

# Llama

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**State Fair Entry:** Yes

**Animal Check In:** Saturday, July 5, 2025; 9:00AM-11:00AM, Llama Tent, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

**Show Day:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025; 9:00AM, Llama Tent, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds  
Wednesday, July 9, 2025; 9:00AM, Llama Tent, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

1. Llamas do not have to be registered to be able to show at the Kosciusko County Fair. HOWEVER, if you plan on showing your llama at the State Fair, it MUST have registration papers from the International Llama Registry (ILR).
2. Llamas must be at least 6 months old or older to be shown at the Kosciusko County Fair. Intact males can be under two years of age at fair time. No intact males will be allowed who are two years of age or older at fair time.
3. The required number of training sessions will be set in individual lease agreements. If the llama is owned, we suggest 12 training workshops.
4. Llama lease fees will be decided upon annually by the owner of the llama (lessor) and are due in full to the lessor by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. A lease agreement and a code of conduct will be signed by all 4-H participants and their parents. The lease agreement will cover items concerning lease arrangements between the 4-H'er and owner (lessor) of the llama. The code of conduct will be a written statement on how 4-H'ers and parents will conduct themselves at all llama functions.
6. If it is determined that the 4-H'er or their llama is acting in an unsafe manner which puts other 4-H members or committee at risk, then the superintendent will ask the parent to take their llama home and not to bring it back to the fairgrounds until it has been trained properly and can act in a safe manner around the other 4-H members and committee members.
7. It is preferred that each 4-H'er will have a llama (leased or owned) to show. If enrollment exceeds the number of llamas available to be leased and IF APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, a given llama may be enrolled by more than one 4-H'er on separate forms which will be a "shared" llama at workshops and for exhibit at the county fair. "Sharing" a llama is only allowed at the county fair level.
8. All llamas must wear a halter at all times and have a lead rope available if needed at the county fair.
9. Each 4-H member is responsible for removing bedding and tack between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Thursday of the fair and available on Saturday ending the fair at 9:00 AM to remove gates.

## **Non-Ownership General Rules:**

1. The purpose of the 4-H Non-Ownership Llama Project is to provide an opportunity for 4-H youth who do not live on a llama farm to care for and show an animal without the animal being transferred into the youth's name. This is an annual project, so a new lease agreement must be completed and submitted each year.
2. The lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own llamas. 4-H members may not enroll both leased and owned animals. Leasing a llama will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the llama regardless of where the llama is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the llama during the 4-H lease period from May 15 through the 4-H Llama show at the Indiana State Fair.
3. The agreement between the 4-H member and a llama owner should include such terms as may best fit their partnership conditions.
4. The lease agreement is to be completed and turned in to the Extension Office on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. All leases will be reviewed by the Llama Committee.
5. The animals and 4-H members must meet and comply with all other rules of the shows they enter.

## **Requirements & Expectations:**

### **Level 1 Grades 3-5:**

1. Attend llama workshops. See code of conduct for requirements.
2. Learn basic health, nutrition and conformation and complete your project notebook that covers these topics. Leaders will check your notebook or speak with you at workshops.
3. At workshops each week under the superintendent and committee member's instructions and supervision, you will train your llama in all five types of classes, learn grooming techniques, and learn all aspects about llamas and have a time to work in the llama barn at the fairgrounds.
4. Attend your county 4-H fair and do the following:
  - a. Show in the showmanship class and at least one other class.

- b. Attend to all of your llama's basic needs during the entire week at the county fair.

### **Level 2 Grades 6-8:**

1. Attend llama workshops. See code of conduct for requirements.
2. Expand your knowledge on health, nutrition and conformation and complete the notebook section related to your year in the project. Leaders will check your notebook or speak with you at workshops.
3. At workshops each week under the superintendent and committee member's supervision, you will train your llama in all five types of classes, learn grooming techniques, and learn all aspects about llamas and have a time to work in the llama barn at the fairgrounds.
4. Attend your county 4-H fair and do the following:
  - a. Show in the showmanship class and at least two other classes.
  - b. Attend to all of your llama's basic needs during the entire week at the county fair.

### **Level 3 Grades 9-12:**

1. Attend llama workshops. See code of conduct for requirements.  
Continue to expand your knowledge on health, nutrition and conformation and learn about breeding, birthing, lactation and rebreeding. Leaders will check your notebook or speak with you at workshops.
2. At workshops each week under the superintendent and committee member's supervision, you will train your llama in all five types of classes, learn grooming techniques, and learn all aspects about llamas.
3. Attend your county 4-H fair and do the following:
  - a. Show in the showmanship class and at least three other classes.
  - b. Attend to all of your llama's basic needs during the entire week at the county fair.

### **Classes:**

- Showmanship-In showmanship class, the 4-H member is being judged on how well they are able to show their llama to its best ability to the judge. The conformation of the llama is not being judged in this class. The llama needs to be groomed and prepared for showmanship class. The 4-H member should have safe and neat attire on. **(All 4-H members are required to participate in this class.)**
- Obstacle Course-The purpose of Obstacle is to test the llama's obedience and willingness to complete the activities requested by the 4-H member. The obstacles used for this class vary greatly but must include a bridge or ramp, jumps, flexibility or maneuvering (weaving), change of pace and backing.
- Pack Class-Pack is designed to simulate conditions and obstacles one would encounter while hiking with llamas on the trail. Obstacles for this class include a bridge or ramp, stepping over a jump, manageability, and taking off the pack.
- Costume-The 4-H member decides on a theme and dresses him/herself and the llama to illustrate the chosen theme. The 4-H member and the llama are being judged on the llama's acceptance of the costume and the amount of coverage on the llama. A short-written script is required to describe the theme of the 4-H member and his/her llama. (Music can be used during this presentation, but is not required.)
- Public Relations (PR)-PR class demonstrates things a llama would encounter if it were to participate in community activities, school or hospital visits or parades. The required obstacles for this class are stairs or ramps, showing teeth or foot, loading in a vehicle, backing, and petting.