



2024 Gathering General Information

Facility

- The 2024 Gathering of Friends and Champions will be held at the Iowa Equestrian Center on the Kirkwood Community College Campus 801 76th Ave Dr SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
- The Iowa Equestrian Center has 10' x 10' box stalls. Stalls will be assigned. Stall preferences 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 (www.ILRshows.com) with entry information.

Lodging Information

- Visit the Gathering website listed above for the list of host hotels/motels available at a reduced rate (while rooms last) and additional lodging details.
- Overnight camp sites, with electrical hookup, are available at an additional fee. Each site is available for \$25/evening. Please register on your show entry forms.

Entry Mailing Address

- Print out entry form and mail with payment to the address below. Entry form has additional information regarding payment options.
Jessica Brovont
7390 East County Road 100 North
Frankfort, IN 46041

Entry Information/ General Rules

- 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 on the date of the show.
- All llamas entered in any of the classes must be fully registered or have a listing number recorded with the International Lama Registry when entries are submitted.
- You must be an ILR-SD member to show at The Gathering of Friends & Champions. Contact the ILR office for questions or additional information on different membership options.
- Please do not enter your llamas in the bolded champion classes.
- All entries must be postmarked on or before June 14, 2024.
- Entries will not be accepted or processed without payment in full. No exceptions.
- A \$50 per animal fee will be assessed after June 14, 2024 on late entries, class changes or substitutions. These changes may not be reflected in the program.
- No class changes or substitutions will be allowed after June 21, 2024, except at the discretion of the judge. Exception: Claims Male entries and Sale Animals can be entered in the Futurity and/or appropriate halter classes as schedule allows
- 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.
- A llama ages to the next class on its birthday.
- 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 performance classes/showmanship; 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. If you need help, ask.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- For your convenience, all forms can be found on the website on the relevant pages OR on the "Printable Forms" page.

Youth

- Minimum age for a handler in any class is 7 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 llama.

Youth Cont.

- 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.

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.
- As an owner, you have a duty of care towards your lama's well-being. Regularly assess you lama's health and address any signs of injury or illness promptly. Should your lama develop a serious injury or illness and become incapacitated you may be required to seek immediate Veterinary Care and/or remove the llama from the show facility, at the discretion of show management.

Sponsorship

- 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 www.ilrshows.com
- Stall Preference will be given to sponsors, sale animals and early entries. For sponsors, priority will be based on sponsorship level and date sponsorship was received. The committee will do their best to honor all stalling requests.
- Print ready artwork for both ads and business cards must be submitted with sponsorship entry or e-mailed to Lisa Robinson at llamashowsuper@gmail.com immediately to be recognized. Final deadline for submission will be announced on the Gathering website.
- Can't sponsor financially? Please consider volunteering your time. Contact Lisa Robinson or Susan Hannah for volunteer opportunities.
- The 2024 Gathering will be hosting a silent auction throughout the weekend. These donations and your bids help keep the show financially solvent. The Silent Auction table will be set up on Thursday evening and bidding will begin immediately. Contact kelsee@lamaregistry.com if you plan to donate to the silent auction.

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

Gathering Sale Information

- The sale will take place on Saturday evening!!!
- This sale is designated for show quality females and males.
- Additional sale information, including sale animal information, can be found on the Gathering website www.ilrshows.com
- The Gathering Sale falls under the purview of the Gathering Show. The following individuals will be the contact team for the sale.
 - Tor Sorensen (Sale Coordinator) 520-991-5130 or saila1935@aol.com
 - Troy Longenecker 717-679-7394 or checkeruptroy@gmail.com
 - Isaac Beck 717-679-7394 or Isaacbeck11@gmail.com

Futurity Information

- Judging criteria will be based on conformation/movement, fiber quality, and overall appeal/marketability.
- The Futurity will be evaluated using a three-judge system.
- Offered classes and payouts can be found on the show website once announced.
- Entry information is available on the Gathering Entry Form.
- More information about the ILR-SD Futurity can be found on the show website at www.ilrshows.com

Vendors

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

Show Contacts (Contact information for the entire Gathering Committee can be found on the website at ilrshows.com)

- Lisa Robinson, Gathering Chair: llamashowsuper@gmail.com or 765-481-9781
- Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager: susan@lamaregistry.com or 406-755-3438
- Tor Sorensen, Sale Coordinator: saila1935@aol.com or 520-991-5130
- Deb Arendas, BOD Liaison: llamadeb@gmail.com or 330-774-2513