

Ideas for Llama and Alpaca Learning Activities Advanced Level

Need more ideas for your llama or alpaca project? There are hundreds of things you can do! You are being asked to complete **at least five** activities each year. Use this list, the 4-H *Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook*, and your imagination, and then write your ideas in your *Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book*. Have fun!

- Help a new 4-H member select an animal for his or her alpaca or llama project.
- Name four procedures for administering medication and proper injection sites to your animal.
- Help a new 4-H member prepare an animal for showing.
- Visit three llama or alpaca farms to discuss management practices.
- Design a file that describes the diseases a llama or alpaca can acquire. For each disease, include a description, treatment, and preventive measures.
- Enter and exhibit your project animal in an open class show.
- Give four reasons why it is important to keep accurate and up-to-date records.
- Review each animal record in your herd for economic value, health history, reproductive history, disposition, and conformation.
- Describe how manure benefits soil quality and list the primary nutrients found in llama or alpaca manure.
- Assist with conducting an alpaca or llama show, clinic, or auction.
- Explain to a younger member the parts of a medication insert.
- Explain a good feeding schedule and why it is important to maintain.
- Teach the parts of a llama or alpaca to younger members of your club.
- Describe the breeding habits of llamas and alpacas.
- Participate in a radio or TV broadcast, or speaking event discussing some aspects of the llama or alpaca industry.
- Visit a spinner's guild to see how llama or alpaca fiber is processed.
- Judge a class of four llamas or alpacas and give oral reasons.
- Explain why vitamins and minerals are important in the diet of a llama or alpaca.
- Explain the following terms: gopher ear, parrot mouth, prehensile.
- Describe llama or alpaca teeth, their location, and purpose.



- What is Berserk Male Syndrome (BMS) and how is it caused?
- Describe what the differences are between extra-label drugs, over the counter, and prescription drugs.
- List plants in your section of the country that are toxic to llamas or alpacas.
- Briefly describe four careers that are associated with the llama or alpaca industry.
- Research the possible use of llamas as a food source.