

LLAMA & ALPACA

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED 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).

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Llama/Alpaca			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	Check IN State Fair Website

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- Level 1: Llamas & Alpacas, Book 1
- Level 2: Llamas & Alpacas, Book 2
- Level 3: Llamas & Alpacas, Book 3

Project Exhibit Options

1. Llama and Alpaca Animal Classes:
 - a. Obstacle
 - b. Pack
 - c. Public Relations
 - d. Showmanship
 - e. Costume

Project Divisions

Members should 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

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. If wanting to exhibit a poster/display/notebook related to this species, 4-H members may do so under the "Animal Education" Project. (see page 24 for details) Members may also exhibit a Llama/Alpaca craft. (see page 98 for craft details).

LLAMA/ALPACA TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. 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 GUIDELINES.** THEY ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN HENDRICKS COUNTY LEASING PROGRAM.

3. 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 member may exhibit **two (2) animals** at the fair. Each exhibitor can enter the animal in every class for which it is eligible, **however, one animal per exhibitor per class. One exhibitor may not show both animals in one class.**
4. 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.
5. No intact Llama or Alpaca male 24 months of age or older will be permitted in the 4-H classes.
6. No llama under the age of five (5) months or alpaca under the age of six (6) months may be shown.
7. Junior, Intermediate and Advanced 4-H members are critiqued and placed by the judge. Awards are given according to placement.
8. A llama/alpaca may be shown by different exhibitors of the same family as long as they are in different divisions at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Check Indiana State Fair for State Fair guidelines/policies.

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.
5. **Costume Class** - Member and animal are judged on originality, difficulty in training animal to accept and exhibit costume, and suitability to theme (exhibitor's choice). No music is allowed. At check in, exhibitors must submit a one (1) minute narrative to be read during the performance. Narratives must have the exhibitor's name and exhibitor number on the sheet. Within division, class may be split at the discretion of show management.