

## Department 9 4-H/FFA Alpacas and Llamas

Round Cattle Barn, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**Superintendent in Charge:** Aaron Shaw

**Housing Forms:** Junior Fair exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the **OSU Extension Office**. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

**Quality Assurance:** As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

**Skillathon:** Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for the Alpaca/Llama Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Alpaca/Llama Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be eligible.

### **Project Record Books:**

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
  - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Exhibitors will who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - No books will be reviewed after September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Health Papers:** Not required.

**Entries:** Limited to one animal per exhibitor. Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: [go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry](http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry).

### **Alpaca/Llama Classes:**

1. Obstacle/Agility - Senior (Ages 15-18)
2. **Obstacle/Agility - Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**
3. Obstacle/Agility - Junior (Ages 8-11)
4. Public Relations - Senior (Ages 15-18)
5. **Public Relations - Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**
6. Public Relations - Junior (Ages 8-11)
7. Costume - Senior (Ages 15-18)
8. **Costume - Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**
9. Costume - Junior (Ages 8-11)

**Showmanship Classes:** Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

1. Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Senior (Ages 15-18)
2. **Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**
3. Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Junior (Ages 8-11)

**Arrival Time:** Alpacas/llamas can be brought into the fairgrounds Saturday (move-in day) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They must be checked in with the superintendent by 2:00 p.m. They will be housed in the North wing of the Round Cattle Barn.

**Release Time:** **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

**Premiums:** Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Alpaca/Llama Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

**READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR  
GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS**

## **Alpaca/Llama Special Rules**

1. All alpaca/llama projects must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. All alpacas/llamas exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after the designated date. Junior Fair alpacas/llamas may be leased according to rules of the "Ohio 4-H Llama Program, Guidelines to Leasing a Llama." Leasing contracts must be on file at the OSU Extension Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Exhibitors must wear white tops and long black pants.
4. Ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
5. Read health requirement 901: 1-18-11 (check with the Senior Fair Office for more information).
6. Exhibitors are expected to follow the General Rules listed at the beginning of the Junior Fair Book.
7. Exhibitors are required to leave their stall/pen display set-up until move out for viewing by the public. Tack and display must be removed immediately following move-out. Stalls must be cleaned out before leaving the fairgrounds.
8. Alpacas/llamas must be six (6) months of age or older on the day of the show, **however older than 1 year is strongly encouraged.**
9. Alpacas/llamas must be free of diseases and neatly groomed.

### **Alpaca/Llama Showmanship**

1. Showmanship signup is to be completed with your fair entries for each species.
2. Exhibitors must enter their showmanship class to receive a grade.
3. Separate alpaca/llama showmanship classes will be held based on the age of the exhibitor.
4. Showmanship will be conducted in **three** classes: Senior (Ages 15-18), **Intermediate (Ages 12-14)**, and Junior (Ages 8-11).
5. The senior showmanship winner will participate in the Super Showmanship Contest. An exhibitor can compete only once in the Super Showmanship Contest representing alpacas/llamas. If the senior showmanship winner has already participated in the Super Showmanship Contest representing alpacas/llamas, the next highest placing senior showmanship participant who has not competed in Super Showmanship representing alpaca/llamas will compete in the contest.

### **Alpaca/Llama Obstacle**

1. Exhibitors will be required to navigate their animals through **four (4) to eight (8) obstacles depending upon the arena space available.** Obstacles may include but not limited to jumps, maneuverability, a change of pace, backing, a bridge, and a ramp.
2. The animals will be required to be shown in a well-fitted halter and lead.

### **Alpaca/Llama Public Relations**

1. The class is for the alpaca/llama that participates in community activities, goes to schools, hospitals, service clubs, parades, charity functions, or other events.
2. The animal will be required to be show in a well-fitted halter and lead.
3. **The course will include obstacles found in a community, including but not limited to:** Stairs or ramps, petting by **strangers**, and loading into a trailer.

### **Alpaca/Llama Costume**

1. The animal and the handler must be in a costume with a unifying theme. **The costume must be safe for the animal and the handler.**
2. Participants must provide a short paragraph about their costume to be read by the announcer.