The 4-H alpaca or llama project helps youth understand the care, breeding, and showing of alpacas and llamas throughout history. In this project youth will:
- Learn to differentiate between llamas and alpacas
- Learn about breeding techniques and heath tips for the alpaca and the llama.
- Explore different ways to show an alpaca and llama.
- Learn and practice animal ownership care and responsibilities.
- Investigate marketing for fiber, breading or meat products, and how to start a business.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living
- Discuss the necessity and practice of washing your hands before and after handling your alpaca/llama.
- Discuss your alpacas/llamas life expectancy, what to look for when they get older, and how you may feel when they die.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Explore the need for bio-security measures when handling animals.
- Create a list of recommendations for competitive shows for alpacas/llamas.
- Create a list of differences between the different breeds of alpacas (Suri & Huacaya).

Citizenship
- Use the confidence obtained through showing and presentations in all aspects of life.
- Bring your alpacas/llamas to the fair to teach others about this wonderful and unique breed of animals.
- Use showing/raising of alpacas/llamas as a cultural exchange with other nations.

Leadership
- Teach people the importance of caring for animals.
- Become a role model for others by taking the position of a Jr. or Teen Leader.
- Mentor younger members to learn how to show their animal.

Resources
- Alpaca Care
  [http://www.alpaca.com/alpacacareanddiet.cfm]
- Llama Care
  [http://www.philollamas.com/basics.htm]
- Alpaca Fiber
  [http://www.alpaca.com/alpacafiber.cfm]
- Alpaca and Llama Diseases
- Alpaca History
  [http://www.bonnydoonalpacas.org/index-2.html]

Connections & Events
- Presentation Days – Share your knowledge through an alpaca/llama presentation. Create an Educational Display or a PowerPoint Presentation.
- Field Days – These events allow 4-H members to learn more in depth knowledge about all types of animal projects prior to committing to them. Sometimes they show you the potential cost and responsibilities.
- County/State Fairs: Enter your alpaca/llama in showmanship classes and show others what you have learned in the project.

Curriculum
- New Hampshire 4-H Alpaca and Llama Project
- Lama Showmanship Rules and Guidelines
  [www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/docs/Lama-Showmanship-Curriculum.pdf]

4-H Record Book
- 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.
- 4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.
- To access the 4-H Record Book online, visit [http://ucanr.edu/orb/]

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