

### Learning Activities

Learning activities are your opportunity to explore the things that interest you. When you complete a learning activity, you are demonstrating and applying what you have learned.

Here's what to do: Browse through your *Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook* to get ideas for activities. What are five activities you could do to show the interesting things you are learning by caring for and training your llama or alpaca? Here are some examples:

**Beginner Level.** Beginning activities are for members with no experience in a project area or for those who are 8 to 10 years old.

- Identify the four species of South American camelids and describe their main differences.
- Identify ten body parts of the llama or alpaca.
- Define the following terms: cria, dam, gelding, desensitizing, topline, ruminant, and stoic.

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*Would you like more examples of learning activities? Hundreds of ideas are available online at <http://www.ohio4h.org/publications>. Click on Learning Activities for Llama and Alpaca Projects.*

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**Intermediate Level.** Intermediate activities are for members with some experience in a project area or for those who are 11 to 13 years old.

- Using a picture or 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 newborn cria.

**Advanced Level.** Advanced activities are for members with experience in a project area or for those who are 14 or older.

- Help a new 4-H member select an animal for a llama or alpaca project.
- Name four procedures for administering medication to and proper injection sites on your animal.
- Visit three llama or alpaca farms to discuss management practices.

Ready to get started? Follow these guidelines:

1. Select activities that are new for you, **not** ones that you completed during previous years in the llama and alpaca project.
2. Using the examples as a guide, be sure the activities you select are appropriate for your level (beginning, intermediate, or advanced).
3. Write the activities that you plan to do in the table on the next page. Remember, you are being asked to complete **at least five** new learning activities each year.
4. Ask your project helper to initial and date the activities as you complete each one.
5. Advance to the next level after completing 15 or more activities or after reaching the appropriate project level.



Learning Activities	Date Completed	Project Helper's Initials
<i>Example: Identify ten body parts of the llama or alpaca. (This is beginning level.)</i>	3/11/YR	AM
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
Do as many additional learning activities as you want.		

