

Ideas for Llama and Alpaca Learning Activities

Beginning Level

Need more ideas for your llama and 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!

- Identify the four species of South American camelids and describe their main differences.
- Identify 10 body parts of the llama or the alpaca.
- Attend a llama or alpaca show and observe the evaluation of the animals and the specialized show classes.
- Visit a local llama or alpaca farm and observe the way the animals are managed.
- Define the following terms: cria, dam, gelding, desensitizing, topline, ruminant, stoic.
- Assemble a show box of supplies that you would need at a show or fair.
- Explain three ways that you would prevent disease in a llama or alpaca.
- Describe or demonstrate three ways you could identify your project animal.
- Define the word parasite and name three that are common to your project animal.
- Name two ingredients in your feed and their function in your animal.
- Review a feed tag and identify the main ingredients, protein level, and if the feed is medicated.
- Explain why water is the most important nutrient in the diet of a llama or alpaca.
- Explain why hay and other roughages are important for your animal.
- Explain adequate housing for your llama and alpaca.
- Explain the characteristics to look for when selecting a llama or alpaca project.
- Describe the characteristics of a sick llama or alpaca.
- Demonstrate how to properly store and account for all drug products.
- Describe three uses of llama or alpaca fiber.
- Teach your animal to lead, to back, do a haunch turn, and to turn on front feet.
- Visit a veterinarian clinic and discuss llama or alpaca diseases with the veterinarian.
- Discuss the steps in preparing your animal for a show.
- Identify five things that are essential in keeping your animal healthy and clean at the county fair.
- Explore the history of llamas or alpacas through the internet or by visiting your local library.
- Send a thank you note to award donors and anyone who helped you with your project (i.e., advisors, older members, parents).

