

MAMA LLAMA



group of imaginative, quick thinking llama club 4-H'ers.

A cria was born to a first time Mom on the farm and although Mom was milking the cria, the weight gains were smaller than desired. It seemed that it would be beneficial to supplement the cria. So as not to interfere too much with Mom and her new cria, the kids constructed a faux Mama Llama.

The kids found an aquarium stand in a storage area and wrapped the legs and draped the sides with llama wool.

A disguised piece of plywood was put across the top with a couple of holes just the size to hold one or two



inverted baby bottles. This became the new, and very fashionable, Mama Llama in the herd.

Baby took to the new Mama Llama with no hesitation once the new milk supply was discovered. And periodically the cria was let out to visit Mama Llama and enjoy the additional feedings. Weight gains increased.

However, when the new Mama Llama was first introduced, members of the herd were not so quick to welcome her. The herd members gathered around Mama



Llama with much distrust, curiosity and hesitation. A couple of the females nervously circled the group continuously with apprehension and gave the alarm call. Others cautiously approached slowly to get a quick whiff.

Mama Llama did cause quite a comical upset at the first introduction. But the cria only recognized the fact that Mama Llama had food and took full advantage of that opportunity. Mama Llama did her job and the outcome was positive.

The cria is now doing well and Mama Llama, with her once fashionable wool coat drooping, has now been moved to a corner just in case she is ever needed again.

Happy Humming,
Cappy



The Show To Be At ... **The All American Youth Jamboree**

“The Show Where Every Kid is a Star!”

By Justine Rennecker

Youth Committee Member of the All American Youth Jamboree



But its not just showing your animals! Look at this schedule! There will also be a cookout, a street dance, Skillathon, Llama Jeopardy, Farmer Olympics, poster classes, a fleece show, animal care workshops, and special needs classes. And many cash premiums and prizes! Just think about it ... meeting friends that can last a lifetime from all over the country while being with your llamas! How great is that?

Calling out all youth that love showing their llamas and meeting new people! This show is for you!

This will be the kick off of the first “All American Youth Jamboree and Conference” – the very first National Youth Show! Here is your chance to discover more about your llamas and alpacas and congregate with other youth from around the country and regions in the process. The show will be held in an easily accessed central location just outside of Indianapolis, Indiana at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Dates are June 27-29, 2008. Schools are out which makes traveling convenient and doable.

This is not just an ALSA sanctioned show ... it’s also a 4-H show! Two separate shows! This event is for all youth and their llamas! The total entry fee is only \$50.00. Wow! This covers: stalling, show entry fees, seminars, workshops, and dinners. Fiber workshops will have an additional \$3.00 kit charge for the needed materials to complete a project.

For this first time national youth event, there is also a selected committee of senior youth that are able to put in their ideas that make the show more fun. So what are you waiting for? Mark your calendars!! This is truly an event that you don’t want to overlook. Don’t miss this first annual nation-wide youth weekend! If you have any questions, concerns, comments, volunteers, or would like to contribute sponsorships, feel free to contact the Event Chair, Marilyn Nenni. To learn more about this “Totally Awesome Event,” please visit <http://www.youthjamboree.net/>



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WHERE TO BE

- **June 7, 2008 “Beginning Wet Felting”**
Presented by Jarka Sobiskova contact: Edie Benusa (608)206-0874
bbenusa@merr.com
- **June 7-8, 2008 Gentle Spirit Clinic with Cathy Spalding**
Clinic location: 1470 Meadowvale Lane, Santa Ynez, CA 93460 For more information and registration please contact Kelley Lucia/Pacific Breeze Alpacas (805)717-0046
- **June 8, 2008 Alpaca Heritage Fiber Fiesta at the Springfield Veterans Memorial Park in Springfield, NJ.**
Alpaca breeders as well as spinners, knitters, felters and other fiber artists are invited to visit and purchase locally produced alpaca fleeces and yarns. Free seminars and free admission to all visitors. The Fiber Fiesta also includes the Bare Naked Alpaca Show (shorn alpacas only, of course!) For more details, call Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696 or visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **June 18- 22, 2008 Lama Association of North America Expo Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon, Nevada.**
PLTA Pack Trials on June 18, Educational Program on June 19 and 20, and Double ALSA Llama Show on June 21 and 22. Check the LANA website at www.lamainfo.org or call LANA office at 541-830-5262.
- **June 21, 2008 Vermillion County Indiana ALSA Level I Show, Cayuga, IN**
Judge – Michael Swanson, Council Bluffs, IA Contact Leigh Snyder for more info: ljsllamas@yahoo.com 217-251-6443
- **June 21, 2008 Ohio River Valley Llama Association**
ALSA Llama Show at Eden Park Equestrian Complex, Sunbury, OH. Showmanship & Halter Judge: Hank Kauffman, Fiber & Performance Judge: Deb Yeagle. Show superintendent: Nick Fischer. Premiums for High Point Performance & Best of Show Male/Female. Entry forms available at www.orvla.com or www.neola.org.
- **June 27-29, 2008 Backcountry Llama Rendezvous and Drive-In at Emigrant Springs, OR.**
Lots of educational seminars about llamas and many fun things to do with them. New this year will be a guided pack trip into the southern Wallows (Main Eagle) immediately following the weekend activities. By guided, I mean it will be led by packers experienced in this particular hike, but it is intended to be a BYOLL (bring your own llama) event, for experienced and equipped packers. Backpackers are also welcome -see firsthand what real llama packing is all about. See the website for more details and lots of pictures.
<http://www.rattlesnakeridgeranch.com/> Click on Events.
- **June 28, 2008 Wild ‘N’ Woolly Youth Show Custer County Fairgrounds**
Junction Hwy 2 & 70 Broken Bow, NE Judges: Barbara Harris – Performance Geri Rutledge – Fleece Contact: Tami Schendt 308-872-2936 ptschendt@yahoo.com
- **June 28, 2008 Vermilion County Fair Llama Show**
Danville, Illinois ALSA show; Judge-Rick Neal; Halter, Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, & Showmanship Classes only. Contact: Leigh Snyder, for more info or visit the ALSA website.
- **June 27-29, 2008 All American Youth Jamboree & Shows Just outside Indpls., IN**
ALSA Youth Show, 4-H Show, Fiber Workshops, Llama Care, Youth Challenges, Seminars. Fun Party, Farmer Olympics, Cook Out & Campfire Ribbons, Premiums, & Awards Open to all youth - no qualifying information at www.youthjamboree.net
- **July 24-26th, 2008 “20th Celebration Ohio State Fair Llama-Alpaca-Fiber Show!”**
Level III, every class imaginable. Judges: Tami Lash and Terry Duespohl. Prizes, food, vendors, tee shirts, music, favors, fun, phenomenal Fiber Show, Drill Team performance. Access all information, list of classes and entry form at www.ohiostatefair.com. Deadline always June 20th. Questions: Donna Moore (740-743-1092) Held at Fairgrounds in Columbus, OH
- **July 25 & 26, 2008 WALKABOUT VI – Hinterland’s 6th Tri-annual Llama Production Sale.**
A Stellar Selection of the finest show and breeding stock in North America. Preview: Friday, July 25th; Auction: Saturday, July 26th. Please contact Kay: (541) 549-1215, hinterlandllamas@peoplepc.com, or visit us at www.hinterlandllamas.com.
- **August 1-3, 2008 Camelid Community 2008, Kansas City, MO**
Open to everyone in the llama and alpaca community, this annual gathering will discuss “the state of the union” of the camelid world. All llama and alpaca organizations are encouraged to send a representative to this open forum, and interested individuals also are welcome. For registration information or more details, contact Sheila Fugina at bsfugina@presscenter.com or 715-246-5837.
- **August 2, 2008 Lenawee County Fair Open Llama show Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI**
Open Single Llama Show Official judge: Beth Myers Show contact: Tami Lash (517)467-2709, show forms available on www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com or email Uniqueanimal@aol.com
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- **August 23-24, 2008 Nebraska State Fair Alsai Llama Show State Fair Park Lincoln, NE**
Judges: Barbara Harris – Halter Harold Herbold – Performance Contact: Eunice Cernohlavek 402-475-8636 eunice@isp.com For premium book and application forms: www.statefair.org
- **September 27-28, 2008 Millennium Magic Fall Festival Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI**
Open Double Llama Show Saturday evening fellowship dinner Official judges: Darrell Anderson and Terry Duespohl Show contact: Tami Lash (517)467-2709, show forms available on www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com or email Uniqueanimal@aol.com
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- **Oct 3 - 4, 2008 Tulsa, OK Tulsa State Fair**
Entry forms on Tulsa State Fair website Superintendent - Brenda Foulks bfoulks74016@yahoo.com
- **October 4 & 5, 2008 8th Annual Alpaca Heritage Days.**
Looking for that special alpaca to add to your herd? How about some prime fiber and alpaca products? Mark your calendar now! The weekend offers private treaty sales, free seminars, and lots of shopping fun at Terhurne Orchards in Princeton, NJ. For more information including directions, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **October 25, 2008, 9-3 Tucson Wool Festival**
Sponsored by the Withers Ranch as a community outreach and educational awareness program on fiber animals and arts, various breeders and vendors from throughout the southwest will be demonstrating their wares from their fiber animals on the Withers Ranch in Tucson, Arizona. Free booths are available. Seeking instructors for 2-3 hour classes. Contact Kathy Withers (520)572-3758, jmarckathy@aol.com. Additional information is on the Wool Festival page of www.uniquedesignsbykathy.com.
- **November 8, 2008 Alpaca Heritage Events presents Dr. LaRue Johnson’s Neonatal Clinic in Bordentown, NJ.**
This clinic includes 6 hours of lecture and 90 minutes of wet lab for each registrant. Topics include reproductive anatomy and physiology, breeding and pregnancy diagnosis options, gestational development, care of the pregnant dam, normal and abnormal creation, and care of the newborns as well as high risk crias. The wet lab will include diagnosing the contents of the uterus, delivery plans and cria deliveries. Cost is \$200 per person and includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com or contact Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.

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