed unsafe to others as a result of health or behavioral reasons. If this action is considered necessary, the project leaders will inform the 4-H Extension Educator in order to receive approval from the 4-H Council.
16. Attendance and help at the set up and clean-up, tear down and taking home of animals and tack after the show is expected of **ALL 4-H'ers** in the project.
17. Awards will be given for poster exhibitors, show class categories, herdsmanship and for Supreme and Reserve Supreme Exhibitor winners.

#### **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS (3RD- 5TH GRADES)**

1. Attend workshops as possible.
2. Learn about basic llama and alpaca health, nutrition and confirmation.
3. Complete the required amount of activities required in the project manual or record sheet. Your record

sheets or manuals are to be signed by a 4-H Club or Project Leader to exhibit at the fair.

4. Train your llama or alpaca in basic training techniques, including the obstacle course and showmanship. Workshops are very beneficial to training your animal.
5. Fair exhibition of your animal at the fair: a. Members who show must compete in a performance class to complete project.
6. Follow rules, guidelines and requirements as listed in handbook.

#### INTERMEDIATE EXHIBITOR ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS (6TH-8TH GRADES)

1. All the requirements as listed for Junior Exhibitors

#### SENIOR EXHIBITOR ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS (9TH -12TH GRADES)

1. Recommended observation and practice of vaccination, worming, and toenails trimming of llamas or alpacas during a farm visit or with your animal.
2. Become a mentor to a 4-H'er, sharing your llama or alpaca and assisting in the training of the 4-H'er.

#### 4-H LLAMA AND ALPACA CLASS CLARIFICATIONS:

##### SHOWMANSHIP

###### **Showmanship Class:**

Judged on how well the 4-H'er reacts with the llama or alpaca and how well the llama or alpaca 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. The llama or alpaca'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. Showmanship classes will be divided by levels.

##### PERFORMANCE CLASSES

**4-H'ers are required to participate in at least one performance class.**

**OBSTACLE CLASS:** Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles. Five specific obstacles are required: jump, change of pace, backing, bridge/ramp, maneuvering.

This class demonstrates the animals ability and willingness to negotiate any obstacle and situation that relates to the animal's participation in community events such as parades or festivals, visit to schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. This competition also examines the animal's trust in its handler, while using its own intelligence to evaluate tackling each obstacle.

**LEVELS:** (Grade level reflects the grade attended January 1 of current year)

Junior or Beginner – Grades 3-5 and First year Llama/Alpaca Exhibitors

Intermediate – Grades 6-8

Advanced – Grades 9-12

###### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

This class demonstrates the animals ability and willingness to negotiate any obstacle and situation that relates to the animal's participation in community events such as parades or festivals, visit to schools, nursing

homes, hospitals, etc. This competition also examines the animal's trust in its handler, while using its own intelligence to evaluate tackling each obstacle. Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles and perform activities in the community. Five (5) specific obstacles are required: picking up foot/showing teeth, loading, backing, ramp/steps, petting by strangers, but additional obstacles may be included. Public Relations Classes are not divided by levels.

**PACK:** Exhibitor and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles and perform activities in back country while carrying a pack. Six specific obstacles are required: backing, bridge/ramp, jump, flexibility and maneuvering, inspecting food, manageability with pack. Pack Classes are not divided by levels.

**COSTUME CLASS:** The exhibitor decides on a theme and dresses him/herself and the Llama or Alpaca to illustrate the chosen theme. The Llama or Alpaca can be presented with music or written script. The Llama must be taught to accept the costume. Class placement will be passed on originality, creativeness and the coverage of the costume on sensitive areas of the animals such as its head, back, legs, ears, etc. Member and animal are judged on originality, difficulty in training animal to accept and exhibit costume, and suitability to theme of the exhibitor's choice. At check in, exhibitors must submit a narrative to be read during their performance. Narratives to list the name of the exhibitor and the name of the Llama or Alpaca and description of what the costume represents. Costume classes are not divided by levels.

#### **4-H LLAMA/ALPACA HERDSMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Special Award presented to the 4-Her who goes above and beyond during the week of fair to keep up with health, sanitation of their animals and the environment that they are confined to during fair. This exhibitor is a team player and ensures that any animal or fellow project member is helped when needed.

#### **4-H LLAMA/ALPACA POSTER EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS:**

See "*Animal Education*" project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building.