



The Higher Ground Fair

2022 Llama and Alpaca Performance and Fleece Shows



Show Book

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September 17 & 18, 2022

Albany County Fairgrounds • Laramie, Wyoming

Rhonda Livengood & Gayle Woodsum, Superintendents

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The 2022 Higher Ground Fair Llama and Alpaca Performance & Fleece Show

September 17 & 18, 2022, Albany County Fairgrounds, Laramie, Wyoming

ENTRY DEADLINE: Postmark Wednesday, August 30, 2022. Late entries accepted as space allows. Late entries may not be listed in the show book. Space is limited – all entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

General Show Policies and Guidelines

These shows are approved by the Alpaca and Llama Show Association Inc. All rules and guidelines for this show will be in accordance with the 2019, 22nd Edition ALSA Handbook. Your ALSA membership number and all ALSA Llama and Alpaca numbers must be on the entry form to ensure accurate reporting to ALSA.

ALSA Membership

You may obtain more information on ALSA membership and/or an ALSA llama membership number online at www.alsashow.org, or by contacting the ALSA office at 281.516.1442. An exhibitor who pays a non-member fee in order to enter an ALSA sanctioned show, may choose to apply it toward an ALSA membership.

Animal Registration and Owner-Exhibitor Information

Animals entered only in performance classes, Youth or Open, do not need to be registered. However, if your animal is registered, please include all information on the entry form and enclose a copy of the registration with your entries.

Animals with fleeces being entered in the fleece show, must be registered as appropriate for the animal. All llamas must be registered or have passed screening in the Llama Division of the International Llama Registry (ILR) or the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). All alpacas must be registered by the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA), the Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI) or by the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). A copy of the registration certificate must be sent to the show with the entry form and included with the fleece entry. Finished product entries must also include ALSA membership information in order for the exhibitor to qualify for point recording.

- Youth may show in either the Youth Performance Classes or Open Performance (novice, advanced, masters), but not in both unless different llamas or alpacas are used. Points earned in the Youth Classes are awarded to the youth, whereas points in Open Performance Classes are awarded to the llama or alpaca.
- All llamas and alpacas must be at least five (5) months old.
- Exhibitors must be the registered owners and must make entries in the exact names (owner and animal) as shown on the animal's registration certificate or other identification papers. Any animal being shown by a handler who is not the owner of that animal must send a completed and signed Permission To Show Form, which can be found on the ALSA website.
- Nursing llama and alpaca mothers may NOT be accompanied in the ring by their babies. We recommend nursing mothers not be shown.

Health Requirements

NO SPECIAL TESTING REQUIRED!

Llamas and alpacas coming into Wyoming from outside of the state should be accompanied with a health certificate issued within 30 days of the show, stating that the animal is in good health and has been administered protection against scabies within that time frame (either Ivomec or Dectomax are acceptable).

For any questions regarding Higher Ground Fair 2022 and VSV, please contact Gayle Woodsum at 307.399.3815.

Important Exhibitor Requirements Specific to the Higher Ground Fair

- All animals participating in the Higher Ground fair must be checked in by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17 and in place until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. Any displays must be functional and ready for full fair participation from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. No early dismantling of displays or general set-up will be permitted.

- No pets policy: Pets are strictly prohibited from the Fairgrounds, Parking Lots (including parked cars) and Camping Areas. If you are traveling long-distance with your pet(s), please contact a pet kennel in the area. Suggestions are listed on the Higher Ground Fair website at www.highergroundfair.org.
- The entry form for this show must be signed and dated or it will be returned. SUPERINTENDENTS: Rhonda Livengood and Gayle Woodsum

Entries and Inquiries to:

E-mail: gayle@highergroundfair.org

Telephone: 307.399.3815

ALSA Fees

Animal Show Fees

All exhibitors must pay the \$5.00 per animal fee. A \$3.00 fee is required per Llama or Alpaca fleece exhibited, if the animal is not concurrently entered in a non-fleece class at the same show. If the animal which grew the fleece is also entered in a non-fleece class in the show, the \$5.00 per animal fee will cover the fleece entry point recording as well as the non-fleece class point recording.

Entry Fees ~ Special Flat Rates! ~

- All Youth Classes - \$15/youth exhibitor, unlimited youth performance, fleece, specialty classes
- Llama & Alpaca Performance & Fleece Classes - \$25 per animal, unlimited number of open classes
- Fleece & Fiber Classes Only Option - \$10 per class

Enter as many classes as you like: performance, showmanship, fleece/fiber, specialty!

Stall Fees and Set-up Details

- Stalls are 10' x 10' pens with dirt floors for \$20 each from Friday through Sunday. This applies whether stalls are used for animals, display or as a tack stall. Exhibitors are asked to avoid over-crowding your animals in these stalls. Straw and cardboard bedding is permitted; **cleaning stalls to designated manure collection area after close of fair on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. is required.** Straw purchase at cost is available on site – we would appreciate advance notice if you want to purchase our straw (\$10/bale) - it will be available upon your arrival.
- Arrival may begin as early as 10:00 a.m. on Friday, and is expected by 8:00 p.m. Full stall and display setup ready for public viewing must be complete by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- In-place requirements: all animals, exhibitor set-up and displays are required to remain in place through the conclusion of the fair at 4:00 p.m. Extensive marketing on your behalf will be taking place, with a promise to the public that the fair will be fully operational until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. No stall or display take-down or moving out may take place until that time.
- Location questions? Check for updated fair map on the www.highergroundfair.org website. A copy of the fair map will also be included in your show packet.
- Contact superintendent Gayle Woodsum for information on additional stall use days, and for late arrival permission.
- Ranch Displays Encouraged! Sale Llama/Alpaca Information

The Higher Ground Fair is a public event designed to attract a highly diverse public audience interested in Rocky Mountain rural living and a sustainable, meaningful lifestyle. Use this opportunity to create a beautiful, informative display of your llamas and alpacas. Sale llamas and alpacas may be displayed. Sale animals not entered in the show will be accepted on a space-available basis (see details on entry form), subject to all health requirements and payment for stall use.

Show Entry Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by Monday, August 29, 2022. Sorry, no refunds after August 30.

Judges

Performance and Model Packer:

Deb Yeagle, Ohio

Fleece:

Cindy Ruckman, Ohio

Schedule (subject to change) ~ All Classes Include Separate Llama and Alpaca Divisions ~

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m Livestock move-in – follow signs for livestock check-in – all animals subject to proof of entry, health check and health certificate check before unloading. Stall assignments will be posted.

10:00 a.m – 8:00 p.m Performance & Fleece Show entries check-in at Fair Office

Saturday, September 17

(this is a general list for the day – finalized scheduling will be in your show packet)

7:00 a.m. Hospitality Room Open

8:00 a.m. Exhibitor meeting with superintendent and judges at Show Ring

9:00 a.m. Show Time! Classes follow this order:

Walking Fleece Judging Begins

Fleece Judging Ongoing

Youth Judging will take place during adult classes.

Performance & Specialty Non-ALSA Classes

Driving:

Pleasure, Obstacle

Public Relations:

Masters, Advanced, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice, Sub-Junior

Model Packer Halter Class

Open Obstacle Exhibitor's Choice!

Best in Category Halter Class Competition and Meet Llamas & Alpacas Up Close and

Personal – audience participation

(award presentations to this point during public meet, same area)

Obstacle:

Sub-Junior, Junior, Novice

11:30 a.m Children and Llama/Alpaca Garden Parade

The show takes a break for the parade and lunch. Join this popular fair-wide event that travels through the fairgrounds and finishes with a sweep past the main concert stage! Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

6:00 p.m. Fair Closes for the Day

Sunday, September 18

(this is a general list for the day – finalized scheduling will be in your show packet)

7:00 a.m. Hospitality Room Open

8:00 a.m. Exhibitor meeting with superintendent and judges in Show Building

9:00 a.m. Show Time! Classes follow this order:

Fleece Show on Display All Day

Showmanship:

Adult, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Sub-Junior

Obstacle:

Advanced, Masters

Narrated Parade of Llama and Alpaca Types

Open Obstacle Exhibitor's Choice!

Pack:

Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Novice, Advanced, Masters

- Walking Fleece Parade and Awards
Best in Category Halter Class Competition and Meet Llamas & Alpacas Up Close and Personal – audience participation
(award presentations to this point during public meet, same area)
- 11:30 a.m. Children and Llama/Alpaca Garden Parade
The show takes a break for the parade and lunch. Join this super-popular fairwide event that travels through the fairgrounds and finishes with a sweep past the main concert stage! Costumes are encouraged, but not required.
- 4:00 p.m. Animal and fleece release – All animals and fleeces must remain on grounds, with set-up and displays in place until this time.

Ribbons: First through sixth place, Grand and Reserve

Youth

Senior - 15 to 18 years as of Jan. 1, 2022

Intermediate - 12 to 14 years as of Jan. 1, 2022

Junior - 8 to 11 years as of Jan. 1, 2022

Exception - a youth who turns 8 on or before September 22, 2022

Sub-Junior - Under 8 - not an ALSA point class

Non-ALSA Fun Classes

Model Packer

This is a halter class judged on a llama's conformational build and general movement as appropriate for pack work in the mountains. Open to llamas of both sexes, all fiber types, and all ages. **Sign up on entry form.**

The following potential classes and other fun stuff will be available for sign-up at the show (and we're still working on this, so feel free to contact gayle@highergroundfair.org with fun class suggestions!

Open Obstacle Exhibitor's Choice!

An unusual, challenging, super-fun timed obstacle course. Obstacles are rated according to difficulty - entry that successfully completes the largest number of obstacles that add up to the highest score, wins a special prize. Entries accepted until the first animal crosses the starting line. One class for llamas, one for alpacas!

World's Most Unusual Lama Pack String

Fun, public-appealing competition to see who can successfully lead the most unexpected mix of llamas and/or alpacas in a string through an obstacle class. Entries accepted until the first animal crosses the starting line. Special prize to winner!

Best in Category Halter Class Competition

Separate classes for llamas and alpacas, males and females. An unofficial halter class that celebrates everything we love about llamas and alpacas - color, ears, eyes, flowing fiber, high tail sets, unique personalities and more. Judges will give awards to and explain to the audience, the best of a long list of great qualities.

Meet Llamas & Alpacas Up Close and Personal

A casual, public relations meet and greet in the show ring – and maybe as a parade through the fairgrounds as exhibitors prefer! - both days. The public will have a chance to pet your animal, ask questions, collect business cards! We will also take this time to announce awards and hand out ribbons/prizes.

Versatility Champions (count 'em – four!)

One llama youth versatility championship, one alpaca youth versatility championship, one open llama versatility championship and one open alpaca versatility championship will be awarded to the animal scoring the highest overall in a combination of fleece (shorn or walking) and performance (obstacle, any level). Register at the show to qualify.

To be eligible, the llama or alpaca must be entered in both performance and fleece as listed above. Scoring details will be available at check-in. Special prizes to be awarded to these champions.

NOTE: Show management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes if the number of entries in any individual class does not warrant a separate class.

Class Numbers

Youth Judging

Y-1 Senior Youth Judging

Y-2 Intermediate Youth Judging

Y-3 Junior Youth Judging

Model Packer

L-4 Model Packer

Public Relations

A-5 Open Alpaca

Y-9 Senior Youth

YA-13 Youth Alpaca

L-6 Masters

Y-10 Intermediate Youth

L-7 Advanced

Y-11 Junior Youth

L-8 Novice

Y-12 Sub-Junior Youth

Pack

A-14 Open Alpaca

Y-18 Senior Youth

YA-21 Youth Alpaca

L-15 Masters

Y-19 Intermediate Youth

L-16 Advanced

Y-20 Junior Youth

L-17 Novice

Obstacle

A-22 Open Alpaca

Y-26 Senior Youth

YA-30 Youth Alpaca

L-23 Masters

Y-27 Intermediate Youth

L-24 Advanced

Y-28 Junior Youth

L-25 Novice

Y-29 Sub-Junior Youth

Showmanship

S-31 Adult

Y-34 Junior Youth

Y-32 Senior Youth

Y-35 Sub-Junior Youth

Y-33 Intermediate Youth

Llama and Alpaca Fleece Show

Fleece Show Rules: See the ALSA Handbook – 2019 22nd Edition. Entry tags and display bags will be provided at check-in. Be prepared to supply your ALSA # and (for shorn fleece and walking fleece entries) your llama's ALSA #, along with a copy of your llama's ILR form.

Mail-In Fleece Entries: You may also mail by USPS or UPS/FedEx fleece entries, to arrive **no later than Thursday, September 15, 2022** to: Feeding Laramie Valley, 968 N. 9th Street, Laramie, WY 82072, Attn: Higher Ground Fair Llama Fleece Show. Include return postage and address label if you want your entry returned after the show. See special mailing instructions for Hand Spinner's Choice class below.

RIBBONS: First through sixth place; Grand and Reserve for Shorn and Walking Fleece.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS: See ALSA Handbook – 2019 22nd Edition.

Walking Llama Fleece: Fleece will be judged on the llama, by appointment on Saturday, September 17. Appointments to be made at check-in and at Saturday's exhibitor meeting. Judge will determine double, single and suri coat divisions during judging. At the discretion of the Show Superintendent and, if there are fewer than four entries per class, age divisions may be combined. Sign up for the class in your appropriate age division:

- LWF-36 Juvenile – 5-12 months
- LWF-37 Yearling – 12-24 months
- LWF-38 Two-Year-Old – 24-36 months
- LWF-39 Adult – 36-60 months
- LWF-40 Mature – 60 months and older

Walking Alpaca Fleece: Fleece will be judged on the alpaca, by appointment on Saturday, September 17. See ALSA Handbook – 22nd Edition, for judging details specific to walking alpaca fleece. Appointments to be made at check-in and at Saturday's exhibitor meeting. The judge will divide by fleece type and age. At the discretion of the Show Superintendent and, if there are fewer than four entries per class, age divisions may be combined.

- AWF-41 Walking Alpaca Fleece

Shorn Llama Fleece:

Your entry may consist of entire shorn fleece but must include at least the barrel section minus skirting. At the discretion of the Show Superintendent and, if there are fewer than four entries per class, age divisions may be combined.

- LF1- Llama Shorn Fleece – Suri Juvenile – 5-12 months
- LF2- Llama Shorn Fleece – Suri Yearling – 12-24 months
- LF3- Llama Shorn Fleece – Suri Two-Year-Old – 24-36 months
- LF4- Llama Shorn Fleece – Suri Adult – 36-60 months
- LF5- Llama Shorn Fleece – Suri Mature – 60 months and older
- LF6- Llama Shorn Fleece – Single Coat Juvenile – 5-12 months
- LF7- Llama Shorn Fleece – Single Coat Yearling – 12-24 months
- LF8- Llama Shorn Fleece – Single Coat Two-Year-Old – 24-36 months
- LF9- Llama Shorn Fleece – Single Coat Adult – 36-60 months
- LF10-Llama Shorn Fleece – Single Coat Mature – 60 months and older
- LF11-Llama Shorn Fleece – Double Coat Juvenile – 5-12 months
- LF12-Llama Shorn Fleece – Double Coat Yearling – 12-24 months
- LF13-Llama Shorn Fleece – Double Coat Two-Year-Old – 24-36 months
- LF14-Llama Shorn Fleece – Double Coat Adult – 36-60 months
- LF15-Llama Shorn Fleece – Double Coat Mature – 60 months and older

Shorn Alpaca Fleece

- AF16-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Suri 5-12 months
- AF17-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Suri 12-24 months
- AF18-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Suri 24 months and older
- AF19-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Huacaya 5-12 months
- AF20-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Huacaya 12-24 months
- AF21-Alpaca Shorn Fleece – Huacaya 24 months and older

Finished Product Classes: These classes are intended to promote the use of llama and alpaca fiber by presenting educational displays of yarns and finished products made by the exhibitor. Items must be made of at least 60% Lama (Llama, Alpaca, Paco-Vicuna or Guanaco).

Divisions:

- Youth – combined 8 thru 18 years old age group.
- Novice – For the inexperienced fiber artist. This designation is determined initially by the fiber artist. After receiving 3 firsts in a class, the artist is required to move to advanced.
- Advanced – This division is for the experienced fiber artist. This designation is determined initially by the fiber artist. Once a product has been entered in advanced, it may no longer compete in novice.

Felted Finished Product:

F22Y-Youth Felted

F23N-Novice Felted

F24A-Advanced Felted

Knitted or Crochet Finished Product:

F25Y-Youth Knit/Crochet

F26N-Novice Knit/Crochet

F27A-Advanced Knit/Crochet

Handspun Yarn:

F28Y-Youth Handspun

F29N-Novice Handspun

F30A-Advanced Handspun

Woven Finished Product:

F31Y-Youth Woven

F32N-Novice Woven

F33A-Advanced Woven

Other Finished Product:

F34Y- Youth Other

F35N- Novice Other

F36A- Advanced Other

Open Hand Spinner 's Choice

LF12- Open Hand Spinner 's Choice

This is a 2 oz. sample of prime fiber from the blanket area. Fiber may be sheared or brushed; guard hair and debris must be removed. The judge will prepare a portion by carding and another by combing, and the spin the samples. Fiber must be 100 percent llama from an animal owned by the exhibitor. ***The sample must be received at the Fair Office Exhibitor Check-In by 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, or by mail no later than Thursday, September 15.*** (See Mail-in Entries)

LODGING INFORMATION FOR HIGHER GROUND FAIR 2022

Special Room Rates Being Offered at Host Hotel in 2022! The Higher Ground Fair has reserved rooms for fair vendors and exhibitors at the host hotel. There is a football game in town this weekend, so prices are very high and rooms are very limited. Contact Gayle Woodsum directly at gayle@highergroundfair.org or 307.399.3815 for detailed instructions on what the host hotel has available and on how to reserve rooms. **There is a fixed cutoff date of Monday, September 5 for this hotel and its special rate, and rooms will go fast, so be in touch soon! Also, there is a seven-day cancellation policy.**

Camping at the Fairgrounds for Exhibitors and Vendors

Camping is available at the fairgrounds for exhibitors and vendors – there are free, self-contained camping sites at the back of the fairgrounds (i.e. no electricity, no water hookups), and a large water tank on the campgrounds. There is an RV pumping station in the main Territorial Prison parking lot. Contact Gayle for details and to reserve a site: gayle@highergroundfair.org or call 307.399.3815.

Security at the Fair

Laramie, Wyoming is a quiet and safe town, but we recognize the special value of your animals. There's a full volunteer security team 24-hours-a-day, led by paid professional security staff.

Higher Ground Fair Llama & Alpaca Performance & Fleece Show Entry Form

Entries must be **postmarked by Monday, August 29, 2022** • Mail to Gayle Woodsum, Higher Ground Fair, P.O. Box 536, Laramie WY 82073
 Late entries will be accepted as space allows. You may submit your entries, with all required attachments, by email to gayle@highergroundfair.org.

Owner Name:

Farm / Ranch:

E-mail:

ALSA#

Preferred Use Phone #:

Alternate Use Phone #:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Please Type or Print Clearly! Please list all classes for the same animal in order. You can list more than one class number in that column if for the same animal. If you need more room, please make copies of this page. Please do not just “squeeze” it in. **ALSA Numbers:** Please give the ALSA animal number if the llama or alpaca is recorded with ALSA. If it is a Youth Class, then give the Youth Membership Number. **Please send copies of Registration Certificates and your ALSA Membership Card and ALSA Permission to Show form if applicable.**

Class # (Multiple #s on Same Line Okay)	Llama's Name (As Shown on ILR Certification)	Sex	DOB	ILR #	ALSA # Llama, Alpaca, or Youth	Handler's Name (List Birthdate of Youth)

All Entrants much read and sign: It is understood and agreed that ALSA, the Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association, Higher Ground Fair, the Albany County Fairgrounds and their officials, employees and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, property or animal which is caused directly or indirectly by any reason. The undersigned also agrees to hold harmless ALSA, RMLA, Higher Ground Fair and the Albany County Fair Grounds for any expense or liabilities including attorney's fees.

Exhibitor (Parent or Legal Guardian if Youth):

Date:

Show Fee Summary

Entry Fees	# Animals/Entries	Class Fees	Total
# of Youth Entered (includes performance & fleece)	_____ X	\$15.00	_____
# of Open Llamas Entered (includes performance & fleece)	_____ X	\$25.00	_____
ALSA Fee per Llama or Alpaca	_____ X	\$5.00	_____
OR			
# of Fleece Only Classes	_____ X	\$10.00	_____
ALSA Fleece Fee per animal (if not entered in performance show)	_____ X	\$3.00	_____

Class totals _____

Higher Ground Fair Tickets: Tickets are required for entry to the fairgrounds any time on Saturday or Sunday. **Llama show entry includes 4 fair tickets** for the weekend (for anyone age 13 and over - children 12 and under are free); additional tickets bought by lama exhibitors are available at the special rate of \$10/pp for the weekend. (Tickets can also be purchased online or at the gate.)

	_____ X	\$10.00	_____
ALSA Farm Membership (if not currently a member - let us know if you want this to be applied to a membership for you!)	_____ X	\$50.00	_____
ALSA Youth Membership (if not currently a member)	_____ X	\$15.00	_____
Stall Fees (list # of stalls needed)	_____ X	\$20.00	_____

Note: Display stalls are encouraged. No sales of merchandise may be made from show barn, however. Vendor space must be obtained by submitting a vendor booth application form. Forms can be found on the www.highergroundfair.org website, or by emailing Gayle.

Grand Total _____

Mail Entries to: Gayle Woodsum, Feeding Laramie Valley, P.O. Box 536, Laramie WY 82073. Back-up electronic entries sent to gayle@highergroundfair.org will be appreciated, but all checks must be mailed, postmarked by Monday, August 29, 2022. If you prefer to pay by credit card and are willing to use PayPal or a credit card through the PayPal site, please send entries electronically to gayle@highergroundfair.org and ask for payment instructions. Questions? Contact Gayle at: gayle@highergroundfair.org or call 307.399.3815