



# 4-H ALPACA AND LLAMA PROJECT



## 4-H Thrive!

### Help Youth:

#### Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about; it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find how this project excites them.

#### Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence

#### Reach Their Goals

Help youth use the GPS system to achieve their goals.

**Goal Selection:** Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal.

**Pursue Strategies:** Create a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal.

**Shift Gears:** Change strategies if you're having difficulties reaching your goal. Seek

#### Reflect

Ask project members how they can use their passion for this project to be more confident, competent and caring. Discuss ways they can use their skills to make a contribution in the

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 health 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, breeding or meat products, and how to

#### Starting Out *Beginner*

- Learn the difference between the difference between an alpaca and a llama.
- Gather information to determine which animal best fits your lifestyle.
- Identify the names and parts of the alpaca and llama.
- Develop a care management plan for your alpaca or llama.

#### Learning More *Intermediate*

- Prepare and participate in an alpaca or llama show.
- Make a decision if you will have breeding animals.
- Compare food labels and make an informed decision on the content and price of the food.
- Learn proper grooming techniques.

#### Exploring Depth *Advanced*

- Understand about breeding and genetics of alpaca/llamas.
- Learn about alpaca/llama care during pregnancy.
- Create a budget for care, breeding and shows for your alpaca/llama.
- Talk to surrounding areas interested in alpaca/llama breeding and care management.

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 old-

## 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.

## 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

## 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  
<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/exotic-and-laboratory-animals/llamas-and-alpacas/diseases-of-llamas-and-alpacas.html>
- Alpaca History  
<http://www.bonnydoonalpacas.org/index-2.html>

Connections & Events	Curriculum	4-H Record Book
<p><b>Presentation Days</b> – Share your knowledge through an alpaca/llama presentation. Create an Educational Display or a Power Point Presentation.</p> <p><b>Field Days</b> – 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 a responsibilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Hampshire 4-H Alpaca and Llama Project <a href="http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Animal-and-Ag-Science/4-H-AlpacaLlama-Page">http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Animal-and-Ag-Science/4-H-AlpacaLlama-Page</a></li> <li>• <b>Lama Showmanship Rules and Guidelines</b> <a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/docs/Lama-Showmanship-Curriculum.pdf">www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/docs/Lama-Showmanship-Curriculum.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.</p>



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