

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

**Alpaca/Llama Show: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Superintenden: Aaron Shaw**

**Please note: Junior Fair alpacas will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.**

**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> of the current year. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - Exhibitors 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Health Papers:** Not required. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

### Alpaca/Llama Classes:

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| 1. Obstacle/Agility - Senior (Ages 15-18)       | 7. <b>Trail Pack</b> - Senior (Ages 15-18)       |
| 2. Obstacle/Agility - Intermediate (Ages 12-14) | 8. <b>Trail Pack</b> - Intermediate (Ages 12-14) |
| 3. Obstacle/Agility - Junior (Ages 8-11)        | 9. <b>Trail Pack</b> - 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)        |  |

**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 Ed Sands Building.

**Release Time:** Friday, October 10<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 may declare a second animal to be used as a backup animal. A backup animal may be a leased animal. Exhibitors may share a backup animal that is owned or leased however, if utilized, it may only be used as a primary animal by one exhibitor. A backup animal would be used only in the case of injury or death to the project animal or other extreme circumstance approved by the Alpaca Superintendent, Junior Fair Director, Senior Fair Board Director overseeing Alpacas/Llamas, and 4-H Extension Educator. The animal must be replaced by the species' move-in day of the Fairfield County Fair. The backup animal must be declared by July 1<sup>st</sup> along with all required paperwork (same requirements as primary animal). Please note "backup animal" on paperwork submitted.**
4. Exhibitors must wear white tops and long black pants.
5. Ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
6. Read health requirement [901:1-18-11](#) (check with the Senior Fair Office for more information).
7. Exhibitors are expected to follow the General Rules listed at the beginning of the Junior Fair Book.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Alpacas/llamas must be free of diseases and neatly groomed.

#### **Alpaca/Llama Showmanship**

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
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. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year. Showmanship will be conducted in three classes: Senior (Ages 15-18), Intermediate (Ages 12-14), and Junior (Ages 8-11).
4. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
5. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
6. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
7. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Alpaca/Llama Showman of Showmen.
8. The Alpaca/Llama Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

#### **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 Trail Pack (New for 2025)**

1. **The purpose of this class is to emulate the species native environment by navigating obstacles while wearing a pack.**
2. **Exhibitors must provide a pack with cinches, and fill material to bulk packs out. Weight is optional on animals over 36 months old in Intermediate and Senior classes. Junior class must carry no weight. Alpacas/llamas must wear a pack proportionate in size to their body.**
3. **The animals will be required to be shown in a well-fitted halter and lead.**
4. **The course will include obstacles found on a trail, including but not limited to: Standing water, moving objects, and items obstructing their pathway.**