



# The Gathering of Friends and Champions

Iowa Equestrian Center

Cedar Rapids, IA

October 6-8, 2023

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## General Information Facility

- The 2023 Gathering of Friends and Champions will be held at the Iowa Equestrian Center on the Kirkwood Community College Campus at 801 76th Ave Dr SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.
- The Iowa Equestrian Center has 10' x 10' box stalls. Stalls will be assigned. We filled the lower barn last year so **preference to these stalls** will be given to **sponsors, sale animals and early entries**. If needed, transit animals will be stalled separate from animals exhibiting.
- Stalls are floored with rubber mats. As this is an equine facility, there may be traces of shavings in your stall when you arrive. Plan accordingly.
- You may use hay or mats for bedding. **No cardboard or paper bedding.**
- Retractable electricity lines are suspended from the ceiling in the main stalling barn. Each stall has two plugs available.
- The main stalling barn offers 10 warm water wash stalls. Grooming chutes are prohibited from being placed in wash racks due to flooding issue.
- The arenas and common area are made up of packed dirt. Alleyways and floors throughout the stall barn are concrete.
- Temperature controlled restrooms are available throughout the building. Bring fans for your animals as needed.
- The facility will offer a concession stand at posted times during the event.
- Trailer parking is available right outside of the stall barn.
- Campsites are available on the IEC grounds. Please see "Lodging Information".

## Safety

- The health and safety of our llama family is of the utmost concern to us.
- The event center and ILR are requiring a waiver be signed in order attend. This will need to be mailed in with your entry form and can be found on the Gathering website with entry information.
- If changes in the safety protocol regarding COVID are made, we will communicate them on the website.

## Walton Webcasting

- The Gathering Show, Sale and Futurity will all be live streamed on Walton Webcasting with the opportunity for your sponsorship to be featured in front of their 3.1 million viewers/subscribers.

- The Show, Sale and Futurity will remain in the archives on their site for future promotion as well. Sponsor Today for prime promotion.
- Walton Webcasting can be found at [www.waltonwebcasting.com](http://www.waltonwebcasting.com)

## Lodging Information

- The Iowa Equestrian Center is just a few short miles away from several hotel/ motel options. The Gathering of Friends and Champions show committee has a block of rooms set aside at 2 host hotels on a first come/first serve basis. Visit the Gathering website, [ILRshows.com](http://ILRshows.com), for the list and additional details.
- **This is Homecoming weekend for the area so make sure to secure your hotels quickly.**
- 52 overnight camp sites, with electrical hookup, are located on the west side of the barn complex. Each site is available for \$25/evening. **Please register on your show entry forms. A hang tag will be provided in your show packet and should be displayed at the camper hookup.** The IEC also offers 4 shower rooms within the barn for campers. *No septic system.*

## Rules

- **All exhibitors are required to be members of the ILR Show Division.** Unsure if you've paid your ILR-SD dues? Give Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager, a call at (406) 755- 3438. Exhibitor packets will not be given to exhibitor until all applicable fees have been paid, including ILR Membership.
- There are no qualifying points required to enter any classes at The Gathering.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure they enter the correct class/classes in relation to their animal's sex, fiber type and age as of the date of the show. A llama ages to the next halter class on its birthday.
- All llamas entered in any of the classes **must** be fully registered or have a listing number recorded with the International Llama Registry when entries are submitted. A lack of ILR Registration will result in a late fee.
- Please do not enter your llamas in the **bolded** champion classes.
- All entries must be postmarked by September 22, 2023.
- Entries will not be accepted or processed without payment in full. No exceptions.
- Late entries must be postmarked by September 27, 2023 and sent priority due to postal delays. Late entries will be charged a \$50/animal fee. E-mail a copy as well to the contact on the entry form.
- You will receive an email verifying your entries have been received. If you do not receive this email by the entry deadline, contact the clerk listed on the entry form immediately to verify.
- **No class changes or substitutions** will be allowed after September 27, 2023 except at the discretion of the judge.
- Non-breeder llamas must be recognized as such on their ILR Certificate or on a veterinarian certificate verifying non-breeder status.
- Llamas must be a minimum of 5 months old in order to exhibit.
- Nursing dams may not be accompanied into the ring by their cria.
- Specific animals used to represent the sire or dam in production classes (Get of Sire /Produce of Dam) may be decided after halter classes have been placed. However, they must be listed with the show clerk **before** this class is held.

- Alpacas may compete in the llama performance classes; however, we are not offering alpaca halter classes.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have animal(s) at the show ring promptly for their class.
- A Novice Performance Animal is defined as an animal who has not earned 4 or more Grand or Reserve Championships in any Performance division (Novice, Open, or Youth) in any Show Association or Open Show with a minimum of 5 in the division. A triple point show is counted as triple championships regardless of the number of times the course was run. If a Novice Performance Animal has moved to the Advanced division in any other Show Association, they must show in the Advanced division in the ILR-SD. Once an animal is entered in Advanced it cannot move back to novice.
- Exhibitors and their animals may NOT practice on any obstacles in the arena prior to the exhibitor's designated performance classes. Doing so may result in disqualification.
- It is up to the Owner/Exhibitor to keep a record of their animal's performance placements and championships and to enter the animal correctly when entering ILR-SD Performance Classes. Contact the clerk immediately if you entered in Novice and then your animal advances out of Novice so the adjustment can be made.
- A 3% convenience charge will be added to all credit card payments.

## Youth

- Minimum age for a handler in any class is seven years old. Exhibitors under 11 years of age cannot show intact males over the age of 18 months.
- The age division in which the youth will show will be determined by their age on January 1st of that year, however, if a youth reaches the age of 7 any time during the year, they will be eligible to show as of their birth date and when a senior youth reaches their 20th birthday they are no longer eligible to show in the youth division at all.
- Effective January 1, 2018, the youth age divisions shall be as follows: Junior Youth - 7 thru 11 years, Intermediate Youth - 12 thru 14 years, Senior Youth - 15 thru 19 years of age
- Youth may compete in Novice/Advanced Performance and Youth Performance, however, they must use a different lama.
- To qualify for **Youth Performance Champion**, the youth must show in Freestyle Obstacle, Companion PR and Trail Pack or Showmanship. They must use the same animal for the three performance classes. If showing in all four classes, the highest points in either Trail Pack or Showmanship will be used.
- Senior youth will complete their performance courses in conjunction with the Advanced exhibitors.
- Please review the youth judging information located on the ILR website with your youth exhibitor prior to the Youth Judging Class.
- Youth Judging will take place in the main arena on Thursday evening. A youth judging refresher on the scoring system will be provided for exhibitors before the class.
- The Gathering Committee will be hosting our famous Youth-Only Live Auction using Gathering Bucks earned throughout the year on Friday evening.

## Health Requirements

- It is required that llamas or alpacas traveling into the state of Iowa be accompanied by a health certificate issued within 30 days. These forms are for your travel purposes only.

- All Gathering Sale Llamas are required to have a health certificate issued within 30 days and must be presented to the Gathering Sale coordinators upon arrival.
- The Gathering Committee reserves the right to dismiss any animals from the premises who are displaying symptoms of infectious disease or communicable fungus.

## Sponsorship

- The Gathering is one of the largest llama shows in the country. It would not be possible to put on this event without the financial support of our community. Learn about sponsorship opportunities and perks by visiting [ILRshows.com](http://ILRshows.com)
- The Gathering committee will do our best to honor all stalling requests. Priority will be based on sponsorship level and date sponsorship was received.
- Print ready artwork for both ads and business cards must be submitted with sponsorship entry or e- mailed to Lisa Robinson immediately in order to be included in the show book. Final deadline for submission will be announced on the Gathering website.
- Cannot sponsor financially? Please consider **volunteering your time**. Contact Lisa Robinson for volunteering opportunities.
- The 2023 Gathering will be hosting a silent auction throughout the weekend. These donations and your bids help keep the show financially solvent. This event has garnered a reputation for collecting some of the most unique and incredible items. The Silent Auction table will be set up by Thursday evening and bidding will begin immediately. Contact Lisa Robinson if you plan to donate to the silent auction.

## Youth Auction

- The Gathering Youth Committee hosts a youth only auction to support and encourage the future of our industry using only Gathering Bucks (funny money).
- Please consider donating to the 2023 Youth Auction!
- **What does a youth auction sponsorship look like?** Whatever you want it to. Our youth auction includes all kinds of donations. It can be new or gently used llama items, gift cards, clothing, stuffed animals, candy, etc. Youth ages vary from Sub Jr. to Seniors, so all donations will be utilized and appreciated.
- **Don't want to shop?** Let us do it for you. Let us know the amount you would like to donate and we take care of the rest.
- **Can't attend the 2023 Gathering but want to donate items?** Donations can be mailed ahead of time and we will get them there for you.
- Youth earn the majority of their Gathering Bucks based on their previous year ILR-SD points.
- The Gathering Committee has also been known to award Gathering Bucks to youth for volunteering throughout the weekend. You can do the same by purchasing them for youth that you notice helping. Additional Gathering Bucks can be purchased from Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager, with 100% of the proceeds going toward ILR youth scholarships.

## Llama Sale Information

- The Gathering Sale will be held on Saturday evening, October 7th.
- This sale is designated for show quality females and males.
- Sale entry fee of \$150
- **Only a 5%** commission will be charged.

- Contact sale coordinators Randy Cipriano (402-540-4058) or Mark Smith (765-918-1976) with questions.
- More information about the Gathering Sale can be found on The Gathering website, ILRshows.com

### **Futurity Information**

- Be a part of the *ILR-SD Gathering Futurity!*
- Judging criteria will be based on conformation/movement, fiber quality, and overall appeal/marketability.
- The Futurity will be evaluated using a three-judge system.
- Entry fee is \$50/animal
- Payouts will be based on a sliding scale based on class participation
- Sign up is available on the Gathering Entry Form.
- See more information about the ILR-SD Futurity on the Gathering website, ILRshows.com

### **Vendors**

- If you are interested in vending, visit our website for the Vendor Form and information.

### **Arrival/Departure/Office Hours**

- Exhibitors and Vendors may begin to arrive at the Iowa Equestrian Center at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 5, 2023.
- Exhibitors and Vendors must leave the Iowa Equestrian Center by Sunday, October 8, 2023 by 5:00 pm.
- If you require special arrangements for early arrival or late departure, please contact Lisa Robinson.
- The show office will be staffed on Thursday from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If you arrive after 5:00 pm, please contact Lisa Robinson to make arrangements for your entry packet.

### **Show Contacts**

- Lisa Robinson, Gathering Chair: [llamashowsuper@gmail.com](mailto:llamashowsuper@gmail.com)
- Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager: [susan@lamaregistry.com](mailto:susan@lamaregistry.com)
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