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## KIDS & CAMELIDS SHOW

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## THANK YOU for CONTRIBUTING

**Thank you** to the following for their contribution to this newsletter:

David Berry, Sabina Karr, Joy Pedroni, Stephanie Pedroni, Kim Peters, Sue Rich, Cali Roberson, and Mo Zatzke

## President's Message:

I'm so pleased that this show grows each year. To see more youth working with llamas and alpacas is wonderful and encouraging. Kudos to Sue Rich for putting on a fabulous show. On behalf of LANA's Board of Directors, I thank you for all that you do to make this show not only a fun experience for the kids, but an educational one as well. Bravo!!

## Editor's Note:

There's just too much good stuff for one newsletter (50 page limit per newsletter). Be sure to check Volume 2. Stephanie Pedroni was the photographer for the show. Thank you to the many parents and 4-H leaders who shared their pictures for these newsletters.

*Kathy*



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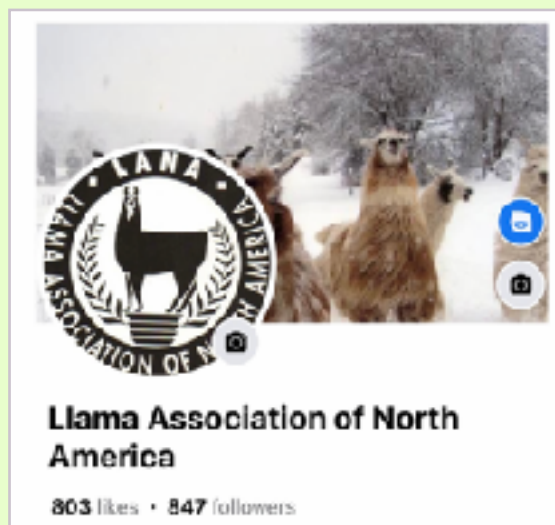
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## LANA has an instagram account!

You can follow LANA  
[@llamaassociationofnorthamerica](https://www.instagram.com/llamaassociationofnorthamerica)



## We're on Facebook too!



### Mission Statement:

Established in 1981, the Llama Association of North America (LANA), serves the camelid community by sponsoring medical research specific to llamas and alpacas; providing current and accurate information about camelid health and care; advocating for pro-camelid legislation and access to public lands; encouraging, educating and mentoring camelid enthusiasts of all ages in their interactions with camelids; supporting rescue for camelids in distress; and hosting a variety of activities including youth programs, hiking trips, shows, parades, fiber clinics, educational events and more.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR LLAMA SHOW

May 6 - 7, 2023  
Pomona, California  
contact: labedeira@yahoo.com

## **LANA SHEARING CLINIC**

**May 13, 2023**  
**Stonehenge Llamas**  
**Vacaville, California**  
contact: joy@blackcatllamas.com  
www.lanainfo.org

## 34th ANNUAL COLA LLAMA FESTIVAL

June 2 - 4, 2023  
Prineville, Oregon  
www.centraloregonllamas.com

## **\*LANA LLAMPING WEEKEND**

**June 9 - 11, 2023**  
**Loafer Creek Equestrian Campground**  
**Oroville, California**  
contact: joy@blackcatllamas.com  
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## ESTES PARK WOOL MARKET LLAMA SHOW -

SILVER and GOLD  
June 10 - 11, 2023  
Estes Park Event Complex  
Estes Park, Colorado  
contact: talltaillamasa@gmail.com  
www.estesparkeventcomplex.com

## ORANGE COUNTY FAIR LLAMA SHOW

July 14 - 16, 2023  
Costa Mesa, California  
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## OHIO STATE FAIR

July 20 - 22, 2023  
Columbus, Ohio  
contact: llamadeb@aol.com

## CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW

July 27-30, 2023  
Cal Expo  
Sacramento, California  
contact: KathySVA@aol.com  
www.calexpostatefair.com

## AMERICAN RIVER CLEAN-UP

September 16, 2023  
Exact location TBA  
Sacramento, California  
contact: lbering@outlook.com

## ALSA WESTERN REGIONALS

September 30 - October 1, 2023  
Lancaster, California  
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## 2023 GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND CHAMPIONS

Show, Sale & Futurity  
October 6 - 8, 2023  
Iowa Equestrian Center  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
www.ilrsdthegathering.com

## GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

October 13 - 15, 2023  
Perry, Georgia  
contact: llamajudge@gmail.com

## NORTH AMERICAN LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW

November 3 - 5, 2023  
Louisville, Kentucky  
www.northamericanllamasow.com

## ALSA GRAND NATIONALS

November 10 - 12, 2023  
Kirkwood Equestrian Center  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
www.alsashow.net

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If you have an event you would like added to the Calendar of Events please contact: lanaquestions@gmail.com or KathySVA@aol.com

**LANA events in BOLD type**

**\* denotes LANA member discount**



# The World of LANA

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. . . It's Research . . .



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people . . .



. . . and Llamas and Alpacas.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER



It was a wonderful thing to schedule the Kids & Camelids Show one time in 2023 and have the weather cooperate. No rescheduling needed this year as we did last year: One and Done! We were blessed with a warm, but not hot, sunny day on Saturday April 22nd. And due to all the rain throughout the winter, the pastures and arena of Mares' Nest in Wilton, California, were green and lush.

We had a full contingent of kids arrive: 7 Juniors, 5 Intermediates, and 2 Seniors and a variety of friends, along with their llamas and alpacas.

As always, this particular event was half show, half clinic: a shownic! Extra care, more detail, and helpful hints are shared during the walk-throughs. When an unruly camelid posed a problem, an adult helper might step in to help calm and guide the animal. And lastly, the judge spent time with each of the participants upon completing the course so that the experience was fresh. This show hopes to be a learning experience so the next time out, the handler and animal are better prepared and more strategic at approaching and navigating obstacles.

Hoping to make to make the event even more appealing to youth handlers, each participant could invite a friend, and that friend was allowed to tackle the obstacle course, once the event is over, with the showing friend leading the way with his or her animal.

This year, we tried some new ideas:

First, Kathy designed a fabulous art station. Youth chose a pre-printed silhouette of an alpaca or a llama, and glued pre-cut strips (cut from colored pages of magazines and calendars) on the back side, covering the outline of the animal shape chosen. Once the strips were in place, Mod Podge was painted over the strips, and the papers were hung from clothes lines (bailing twine) and allowed to dry. Last step in the process was to cut out the shape using the original outline, and voila!! Camelid Modern Art!

Second, we offered a showmanship station. Although we did not have the event itself, this "clinic" was designed to prepare potential State Fair participants for the opportunity come July. In the front yard of Kathy's house, where the veteran trees provided shade, the youth circled with their animals, reversed and haunch turned, hearing the continual refrain of: "Smile, you are having the time of your life and you have the most outstanding animal in the world at the end of your lead line." During the portion of the clinic when participants were standing in line, side by side, facing the

judge and figuring out quadrants, the second most heard mantra was: “TOES! Where are your toes pointing? Toward the shoulder of your animal, please!!” And through the paces of showmanship we went.

A return station, the thank you card table, allowed youth participants to write thank you notes to the many adults who made the show possible. Crayons, felt pens, alphabet stickers, prepared thank you notes and blank notecards were provided. There was creative use of all of these in the finished products. Artistic renderings of hotdogs trended as the most popular theme! Those mailed notes were much appreciated by their recipients.



The adults responsible for the show deemed it a screaming success. The kids left smiling with stuffed camelids, camelid-themed journals and stickers, and a variety of camelid fun stuff. The adults were pleased and shared lots and lots of thank you's and offers to help clean up. It was yet another demonstration of that old adage: It takes a village. Many hands went into this event, and as the show superintendent, I am very, very thankful to those who helped, those who ensured that their children could participate, those who learned new things and who are inspired to go home and work with their kids and camelids.

thank you

**Kathy Nichols:** She had the lion share of the duty this year. She hosted the event (which means prep and clean up), she designed the obstacle courses and hauled all the obstacles into place so that all three courses were set up before the kids arrived. She found and prepared for a wonderful art activity for participants as they created mosaic-stripped silhouettes of either llamas or alpacas. She set up and loaded the Hospitality Table with morning refreshments and much appreciated coffee. And she loaned out her beloved Billy the Kid to youth who were experiencing a show for the first time. And he was a sweetheart.





**Margaret Drew:** She was on her feet all day as the judge and mentor. After scoring each participant's run through a course, she conferred with kids to highlight their successes and suggest tips to improve performance. She volunteered her time and donated her travel expenses.



**Joy Pedroni:** She received all the show paperwork in advance for the event, making sure to email each family as to what she had received. She (wo)manned the scoring table and completed tabulations to make ribbon announcements.

**Stephanie Pedroni:** She stepped in this year as the official photographer. With cell phone in hand, she captured wonderful photos of participants and their friends as they navigated the courses and participated in the showmanship clinic, art station, and thank you card table.



**Robin and Emily Muirhead:** As a mother-daughter team, they tackled the thank you card table, assisting youth in writing and in some cases designing thank you's for the folks listed here. They also set up the prize table dash between each event.

**Fred Rich:** He planned the lunch menu, shopped for all the necessary supplies, and prepared a huge pot of chili beans for the show's participants and families. He volunteered his time and donated the supplies.



**Scott Kuykendall:** He stepped in as assistant chef and chief hot dog barbecuer. He also proved invaluable in regard to breaking down tables and schlepping supplies back to trucks and trailers.

**Cali Roberson and Shawn Vessels:** Both jumped in as petters for the Public Relations class and sat in the sun in newly acquired black T-Shirts.



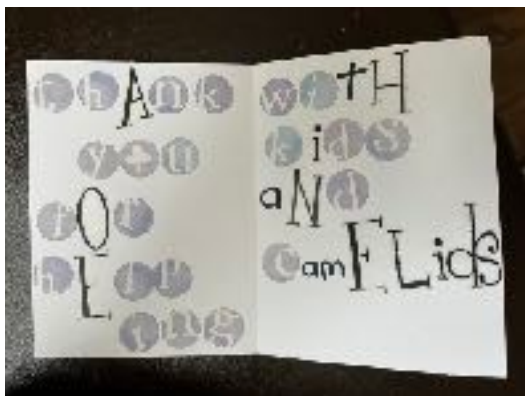


# Art Station





# Thank You Station





# Showmanship Station



# YOUTH PERFORMANCE RESULTS

SENIOR PACK				
place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Joseph Kuykendall	McShaggy's El Tam	Turlock Christian FFA
2		Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H
SENIOR PUBLIC REALTIONS				
place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H
2		Joseph Kuykendall	McShaggy's El Tam	Turlock Christian FFA
SENIOR OBSTACLE				
place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H
2		Joseph Kuykendall	McShaggy's El Tam	Turlock Christian FFA
<b>GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR</b>		Ava Mattia	Miners' Ravine 4-H	
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR</b>		Joseph Kuykendall	Turlock Christian FFA	



**INTERMEDIATE PACK**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Kira Vessels	PRL Beau	Sierra 4-H
2		Cameron Weber	Stratasphere	Miners' Ravine 4-H
3		Cheyenne Jones	Violet	El Dorado 4-H
4		Noelle Berry	Copper Penny	Miners' Ravine 4-H
5		Maverick Zatzske	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H

**INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC RELATIONS**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Cameron Weber	Stratasphere	Miners' Ravine 4-H
2		Maverick Zatzske	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H
3		Kira Vessels	PRL Beau	Sierra 4-H
4		Cheyenne Jones	Violet	El Dorado 4-H
5		Noelle Berry	Copper Penny	Miners' Ravine 4-H

**INTERMEDIATE OBSTACLE**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Kira Vessels	PRL Beau	Sierra 4-H
2		Cameron Weber	Stratasphere	Miners' Ravine 4-H
3		Maverick Zatzske	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H
4		Cheyenne Jones	Violet	El Dorado 4-H
5		Noelle Berry	Copper Penny	Miners' Ravine 4-H

**GRAND CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE**

Kira Vessels

Sierra 4-H

**RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE**

Cameron Weber

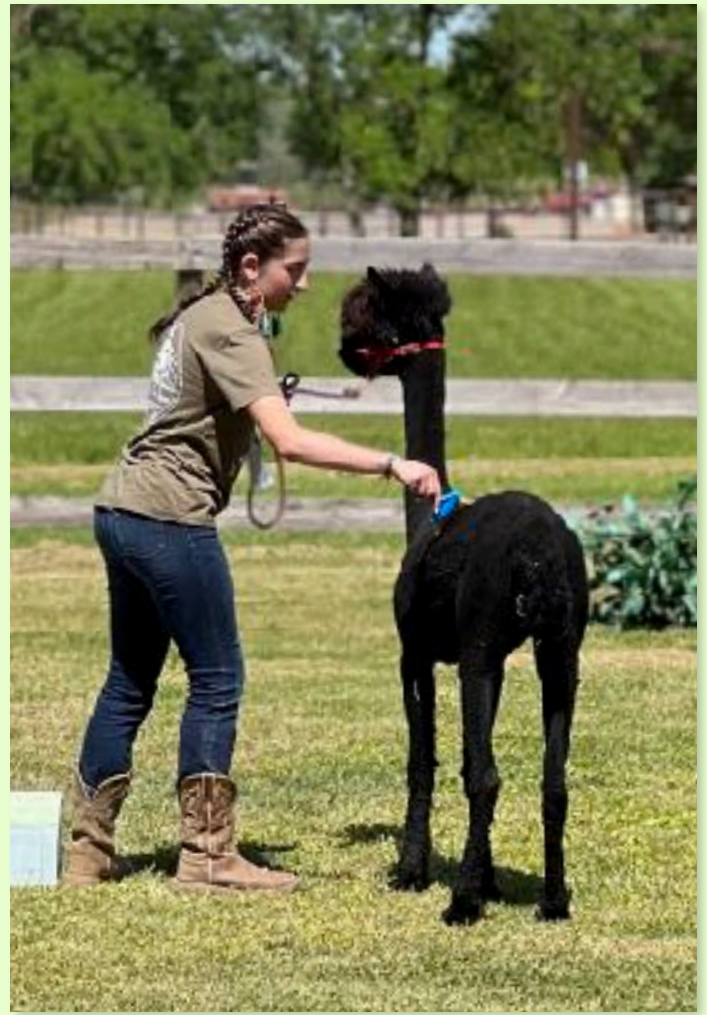
Miners' Ravine 4-H

JUNIOR PACK				
place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Charlotte Roberson	Billy	Roberson Ranch
2		Audrey Roberson	PRL McClure	Sierra 4-H
3		Evelyn Zatzke	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H
4		Miranda Smith	Adele	Miners' Ravine 4-H
5		Alex Donaldson	Enzo	El Dorado 4-H
6		Abigail Donaldson	Garbanzo	El Dorado 4-H
7		Colton Peters	Frostbite	Miners' Ravine 4-H
JUNIOR PUBLIC REALTIONS				
place		YOUTH	LLAMA/ALPACA	RANCH/GROUP
1		Audrey Roberson	PRL McClure	Sierra 4-H
2		Charlotte Roberson	Billy	Roberson Ranch
3		Colton Peters	Frostbite	Miners' Ravine 4-H
4		Evelyn Zatzke	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H
5		Abigail Donaldson	Garbanzo	El Dorado 4-H
6		Miranda Smith	Adele	Miners' Ravine 4-H
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3		Miranda Smith	Adele	Miners' Ravine 4-H
4		Colton Peters	Frostbite	Miners' Ravine 4-H
5		Evelyn Zatzke	River	Miners' Ravine 4-H
6		Alex Donaldson	Enzo	El Dorado 4-H
7		Abigail Donaldson	Garbanzo	El Dorado 4-H
<b>GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR</b>			Charlotte Roberson	Roberson Ranch
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR</b>			Audrey Roberson	Sierra 4-H

Ava









# Joseph





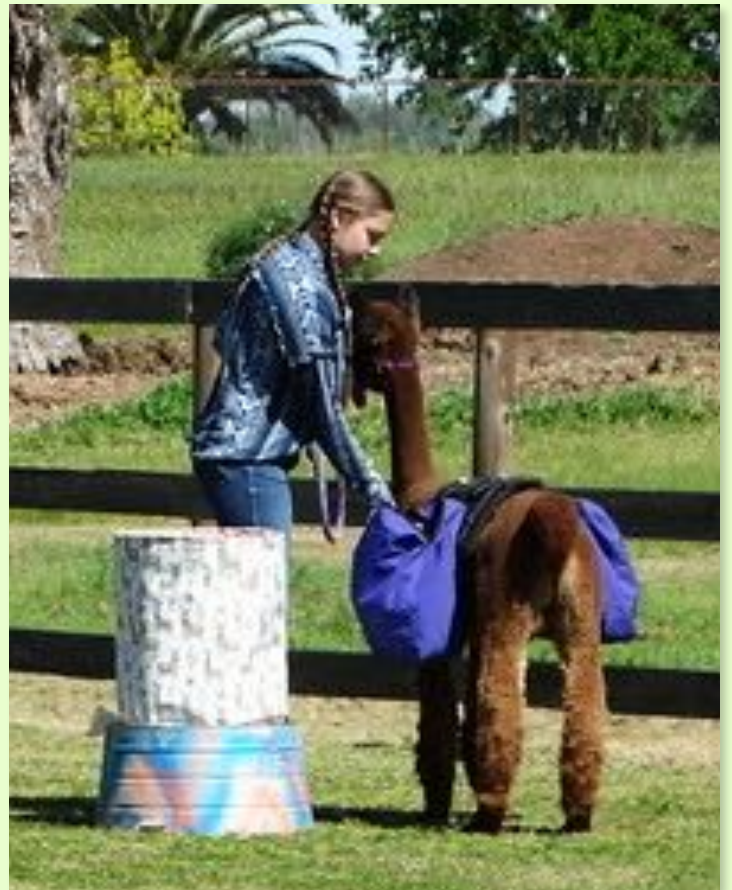




Cheyenne











Cameron







Kira











Maverick







Noelle









# California STATE FAIR



## Llama & Alpaca Show

July 28-31, 2023

Cal Expo

Sacramento, California

Judge Tracy Weaver

ALSA Sanctioned

[www.calexpostatefair.org](http://www.calexpostatefair.org)

show contact [KathySVA@aol.com](mailto:KathySVA@aol.com)

### Premier Youth Exhibitor Awards

The Premier Youth Exhibitor Awards recognizes the best all-around youth in their respected age divisions. These awards to be made to the youth winning the most ALSA points in Showmanship and their best of two performance classes in their age division, as well as participation in public relations activities at Fair and the Youth Skillathon Challenge.

#### Mandatory

- Showmanship
- Performance Division  
(all three classes: Obstacle, Pack, and Public Relations Classes)
- Public Relations Activities during Fair  
(participation in **two** demonstrations and **two** walk-a-llama/alpaca)
- Youth Skillathon Challenge  
(competing by age divisions - points awarded for placements similar to the ALSA point system)

#### Premier Junior Youth Exhibitor

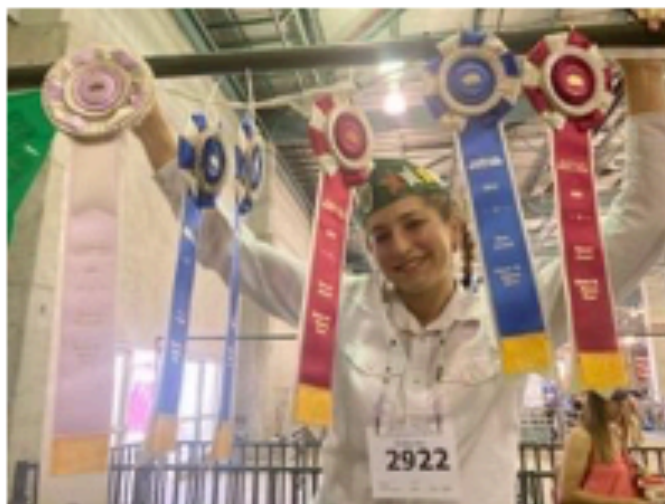
\$50, Special Award and Rosette

#### Premier Intermediate Youth Exhibitor

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#### Premier Senior Youth Exhibitor

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## Sierra 4-H Llama Project Turlock Christian FFA Club



**Kira Vessels** is a 12 year old intermediate youth showing PRL Beau, on loan from Greg and Diana Harford's Potato Ranch Llamas.



**Joseph Kuykendall** is a 15 year old senior youth involved in Turlock Christian's FFA program, showing McShaggy's El Tam, a gift from Arleen McCombs.

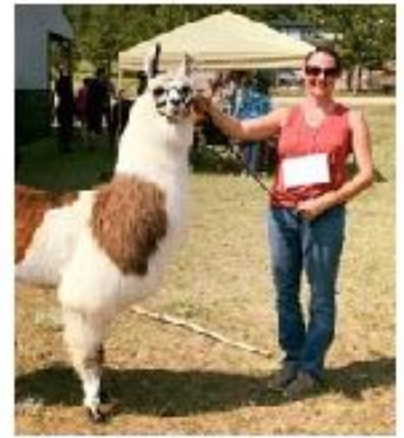


**Emily Muirhead**, a former 4-H'er, helps youth and is returning to the show ring.



**Audrey Roberson** is a 10 year old junior showing PRL McClure in her second year as a youth handler.





# Black Cat Llamas

JOY PEDRONI & STEPHANIE PEDRONI



LOCATED IN VACAVILLE, CA, WE ARE LLAMA ENTHUSIASTS THAT ENJOY:

- *Competing with our small herd*
  - *Hiking with our animals*
- *Doing educational & fun public events*
- *Creating & selling llama related crafts*





# LAMARAH

Wilton, California  
Kathy Nichols





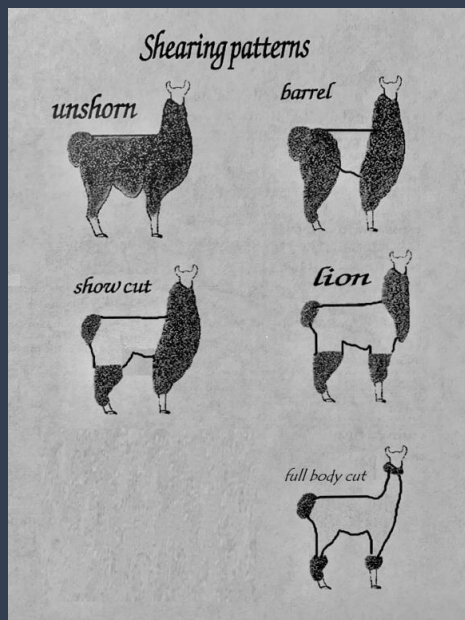
# SHEARING CLINIC

May 13, 2023

Stonehenge Llama Ranch  
Vacaville, CA

LANA Members - Free  
Non-Members - Free

Shearing our camelids is important for their health and well-being. We offer this clinic at no charge to encourage owners to learn how to give their llamas the necessary health care.



We will be demonstrating various shearing patterns, what kind of shears, blades and accessories to use and where to get them. Bring a llama and get hands on experience with an experienced shearer to guide you.

- ~ Shearing
- ~ Toenail Trimming
- ~ Deworming & Inoculations

Go to [www.lanainfo.org/forms-docs](http://www.lanainfo.org/forms-docs)  
To download the registration form



# LLAMPING AT LAKE OROVILLE

June 9-10-11, 2023

## Loafer Creek Campground

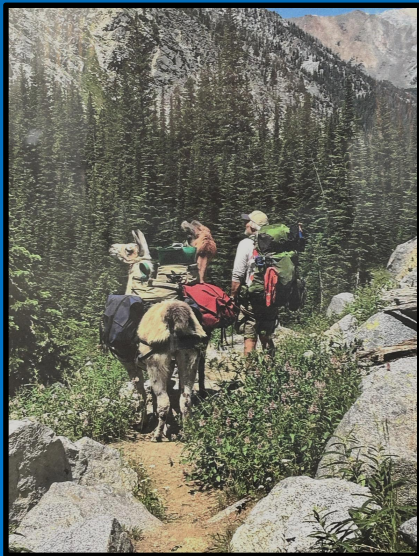
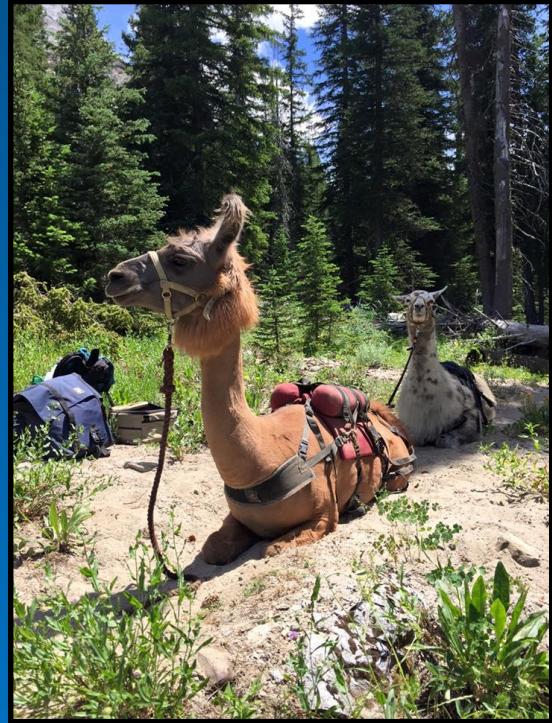
Loafer Creek Road (off Hwy 162)  
Oroville, CA 95966

LANA Members - \$125

Non-Members - \$150

### Cost includes:

- 2 nights camping
- 1 corral per campsite
- Saturday night dinner
- Hiking with llamas mini-clinic



Bring the family, some friends and your llamas for a weekend of Llamping! (that's camping with llamas ;) There are toilets and showers. RV's are fine but there are NO hookups. Generators are allowed between certain hours.

- ~ Enjoy a hike along the lake with lunch carried by your llamas
- ~ Party on Saturday night with a delicious dinner prepared campfire style
- ~ Learn a few things about hiking with llamas
- ~ Go swimming in the lake
- ~ Join us and have a great time!

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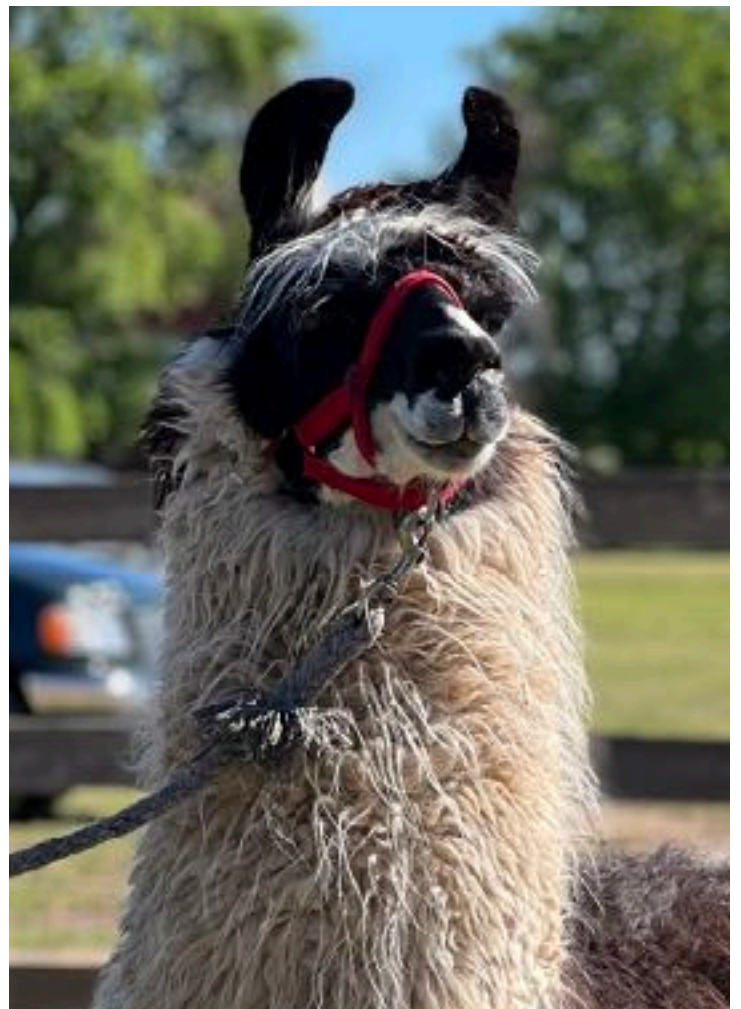


























# Minimum Standards of Care for Llamas and Alpacas

Minimum Standards of Care are mandatory to llama and alpaca survival and humane treatment. These are the most basic requirements that all llamas and alpacas must have for physical well-being and, as such, define minimum requirements for animal control officers and government officials investigating questionable llama and alpaca care situations.

1. **WATER:** Animals should have continuous access to potable drinking water.
2. **NUTRITIONAL:** Animals should have nourishment adequate to sustain life and health.
3. **SHELTER:** Animals should have natural or man-made shelter that enables them to find relief from extreme weather conditions. The sheltered area must allow for the ability to stand, lie down, rest and reasonably move about.
4. **MOBILITY:** Animals should have a living area through which they can move freely and exercise independently
5. **NEGLECT:** Animals should have a physical appearance free from signs of serious neglect. Signs of serious neglect may include such things as crippled ambulation due to severely curled toenails, ingrown halters, or living conditions not meeting the minimums listed above.
6. **SAFETY:** Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from injury or death within their defined living environment and/or when traveling.
7. **CRUELTY:** Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from cruel treatment and actions that endanger life or health or cause avoidable suffering.
8. **SOCIALIZING:** Llamas and alpacas are herd animals and should not live alone without a companion animal. A cria (a baby llama or alpaca under six months) should not be apart from other llamas or alpacas.

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