

Llama and Alpaca

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Note: Required activities must be completed before record sheet is approved.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about llamas. This includes selection of animals, proper care, safety and good showmanship practices. Learning about llama history and the llama industry and how it works is another part of this project.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The Llama project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair **and can** advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Llama Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. Each member must complete and submit the following:
 - a. A standard 4-H enrollment form by the county deadline.
 - b. Attend at least three Llama project meetings and/or workshops
 - c. Complete one activity in each unit of appropriate level (as explained by the Llama Leader)
 - d. Submit llama enrollment form to the Extension Office by May 15
 - e. Turn in a completed, signed record sheet
 - f. Submit county premise form to the project leader or Extension Office by May 15
3. Llamas may be owned or leased. If leased, the lease must be signed and turned in to the Extension Office with the llama enrollment form.
4. Members are expected to provide daily care for their llamas. Members leasing animals must assist owners with the daily care of their llamas.
5. If the number of llama project members exceeds the number of llamas available, teams consisting of members of various age categories may be established. All exhibition-qualified members will be eligible to compete in the showmanship and performance divisions. Siblings who own only one llama may also compete together as a team. **However, the llama may only show one time in each exhibitor age division.**
6. 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 **per fair council instructions.**
7. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of their llamas while on display. Members must feed, change water, clean stalls, take to relief area, and exercise their llamas a minimum of three times every day. In addition, all exhibitors must schedule and complete at least two hour-long barn duty sessions daily. During these sessions 4-Hers will remain in the barn to greet visitors and oversee the well-being of all llamas. Members who have chosen to complete the project but not exhibit an animal are also encouraged to participate in barn duty.
8. Any animal which is deemed unsafe may be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
9. The following divisions will pertain to all exhibits:
 - a. Junior; Grades 3-5
 - b. Intermediate; Grades 6-8
 - c. Senior; Grades 9-12
10. The performance classes offered will be determined by the project leader and will be dependent on the age, experience and skill level of the member and their animal.
11. At the end of the show a project Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected based on points accumulated through the project year and at the fair
12. Herdsmanship will be judged based on 4-Her attitude, effort, cleanliness of animal area and ability to share their knowledge of llamas with fair goers.
13. Members may exhibit in the llama, llama poster, and llama fiber craft categories.
14. Llamas will be released following the final show.

POSTER PROJECT

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ■ and not vertically ▮.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.