

Alpaca

OBJECTIVES

4-H Members learn:

1. about alpacas and their history.
2. modern alpaca husbandry practices.
3. how to train and show alpacas.
4. the ability to give public presentations and conduct meetings.
5. about proper veterinary care alpacas require.
6. why and how to shear and skirt alpaca fiber.
7. about birthing and breeding.
8. character and teamwork skills.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Somerset County 4-H Alpaca Club by January 1st
2. Members must attend 70% of the meetings and attend at least 12 Farm visits in order to place in showmanship
3. Members must give one club and/or county presentation.
4. Exhibitors must contribute to club fair display and assist in set up and take down until completion.
5. Exhibitors must participate in a community service project.
6. Exhibitors must participate in 4-H Holiday Wreath Sale and/or 4-H Yearbook & Catalog Ad Sale. Members must choose at least one of the following: Sell at least one Wreath and at least one Ad. Sell two or more Wreaths or Sell two or more ads
7. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and grooming of the alpacas.
8. Members are required to have the ability to answer all questions regarding their animals.
9. Exhibitors will feed and care for all animals. During the hours the fair is open, each exhibitor will have day-time herdsman duty as assigned by the Division Chairperson. If the day time herdsman duty is not completed as per the division chairperson's requirements, then the exhibitor will not be able to show in the division the following year
10. Exhibitors must be members in good standing.

CLASSES AND AWARDS

1. Showmanship –Rosettes
2. Agility –Rosettes
3. Public Relations –Rosettes
4. All exhibitors receive participation awards and an invitation to the year-end celebration.