

Ideas for Llama and Alpaca Learning Activities Intermediate 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!

- Using a picture or an actual animal, describe an ideal llama or alpaca using judging terms.
- Help a new member learn how to correctly identify 15 external parts of a llama or alpaca.
- Describe how you would feed a newly born cria.
- Correctly spell and define the following terms: gestation, orgle, quadrant, conformation, soundness, balance, domesticated, guard hair.
- Using a model or an actual animal demonstrate how you would perform the management practice of toenail trimming.
- Name and describe three common external and three internal parasites that can harm your animal's health.
- Describe the digestive system of a llama or an alpaca and how that affects the kinds of feed used.
- Describe three methods of worming and explain why worming is necessary.
- Describe the following undesirable characteristics: sickle hock, cow hock, tight roping, splay foot, knock knee, weak pasterns.
- Describe what parts of a llama or alpaca help it to sense its environment.
- Explain the ways a llama or alpaca will defend itself and can serve as a guard animal in an individual farm setting.
- Discuss the various records that a llama or alpaca raiser/producer should keep and explain why each is useful.
- Read one or more llama or alpaca articles each month for six months.
- Visit a llama or alpaca sale, auction, or farm to learn about the marketing aspects of your animal.
- Learn about the various methods of shearing a llama or alpaca.
- Describe the differences between the wool of sheep and that of a llama or alpaca.
- Describe the uses of fiber from a llama or alpaca.
- List the four factors in the selection of breeding stock to upgrade the quality of your herd.



- Describe llama and alpaca products.
- Visit a show of the Alpaca and Llama Show Association (ALSA) and observe the classes ranging from performance to halter/conformation classes.
- Name five positive showmanship practices.
- Explain different types of halters used on llamas or alpacas and how they should fit.
- Describe and demonstrate how to properly catch your animal and to safely halter.
- Join a llama or alpaca organization in your county or state.
- Be able to read a medication label and to calculate dosage for your animal.
- Learn how to tie a slip knot and explain why it is important to use with animals.
- Describe the early symptoms of the following health problems and one treatment for each: heat stress, cold stress, dehydration, intestinal blockage, choking.
- Describe proper methods of feeding and fencing your animal.
- Demonstrate correct showmanship techniques for younger members in your club.
- Explain gestation period and the length of time in an estrus cycle.