



2026 Gathering General Information

Facility

- The 2026 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 with preference given to sponsors, sale animals and early entries.
- Transit animals will need to 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.
- The main stalling barn offers 10 warm water wash stalls. Grooming chutes are prohibited from being placed in wash racks due to flooding issue. It is your responsibility to remove any fiber or debris after washing.
- 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 outside of the stall barn.
- Campsites are available on the IEC grounds. Please see the entry form for pricing.
- All forms can be found on the show website at www.ILRshows.com

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 show website with the entry information.

Webcasting

- The Gathering Show, Sale and Futurity will all be live streamed on Willoughby Livestock Sales with the opportunity for your farm to be featured based on sponsorship levels.
- On-line bidding will be available during the sale through Willoughby Livestock Sales.
- The Show, Sale and Futurity can be viewed live through this online platform. ILR, ILR-SD, The Gathering, and all show representatives are not responsible for content disruptions, delays or outages due to internet connections. A link will be provided for future viewing once all footage is compiled.
- Webcasting can be found at www.wlivestock.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 3 host hotels on a first come/first serve basis. Visit the show website, www.ILRshows.com for the list and additional details.
- 52 overnight camp sites, with electrical hookup, are located on the west side of the barn complex. Each site is available for \$45/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 to avoid additional charges. 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.
- 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
- Contact the clerk immediately if you entered in Novice and then your animal advances out of Novice so the adjustment can be made.
- 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 if not completed prior to the entry deadline.
- Please do not enter your llamas in the bolded champion classes.
- All entries must be postmarked by June 9, 2026 to avoid late fees.
- Entries will not be accepted or processed without payment in full. No exceptions.
- Late entries must be postmarked by June 16, 2026 and sent priority due to postal delays. Late entries will be charged a \$50/animal fee. An e-mail copy of late entries must also be sent to ilr@lamaregistry.com on the date mailed.
- 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 June 16, 2026 except at the discretion of the judge.
- Non-breeder llamas must be recognized as such on their ILR Registration 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 animals at the show ring promptly for their class.
- An animal that has exhibited in Advanced 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.

- A 4% convenience charge will be added to all credit card payments.

Youth

- Minimum age for a handler in any class other than sub junior 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/Master 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 but may use a different animal for showmanship (make sure the clerk is aware). If showing in all four classes, the highest points in either Trail Pack or Showmanship will be used.
- Senior youth may 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
- 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 illness, infectious disease or communicable fungus.

Sponsorship

- The Gathering is one of the largest lama 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
- 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 Susan Hannah immediately in order to be included in the show book. Final deadline for submission will be announced on the Gathering website.
- Can't sponsor financially? Please consider volunteering your time. Contact Lisa Robinson for volunteering opportunities.
- The 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 by Thursday

evening and bidding will begin immediately. Contact Lisa Robinson if you plan to donate to the silent auction.

Youth Auction

- The Gathering 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 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 (big or small) 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 will take care of the rest.
- Can't attend the Gathering but want to donate items? Donations can be mailed ahead of time and we will get them there for you. Contact Lisa Robinson for details.
- 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 Operations Manager, with 100% of the proceeds going toward ILR youth scholarships.

Sale

- The Gathering Sale will be held on Saturday evening, June 27, 2026. This sale is designated for show quality females and males.
- A sale entry fee of \$150 per animal and 6% commission will be charged.
- More information about the Gathering Sale and contact information can be found on show website, ILRshows.com

Futurity

- 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 \$100/animal
- Sign up is available on the Gathering Entry Form.
- See more information about the ILR-SD Futurity on the show website, ILRshows.com

Vendors

- If you are interested in vending, visit our website for the Vendor Form and information or contact Susan Hannah at the ILR Office.
- Vendor Bucks are returning again this year. As a thank you to both our exhibitors and vendors, exhibitors are given vendor bucks for every animal entered to be spent with our show vendors during the event. Vendors will be reimbursed for all vendor bucks they receive at the conclusion of the show.

Arrival/Departure/Office Hours

- Exhibitors and Vendors may begin to arrive at the Iowa Equestrian Center at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 25, 2026.

- Exhibitors and Vendors must leave the Iowa Equestrian Center by Sunday, June 28, 2026 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 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If you arrive after 5:00 pm, your entry packet can be picked up on Friday at the clerk desk.

Show Contacts

- Chair - Lisa Robinson, 765-481-9781, llamashowsuper@gmail.com
- Operations Manager and Entry - Susan Hannah, 406-755-3438, susan@lamaregistry.com
- ILR Board Liaison - Deb Arendas, 330-774-2513, llamadeb@aol.com
- Sale Coordinator - Tor Sorensen, 520-9915130, saila1935@aol.com