

Crawford County Alpaca/Llama Livestock Project

Thank you for your interest in an alpaca or llama livestock project. This packet includes information relevant to the project and will hopefully address any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact any Alpaca/Llama Committee member for further information if necessary.

This packet includes the following documents:

Contract for lease of a project animal – If the alpaca or llama will be leased, this form is required to be completed.

Alpaca/Llama Junior Fair Member Information – This form will need completed for each junior fair exhibitor.

Department 10 – Alpacas/Llamas – This document describes the general rules for the Alpaca/Llama Show and Sale.

Unacceptable Pens Policy – This is a new document for 2020 and is required by the Crawford County Livestock Committee regarding the upkeep of livestock pens at the Fair.

Alpaca/Llama Work Log – This form is to be completed by the exhibitor throughout the course of the project and serves as documentation for the amount of time and number of times the exhibitor has worked with the project animal.

Alpaca/Llama Skillathon Information – This document describes requirements for the Alpaca/Llama Livestock Project for the Skillathon.

Fleece Judging – This document describes the requirements for judging the animal's fleece.

Important Dates – This document lists important dates and deadlines for the alpaca/llama livestock project.

Alpaca/Llama Committee Contacts – This document lists contact information for the Alpaca/Llama Committee Members.

Fiber Project (Optional) – New for 2020 is the option of completing a fiber project.

ALPACA/LLAMA JR FAIR MEMBER INFORMATION

Circle One: **New Member 2020** OR **Returning Jr. Fair Member**

Member Information			
Last Name	First Name	Jr. Fair Age as of 1/1/20	Date of Birth
Phone Number	Club Name	Number of Yrs. in Club	Shirt Size (Circle One)
			Youth S M L XL Adult S M L XL
Please describe known allergies, special accommodations, circumstances, or conditions that may affect the member's ability to participate in the project (this information is kept confidential):			

Animal Information			
Name	Date of Birth (Approx.)	Color	Species (Circle One)
			Alpaca Llama
Circle One:			Age of Animal
Male	Gelded Male (18 mo. or older)	Female	

Parent Information		
Name(s)	Phone Number	Email Address
Complete One		Parent Signature
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to allow my child's photo to be used on the Crawford County Alpaca's Facebook page, in the barn, newspaper, thank you cards, etc.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not want any pictures of my child posted anywhere.		
<p style="text-align: center;">The Exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing the following items: [show shirt (hunter green), fair themed t-shirt, halter and lead strap (red, blue, or black), green sign and wooden picture frame, proportionate share of sod cost] You will be notified as to whom checks should be made payable.</p>		

This completed form **MUST** be turned in to an alpaca/llama committee member by **April 15.**

CONTRACT FOR LEASE OF A PROJECT ANIMAL

This contract is entered into this _____ day of _____, _____, between _____, the lessee, of _____, County of _____, State of Ohio, and _____, the owner, County of _____, State of Ohio.

The term of this contract shall be from the 1st of April, 20____, to the _____ of July, 20____. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement in writing; or by at least 10 day(s) written notice from either party.

The lessee hereby agrees to accept responsibility of the animal listed below:

Registered Name	Breed/Color	Microchip Number	Registration Number	Sex	Date of Birth

It is agreed that the title of said animal shall at all times remain in the possession of the owner. The owner agrees to assume all legal responsibility as owner of the animal described in this agreement and will not hold the lessee liable for any injury or death of the animal. Both owner (lessor) and child (lessee) are responsible for any damages caused by said animal.

OTHER CONDITIONS: The lessee leasing the animal described above agrees to:

1. Bear all livestock expenses incurred in transporting and/or exhibiting the animal. The lessee may keep any premiums, awards, or sale money earned while exhibiting the animal during the duration of this contract.
2. The lessee will pay for the feeding (grain and hay) of the animal during the duration of this contract.
3. The lessee will work with this animal 2 to 4 times a week to prepare the animal for showing. The lessee will maintain/document feed records and attend work visits with the animal. The documentation will be turned in with the Alpaca/Llama workbook the day of the Skill-a-thon.

OTHER CONDITIONS: The owner agrees to:

1. Bear all livestock expenses normally incurred in raising such an animal except for the feed (grain and hay).
2. Not exhibit this animal during the time of the contract.
3. Allow the lessee to exhibit this animal at the Crawford County Fair.
4. By signing below, the lessee, parent/guardian, and owner of the animal understand that this is an agreement between the parties signing below. This agreement does not include the organization or its volunteers.
5. The owner will ensure the animal will be available for the lessee as agreed upon by both parties.

6. The owner will not be held liable for any injury/damage/death of the lessee and/or his/her family members that occurs on the farm owners property.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT: The lessee agrees to pay rental of \$1.00 for the animal for the time frame stated in this contract.

Signature of Owner (Lessor) _____

Date _____

Signature of Lessee _____

Date _____

D.O.B. of Lessee _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

CC: Alpaca/Llama Secretary

ALPACAS/LLAMAS

Advisors- Linda McKee and Rhonda Campbell

Health papers NOT required for Alpaca/Llamas.

Alpacas/Llamas must be in place by Sunday July 19th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

All Barn Meetings – Sunday July 19th, 5:00 pm

Walking Fleece Judging- Wednesday July 22nd 8:30 am

Alpaca/Llama Show – Wednesday July 22nd 10:00 am

Class

132 Llama and Alpaca

General Rules for Alpaca/Llama Show and Sale

1. The Alpaca/Llama committee reserves the right to dismiss any exhibit at any time for failure to maintain pens and animals in an orderly and clean manner. The Alpaca/Llama Committee will make all final rule interpretations and show changes.
2. The animals and/or lease agreement must be in the exhibitor's hands by April 15th. Papers showing ownership or partnership of the animal must be available upon request of the committee.
3. Alpaca/Llama must have a microchip implant for identification purposes.
4. A maximum of two alpacas/llamas of the same gender can be designated to the exhibitor. No Junior Fair Entry Form needed. Any male animal over 18 months of age must be gelded.
5. 4-H/ FFA exhibitors animals will remain at the fair.
6. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal unless excused by the committee.
7. Exhibitors must participate in the Skillathon to be eligible to show.
8. For the Alpaca/Llama Show, exhibitors will be judged on their showmanship/ability to present the animal.
9. Exhibitors are required to follow the established Jr. Fair dress code for all showmanship, judging activities and sale.

10. Showmanship exhibitors will show in their Jr. Fair age division each year. The Senior winner is eligible for the showman of showmen until the senior wins the event.
11. Each exhibitor is required to participate in the Obstacle Course class, Showmanship Class, and the Fleece Judging Class for their animal.
12. On the day of the sale, the "Outstanding Exhibitor Award" will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest total score compiled from the Skillathon/interview judging score, Obstacle Course class, Showmanship class, and the Fleece Judging class placing.
13. A sale item will be devised annually by the Alpaca/Llama committee in cooperation with the Jr. Fair exhibitors. Proceeds will be divided equally among exhibitors with completed projects who are present at the sale.

Alpaca/Llama Committee

Linda McKee Co-Chair (22)	Sara Wise Co-Chair (21)	Lisa Gibbons Sec (21)
Steve Gibbons (21)	Brenda Gosser (22)	Cathleen Johnson (20)
Rachel Bell (21)	Robyn Sheets (20)	Misty Blue (20)
Mary Cotsamire (20)	Don Auck (SFB)	Roy Lucius (SFB)

Exhibitor Copy

Unacceptable Pens Policy

The Crawford County Livestock Committee requires that all pens must be kept clean and presentable as they are on public display. Pens must be clean by 8:00 a.m. each morning as this is when the gates open to the public. If the exhibitor's pen is to be found unacceptable by two of the barn committee members the exhibitor is to be served a written warning providing a time to have the pen cleaned by. If the pen is not cleaned by the designated time the exhibitor can be served their second written warning. The exhibitor can also be served a written warning the following day if the pen is found to be unpresentable after 8:00 a.m. If an exhibitor is served with three written warnings before 10:00 p.m. Friday night the exhibitor will not be able to sell that animal in the premium sale but will still sell at base bid. The written warning is to be signed by two committee members and a parent or exhibitor. The committee members must provide a time to have the pen cleaned by on the written warning. A copy of the warnings will be filed for the committee's members to have proof of the warnings.

Exhibitor Name: _____ **Time Pen Must be Cleaned:** _____

Time/Date: _____ **Barn:** _____ **Warning Number:** _____

Committee Member 1 Signature: _____

Committee Member 2 Signature: _____

Exhibitor/Parent Signature: _____

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Committee Member 1 Signature: _____

Committee Member 2 Signature: _____

Exhibitor/Parent Signature: _____

Committee Copy

ALPACA/LLAMA SKILLATHON INFORMATION

Friday, July 17, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm OR
Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Crawford County Fairgrounds Arena

Attire:

Exhibitors shall dress in accordance with Junior Fair Exhibitors Dress Code for the Skillathon.

Exhibitors must participate in the Skillathon to be eligible to show. If the exhibitor cannot attend the countywide skillathon, make up arrangements must be made **PRIOR** to Skillathon with your livestock department(s) and approved by the 4-H Educator. (July 2017 alpaca meeting motion and May 2018 4-H family newsletter)

There are 3 main parts to the Skillathon as listed below.

1. Completed *Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book* must be turned in at the Skillathon.
2. Completed work log must be turned in at the Skillathon.
3. Further testing is completed at the Skillathon. It is a verbal/interactive test given by various judges. The testing information is directly from the *Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook* and the level of testing is based on the 4-H age as detailed below.

Category	4-H Age	Testing Material
Junior	9 to 11 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Types of Llama/Alpacas• Basic Anatomy• Types of Fiber• Basic Structure• Profit loss from page 36 in your project book figures provided, but need to determine the profit/loss total.
Intermediate	12 to 14 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All of the above• Additional focus on care and behaviors/characteristics of the alpaca/llama• Profit loss from page 36 in your project book, information provided for half of sheet. Complete sheet and provide the profit/loss total.
Senior	15 to 18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All of the above• Be able to answer additional questions regarding housing, breeding, and medications.• Profit loss from page 36 in your project book will be blank. All information will need to be filled in from your records to determine the profit/loss.

CRAWFORD COUNTY ALPACA/LLAMA FLEECE JUDGING

The alpacas' and llamas' fleece will be judged by using two methods. The first method is Spin-Off Judging which requires a sample of the animal's fleece to be removed from the animal and then judged. The second method is Walking Fleece in which the animal's fleece is judged on the animal.

Shearing Requirement

Alpacas and llamas must be sheared by July 1st each calendar year in accordance with Ohio law. Failure to do so is subject to a \$25 per day fine for each day beyond July 1st that the animal is unshorn.

Spin-Off Judging

All alpacas and llamas will be sheared in April or May by a shearer. When the alpaca or llama is sheared, a 2 ounce sample of prime blanket fiber of at least 3 inches long will be collected and placed in a gallon-size plastic zipper type bag with identification as belonging to that particular animal. The fiber shall not be carded, combed, washed or otherwise enhanced; however, it should be handpicked to remove debris and vegetable matter.

The fiber sample will then be judged based on the following divisions and criteria.

Class Divisions

Classes will be divided as follows: 1) First by Breed Type 2) Second by the age of the alpaca or llama at time of shearing 3) Third by color group

Age Divisions

Age divisions are as follows: 6 - 12 months

1st birthday - 24 months

2nd birthday - 36 months

3rd birthday - 60 months

5th birthday and older

Judging Criteria

The judge will card and spin an equal portion of the fiber from each sample entered. Scoring will be based on impression, staple length, cleanliness, lack of second cuts, lack of guard hair or medullated fiber, lock structure in suris, and crimp, staple or architecture in huacayas, uniformity, fineness, handle, luster (suris) or brightness (huacayas), ease of spinning, ease of preparation and hand feel and softness of resulting yarn, plus loft in huacayas.

The Spin-Off samples will also be displayed in the Alpaca/Llama barn after the Alpaca and Llama Show.

SPIN-OFF JUDGE'S SCORE CARD			
Show:		Date:	
Class Number:		Class Name:	
Entry Number		Placing:	
CRITERIA		POINTS	COMMENTS
Fiber Criteria (Total 40 points)			
1 st Impression & Preparation of Entry			
Absence of dirt/contaminates/VM (10)			
Absence of second cuts (5)			
Absence of guard hair (5)			
Uniformity of length (5)			
Uniformity of Micron (5)			
Spinning Criteria (Total 35 points)			
Ease of removing debris (5)			
Ease of Carding (5)			
Ease of Drafting (10)			
Ease of Spinning (10)			
Degree of Production Loss (5)			
Finished Spun Yarn/Skein Criteria (Total 25 points)			
Yarn-Usability (10)			
Yarn-Handle (5)			
Yarn-Brightness/Luster (5)			
Overall Impression (5)			
Deductions:			
1 point per .1 oz. under the 2 oz.			
Disqualifications:			
Sample with bugs, bug leavings, toenails,			
TOTAL POINTS (100)			
COMMENTS:			
Judges' Signature:		Date:	

Walking Fleece Judging

All alpacas and llamas will be judged on the day of the Alpaca and Llama Show. The judge will examine and observe the prime fleece on the animal in order to gauge several different areas of quality. Judging will be performed by one judge which takes about 5 minutes per animal in which the judge will also talk with the exhibitor. Judging will take place in a designated area of the arena in as much natural light as possible. Judging time will be during the morning of the Alpaca and Llama Show.

Class Divisions

Classes will be divided first by the age of the alpaca or llama and second by color group.

Age Divisions

Age divisions are as follows: 6 – 12 months
1st birthday – 24 months
2nd birthday – 36 months
3rd birthday – 60 months
5th birthday and older

Judging Criteria

Scoring will be based on style, which includes fineness, handle, and brightness. Scoring will be based on uniformity, which includes micron, length, and color. Scoring will be based on character which includes, lock formation/crimp, and density/staple type. Scoring will be based on preparation, which includes lack of skirting impurities such as stain, debris, tip damage, and guard hair. Lastly, scoring will be based on cleanliness.

ALPACA AND LLAMA FLEECE JUDGING CARD			
Show		Date	
Entry			
STYLE		MAX	POINTS
Fineness		10	
Handle		10	
Brightness		10	
UNIFORMITY			
Micron		8	
Length		7	
Color		5	
CHARACTER			
Lock Formation/Crimp		10	
Density, Staple Type		5	
PREPARATION			
Stain, Debris, Tip Damage		10	
Guard Hair		5	
CLEAN			
TOTAL		100	
Judges' Signature			

Judging Results

Results of fleece judging for Spin-Off Judging and Walking Fleece Judging will be announced at the Alpaca/Llama Show.

DAY OF SALE

On the day of the sale, the "Outstanding Exhibitor Award" will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest total score compiled from the Skillathon/interview judging score, Spin-Off Fleece class, Walking Fleece class, Obstacle Course class, and Showmanship placing.

ALPACA AND LLAMA SHOW DAY DETAILS

8:30 a.m.	Walking Fleece Judging begins
10:00 a.m.	Alpaca and Llama Show begins
	Parade
	Obstacle Course
During tear down of obstacle course	Top 5 winners from Spin-Off judging and Walking Fleece judging competitions are brought into ring; fleece judging winners are announced; skillathon winners are announced
	Showmanship

2020 Alpaca/Llama Project Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, March 31	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Quality Assurance – 5 th gr. and younger, pre-register	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Youth Building
TBA		Nutrition/maintenance clinic w/ OSU Vet-Pamela Walker	
Thursday, April 9	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Quality Assurance	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Youth Building
Monday, April 1		Project starts-info sheets, all leased animals need papers signed	
Tuesday, April 14	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Quality Assurance	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Youth Building
Thursday, April 16	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Quality Assurance	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Youth Building
Early May TBA		Shearing	Campbell's Farm
April and May	Dates and times negotiable	Optional Fiber Project	TBA
June TBA		Work Day, Picture Day, Cookout	TBA
Friday, July 17	6: pm – 8 pm	Skillathon, books turned in with work log	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
-OR- Saturday, July 18	8 am – 10 am	Skillathon, books turned in with work log	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
July TBA		Pen set-up, sod delivery, items in pens	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Sunday, July 19	10 am – 2 pm	Animals in place at fair; DUNF sheets due upon arrival	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Sunday, July 19	5:00 pm	All Barns Meeting	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Wednesday, July 22	8:15 am	Group Picture	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Wednesday, July 22	8:30 am	Walking Fleece Judging	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Wednesday, July 22	10:00 am	Parade with animals, pledge	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Wednesday, July 22		Obstacle Course	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Wednesday, July 22		Awards announced for walking fleece, spin-off fleece, Skillathon	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Wednesday, July 22		Showmanship – Junior, Intermediate, Senior age groups	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Wednesday, July 22		Judges talk with Exhibitors	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Friday, July 24	5 pm	Showman of Showmen	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Saturday, July 25	9 am	Sale of Champions-mandatory attendance and in show attire	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Arena
Saturday, July 25	9:30 pm	Removal of pictures, signs, awards on pens, and scarves on animals	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Sunday, July 26	7 am	Animals released	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building
Sunday, July 26	am	Barn cleanup, pen disassembly, cleaning of all items	Crawford County Fairgrounds- Whetstone Building

2020 Crawford County Alpaca/Llama Committee Members

Committee	Current Role	Term Ending	Phone	Email
Linda McKee	President	2022	419-562-8510	b.rex2@aol.com
Sara Wise	Vice-President	2021	419-545-6211	story0702@hotmail.com
Lisa Gibbons	Secretary	2021	419-564-1098	lgibbonscpd@yahoo.com
Rachel Bell	Member	2021	419-689-9747	rachel2008b2014@gmail.com
Misty Blue	Member	2020	419-689-0835	opensunshine35@gmail.com
Mary Cotsamire	Member	2020	419-569-1787	marycotsamire@gmail.com
Steve Gibbons	Member	2021	419-617-5346	steves4x4@yahoo.com
Brenda Gosser	Member	2022	419-571-5181	
Cathleen Johnson	Member	2020	614-296-1540	cathfox@yahoo.com
Robyn Sheets	Member	2020	419-562-7899	rbreyley76@hotmail.com
Don Auck	Senior Fair Board		419-561-7736	donauck@hotmail.com
Roy Lucius	Senior Fair Board		419-561-0711	roy.lucius63@gmail.com

Fiber Project (Optional)

New for 2020 is the option for members to complete a fiber project. The fiber project may include making a fiber picture on burlap, needle felting, or dryer balls. The fiber will be furnished and is natural colored and hand acid dyed.

The fiber project may be entered as a domestic and fine arts project (Department 11). (Class 6-Miscellaneous #96 any other fleece; Class 7-Crafts Class Age 12-18 Years #104 any other craft; Class 8-Crafts Class Age 6-11 Years #110 any other craft)

Project dates to be announced. Entry forms will be provided on the day of the project along with further details.

If interested in completing the Fiber Project please contact Cassandra McKee by texting her at (419) 617-2452 and she will call you back.