

LLAMA & ALPACA

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be BOLDDED and ITALICIZED! Pay special attention to any projects with BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.

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, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Beef and Dairy Steer</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities* and Record Sheet</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities* and Record Sheet</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities* and Record Sheet</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

***“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Beef and Dairy Steer Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.**

Project Exhibit Options:

1. Llama and Alpaca Animal Classes
 - Obstacle
 - Pack
 - Public Relations
 - Showmanship
2. Indoor or Exhibit Hall Projects*
 - Craft*
 - Poster*

*see page 111

Project Divisions:

Members will be exhibit and utilize project resources based on their school grade as of January 1st.

Level 1 - Junior: Grades 3, 4 and 5

Level 2 - Intermediate: Grades 6, 7 and 8

Level 3 - Advanced: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

LLAMA AND ALPACA ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules. The Indiana State Fair Board is requiring 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>.
2. 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. The Llama/Alpaca lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own llamas and/or alpacas. 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. At check-in during the Hendricks County Fair, the 4-H member with a leased llama/alpaca must provide the lease agreement signed by them and the person they are leasing the llama/alpaca from. **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 HENDRICKS COUNTY LEASING PROGRAM.**
3. After entering animals on 4-HOnline system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry online system by designated date.
4. 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 4-H'er member may exhibit one (1) animal at the fair. Each exhibitor can enter the animal in every class for which it is eligible.

5. Additional hikes and outing will be offered as appropriate.
6. Attendance and help at the clean-up, tear down and taking home of animals and tack after the show is expected of ALL 4-H'ers in the project.
7. No intact Llama or Alpaca male 24 months of age or older will be permitted in the 4-H classes.
8. No Llama or Alpaca under the age of 5 months may be exhibited.
9. Junior, Intermediate and Advanced 4-H members are critiqued and placed by the judge. Awards are given according to placement.
10. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered on at least one child's 4-HOnline profile by specified date (unless animals are being leased). 4-H family must be under the same 4-HOnline family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-HOnline. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date.

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

1. Attend all regular meetings 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. Complete record keeping sections in your personal journal for yourself and your llama or alpaca. Your project workshop leaders will check for accuracy and completion.
5. Providing a 2-5-minute llama or alpaca presentation at a club workshop or the fair is highly recommended.
6. Train your llama or alpaca in basic training techniques, including the obstacle course and showmanship.
7. Fair exhibition of your animal at the fair:
 - a. Members must compete in a showmanship class to participate in other 4-H llama or alpaca classes as the fair.

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. May become a mentor to a 4-H'er, sharing your llama or alpaca and assisting in the training of the 4-H'er.
3. Learn judging techniques and actual placing a practice class in showmanship and obstacle.

CLASS CATEGORY CLARIFICATIONS:

1. **Pack** – Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles and perform activities in the back country while carrying a pack. Six (6) specific obstacles are required: backing, bridge/ramp, jump, flexibility and maneuvering, inspecting foot, manageability with pack, but additional obstacles may be included. Llamas and alpacas may wear a training pack or pad with tow (2) cinches, and filled panniers. Juniors will not remove packs.
2. **Obstacle** – Member and animal are judged on their ability to negotiate obstacles. Five (5) specific obstacles are required: jump, change of pace, backing, bridge/ramp, maneuvering, but additional obstacles may be included.
3. **Public Relations** – 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.
4. **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 of presenting the animal to the judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not to be considered. Class may be split at the discretion of show management.

4-H LLAMA/ALPACA POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT – *SEE LLAMA/ALPACA POSTER & CRAFT SECTION LISTED IN INDOOR PROJECTS on page 110.*