



# LANA NEWS



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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:

Óscar Castro García, Joy Pedroni, and Sue Rich, and Cali Roberson

## President's Message:

On behalf of the LANA BODs, a **BIG THANK YOU** to Sue Rich for superintending an outstanding K & C Show. Having to reschedule the show numerous times due to weather, she was able to again, coordinate a date with the the 4-H leaders and families. I knew it was going to be a great day when a rarely seen bald eagle circled over a few parents and myself. What a sight and what a fantastic day!

## Editor's Note:

Sue's son-in-law, Óscar, was the show photographer. He took so many great pictures; it was difficult to select which ones to use for this newsletter. In this newsletter, please enjoy the exhibitor and friends spotlight pages, the results, and of course, the pictures.

*Kathy*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**

**July 28-31, 2022**  
**Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA**  
**LANA is the host organization**  
**entries are closed**

**\*LANA FIBER CLINIC**  
**September 17, 2022**  
**Stonehenge Llama Ranch**  
**Instructor: Margaret Drew**  
**Vacaville, CA**  
**contact: lanaquestions@gmail.com**

**\*2023 LANA HOBO CLASSIC SHOW**  
**January 27-29, 2023**  
**Merced County Fairground**  
**Merced, CA**  
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**LANA events in BOLD type**

**\* denotes LANA member discount**

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

### **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.

## A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Three times!! Three times, we scheduled the Kids & Camelids Show. We postponed the March date when the weather report predicted showers. We called off the April date when a storm blew our way. The running joke was that we could solve California's drought by scheduling this show every weekend, thereby guaranteeing rain! But finally, June 18, 2022, the fates smiled upon us, along with the sunshine, and the Kids & Camelids Show happened.

Kathy Nichols opened her parents' ranch, Mares' Nest, in Wilton, California, for the first time for a lama youth show. The large arena provided enough space to set up three obstacle courses, dedicate an open space for fun and games, and still have room at the far end for pop-up shade structures and lawn chairs supplied by 4-H leaders and parents. Kathy pulled obstacles out of storage, helped to set up courses, established a hospitality table, and watch dogged the event to ensure that everyone had a great day. She was a phenomenal hostess.

Margaret Drew judged the show, and in the tradition of the past Kids & Camelids shows, she ensured that the event was part show and part clinic. The walk through with youth, many of whom were in the ring for the first time, was detailed with lots of advice about how to best approach obstacles, how to better ensure safe passage through obstacles for animals and handlers, and how to effectively exit obstacles. When a youth handler finished a course, he or she was given the opportunity to review the performance with the judge. Margaret shared feedback, and a volunteer scribe wrote the details into a page dedicated for that purpose in the show program.



**Sue Rich**



**Margaret Drew**

Lunch was provided courtesy of Fred Rich who set up hotdog stand on the other side of the fence from the arena. A hotdog with all the fixings, chili, chips, cookies, soda and water were provided.

In between each of the three obstacle courses, four things happened:  
youth handlers

- were invited to take their friends through the obstacle course
- received their ribbons (due to the efficiency of Joy Pedroni at the scoring table)
- experienced the prize table and got to choose their camelid-themed gifts
- participated in fun & games, that included field hockey with pool noodles and shooting nerf balls from plastic slingshots over the backs of llamas and into buckets

Because this venue was farther north than the host ranch or fairgrounds from previous years, a variety of 4-H projects participated: Miners' Ravine, Placer County, and Orange Blossom, and that meant a robust turn out of participants. All told, twelve youth competed: one senior, three intermediates, and eight juniors. With the previously mentioned "friends," there were over fifteen youth on the courses. The reflections of the youth shared later in this newsletter, tell the story of their experiences.

All in all, the frustration of the postponements was worth the final outcome. Youth exhibitors had fun and learned a lot about working with their animals. For some with nervous animals, that meant learning how to hang on the end of the lead line. The day ended with lots of volunteers helping to clean up, lots of smiles and thank you's, and the satisfaction of a day well spent.

Hope to see you next year!  
Susan Rich



**Fred Rich**



**Joy Pedroni**

# THANK YOU

**Kathy Nichols**  
*for hosting*

**Joy Pedroni**  
*for scoring*

**Robin Muirhead**  
*For scribing*

**Pam Parker**  
*for petting and running  
score cards*

**Stephanie Pedroni**  
*for helping in the ring and  
bringing 5, count 'em 5 boys*

**Sabina Karr & Layla Cordero**  
*for bringing their 4-Hers*

**All the Parents**  
*for bringing children & friends*

**All the Youth**  
*for so graciously participating*

**Friends of LANA**  
*for providing financial support*

**Margaret Drew**  
*for judging & providing  
performance manuals*

**Fred Rich**  
*for hauling and cooking*

**Óscar García Castro**  
*for photographing*

**Emily Muirhead**  
*for helping in the ring*

**Greg Sykes**  
*for contributing prizes*

**The Mattias**  
*for bringing prizes*

**Crystal Myers**  
*for contributing prizes*

**It truly  
takes  
a village!**





**Emily Muirhead**



**Robin Muirhead**



**Pam Parker**



**Stephanie Pedroni**



**Óscar García Castro**



**Kathy Nichols**

# YOUTH PERFORMANCE RESULTS

## SENIOR PACK

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
1	39	Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H

## SENIOR PUBLIC REALTIONS

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
1	39	Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H

## SENIOR OBSTACLE

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
1	39	Ava Mattia	Autumn Day's Black Jack	Miners' Ravine 4-H

## GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR

Ava Mattia

Miners' Ravine 4-H





**INTERMEDIATE PACK**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
1	45	Bryce Vollner	Grigio	Black Cat Llamas
2	43	Aiden Pedroni	McShaggy's El Rio	Black Cat Llamas
3	37	Lilyana Cordero	RML Razzle Dazzle	El Dorado 4=H

**INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC RELATIONS**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
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**GRAND CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE**

Aiden Pedroni

Black Cat Llamas

**RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE**

Bryce Vollner

Black Cat Llamas



**JUNIOR PACK**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
1	48	Audrey Roberson	PRL McClure	Orange Blossom 4-H
2	42	Noelle Berry	Juno	Miners' Ravine 4-H
3	44	Jackson Pedroni	McShaggy's El Rio	Black Cat Llamas
4	46	Gavin Vollner	McShaggy's El Rio	Black Cat Llamas
5	41	Ethan Pedroni	SA Starz Snowmass Avalanche	Black Cat Llamas
6	38	Abbie Donaldson	El Dorado Warrior Fire	El Dorado 4-H
7	40	Maverick Zatzke	Granite Bay Royal's Opening Act	Miners' Ravine 4-H
8	47	Grace Fox	Midnight	Miners' Ravine 4-H

**JUNIOR PUBLIC REALTIONS**

place		YOUTH	LLAMA	RANCH/GROUP
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**GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR**

Jackson Pedroni

Black Cat Llamas

**RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR**

Audrey Roberson

PRL McClure

# LANA

## Youth Writing & Art Contest



LANA invites youth members of all ages to submit an article on any camelid-related topic of interest to the youth. Younger member (11 years and younger) are also invited to submit a piece of original artwork.

Written pieces should be 1000 words or less with four pictures or less. If completed on the computer, written pieces should be written in Times New Roman 12 point font and double-spaced, with the author's name on each page in the header. Pictures or scanned artwork should be submitted as .jpeg files with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The content should be the original work of the youth. Written pieces and scanned artwork should be submitted electronically to Sue Rich at [susan.rich9631@gmail.com](mailto:susan.rich9631@gmail.com).

One winner from each of the four age categories (sub-junior; junior; intermediate; and senior) may be selected twice a year.

**Submission due: May 1st**

**November 1st**

Winners will receive a \$25 cash prize and written pieces and artwork will be published in the LANA Newsletter and posted on the LANA website.

**AVA**





**I liked the feedback, practice, and the people wanting to help you improve.  
I learned to take it slow and build more trust.  
This show was awesome, helpful, fun, challenging, and eye opening!**



**AIDEN**





**BRYCE**





LILYANA





**I liked reconnecting with an old friend, the judge's feedback and the obstacles. I learned to keep a loose lead and we need to work on standing still. This show was fun, tiring, educational, enjoyable and exhilarating.**

# ABBIE





**I liked the alpacas, it was fun, and I got 1st place.  
We need to work on not being scared of noise.  
This show was fun, amazing, awesome, hard, and cool.**

**AUDREY**





**I liked the courses, all the llamas, and the prizes  
I was surprised by the alpacas. I learned we need to practice, work on the limbo.  
This show was fun, exciting, cool, amazing, and llama-tactic.**

**ETHAN**







I liked the rounds. I was surprised when I got first.  
I learned from the judge how to do hula hoop. We need to practice jumping.  
This show was fun and the best show ever.

**GAVIN**





**I liked the games and prizes.  
We need to work on jumping.  
This was the best show ever in life.**

# GRACE





**I liked all the prizes, all the llamas and alpacas, and all the obstacles. The judge's feedback could help in future shows and not to walk backwards. This show was fun, tasty, heard, easy, and the best.**

**JACKSON**





# MAVERICK







I liked the judge's feedback, watching how other people handled their animals and the prizes. I need to work with Obi more so when he goes through obstacles he doesn't spaz out. We need to work on backing, dangly things, jumps, bridge and ramps. The show was fun, good, nice, exciting, and experience.

# NOELLE





The third course was my favorite. I liked the hula hoop and gate change. There was not too much pressure and the judge gave good feedback. I learned you have to be calm and persevere, to communicate better because they are smart. The show was fun, educational, interesting, not complicated and peaceful.

# CHARLOTTE



I had fun leading llamas and obstacles.  
The show was fun, cool, and funny.

# EVELYN



I liked the treats, obstacle course, and the llamas. I was surprised when my llama wasn't spazy. The show was tasty, fun, exciting, and informational!

# MADISON



I liked the llamas. I was surprised how good the kids are.  
The show was fun and hot.

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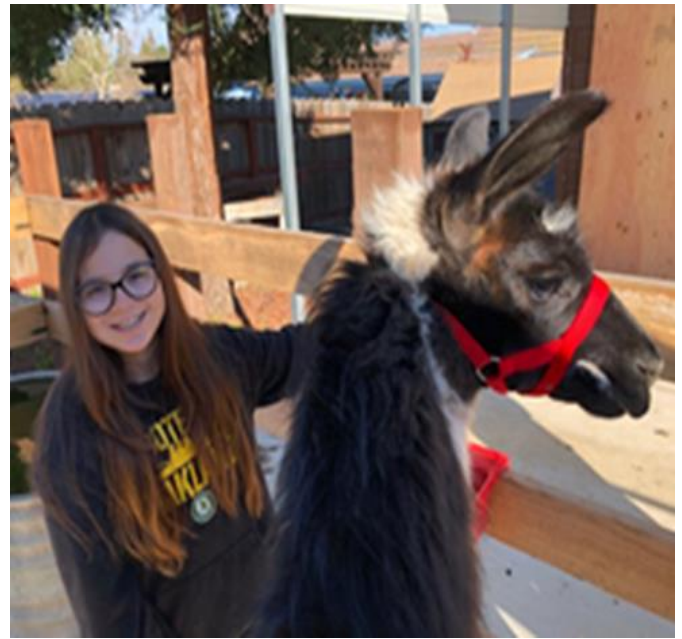




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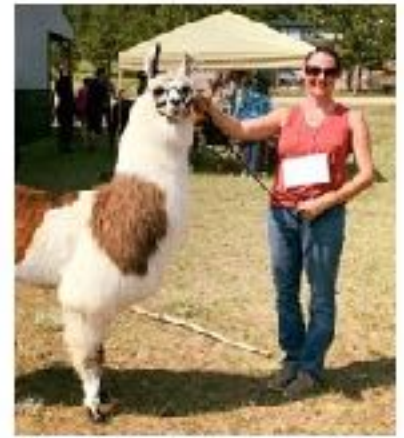
*Thank You*

to **Greg Harford** of Potato Ranch Llamas and **Arleen McCombs** of McShaggy's Ranch for their lending and donating of animals for 4H! Their trust and generosity make it possible to provide animals for the youth who join the Orange Blossom 4H Llama Project.



Susan, Fred, and Kenny Rich of

**The Rich Ranch**



# 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

Kathy Nichols  
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