



Second Annual International Gathering of Friends and Champions

June 15-17, 2012

Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA
3000 East University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317

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INFORMATION on *THE GATHERING 2012*



**We will have a CASINO theme for our 2012 show
– join us for a SURE BET of a great family time!**

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TIME TO REGISTER for the GATHERING!

Deadline to be included in the Show Program is Monday, May 25, 2012.

You CAN still register and make changes after that date but we'd appreciate it if you do it by the 25th so we have as complete a list in the program as possible!

Those entries not in the show program along with additions, corrections, etc. will be available as an insert to your program each day at the show.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: Get of Sire will only require TWO animals.

We're excited about our second annual *ILR Show Division International Gathering of Friends and Champions!* In line with our casino theme, you can bet on a SURE THING by joining us at *The Gathering* for great family fun! The success of this event hinges on the support shown by the ILR-SD membership. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship and support of the *ILR Show Division International Gathering of Friends and Champions*. We look forward to enjoying llamas with everyone at *The Gathering* in June.



Thank you to our Chairperson and Superintendents!

Chairperson / Show Superintendent – Norris Berg
Clerk / Halter Superintendent – Hank Kauffman
Performance Superintendent – George Clements
Fleece Superintendent – Fran Soukup
Fleece Clerk – Dianne Kratville
ILR BOD Liaison – Mary Jo Miller



Register for The Gathering

[CLICK HERE to Register online for the 2012 Gathering](#)

[CLICK HERE for the 2012 Gathering Entry Form to e-mail or mail in.](#)



The Gathering FEES

Fiber/Fleece/Fleece-On:	\$20.00 per class
Return Postage for Fiber Items:	\$12.00 per item
Fleece Products:	\$20.00 per item
Youth Fleece Products	\$10.00 per item
Halter:	\$40.00 per class
Performance:	\$40.00 per class
Adult Showmanship:	\$40.00 per class
Composite Class:	\$20.00 per class
Youth Entry Fees:	\$30.00 per class
ILR-SD Member Fee:	\$ 2.00 per animal
ILR-SD Member Fleece Products Fee	\$ 2.00 per exhibitor
Stall Fees:	\$40.00 per stall



The Gathering SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL

Wednesday, June 13 – early arrivals after 2:00pm

Thursday, June 14 – normal arrival all day and evening

NOTE: Bedding-use – straw, hay or stall mats – no wood chips or cardboard strips.

SHOW

Friday, June 15

8:00am – Welcome, Exhibitor’s Meeting, Introductions followed by the SHOW!

6:30pm or ASAP after last class of the day ends

~free light supper at the show arena

~short ILR annual meeting

Saturday, June 16

9:00am – Show resumes where left off on Friday

6:30pm or ASAP after last class of the day ends

~Youth Auction

Sunday, June 17

9:00am – Show resumes where left off on Saturday

NOTE: Classes will run continuously with no class to begin after 5:00pm any day.

Announcements will be made from the Clerk’s table to prevent down time and to assist in allowing the show to finish as early as possible on Sunday.



The Gathering DEDICATION information



We announced in September that it is traditional in many livestock associations and national agriculture events to dedicate the national show to someone who has made a major impact on the industry. The ILR Board has adopted this tradition for our *Show Division International Gathering of Friends and Champions*. The recipient of this dedication will be someone who has had an impact on the industry; someone who has helped promote llamas in a positive manner, someone who supports the industry as a whole, not just their area of interest, and someone who has committed themselves to improving the industry for llamas and for llama owners. The 2012 show is dedicated posthumously to **BOBRA GOLDSMITH**.

We welcome suggestions from the membership for the 2013 dedication. Please send your suggestions to ilrboard@lamaregistry.com



The Gathering 2012 SPONSORSHIP information

We are accepting and encouraging [sponsorships](#) for *The International Gathering of Friends and Champions!* We have a casino theme for the 2012 *Gathering*, and our sponsorships reflect that concept – remember, one of the goals of the ILR-SD is to make showing llamas fun! The following levels of sponsorship are available:



\$5,000.00	Royal Flush
\$2,500.00	Flush
\$1,500.00	Full House
\$1,000.00	Straight
\$ 500.00	Two Pair
\$ 250.00	Pair
Less than \$250	High Card/Friends of the Gathering

We are also accepting sponsorship of the **Division Grand** and **Reserve Awards**. You can sponsor a **Division Grand Champion Award for \$150** and a **Division Reserve Champion Award for \$100**.

Sponsors will receive year long advertising on the ILR website, www.lamaregistry.com: a link to their website and farm information on the website, special recognition in the show packet, reduced advertising rates in the show catalog, as well as special stalling and on-site recognition.

The sooner you send in your sponsor money, the more advertising opportunity you get! We would like to receive the sponsorships by May 1, 2012.



The Gathering 2012 QUALIFYING requirements

There is no animal qualifying. We only require you be an ILR-Show Division Member to participate!

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The Gathering 2012 JUDGES

We are pleased to announce the judges for this event. The decision was made by the Governing Board to have a single judge system, rather than a multiple judge event. The International Show committee and the Judges' Committee selected the judges for this year's event. These judges were selected because of the high degree of integrity, experience and knowledge they each have. We are proud to have them judge our second annual *Gathering of Friends and Champions*.



Halter – Terry Duespohl, Seneca, PA



Performance – Beth Myers, Newark, Ohio



Fleece – Judy Ross, Chesapeake, Ohio



The Gathering 2012 VENDOR information

First come, first served based on availability.

A 10' x 10' space - \$75.00 (includes 1 table-non-skirted & 2 chairs). Additional tables to rent for \$10 each.

Send your reservation and info to:

Margo Schultz, Vendor Coordinator

490 County Road T

Hammond, WI 54015

715-796-5218

marbils490@aol.com

Make checks payable to the ILR-SD or include Master Card or VISA credit card information.





The Gathering 2012 HOTEL information

Host Hotels with special rates for the ILR-SD membership:

Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus

1050 6th Ave

Des Moines, IA 50314

515-283-0151 or 1 877 834 3613

Rate: \$79.95 . . . Ask for "LLAMA" group rates.

- 10 minutes from Fairgrounds
- restaurant and lounge
- free on-site laundry
- indoor pool

Sleep Inn and Suites

5850 Morning Star Court

Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

515-299-9922

Rate: \$85.00 . . . Ask for "LLAMA" group rates.

- Pets accepted for \$15 one-time fee
- 3 miles from Fairgrounds



The Gathering 2012 CAMPING information

Camping is available at the Fairgrounds. It is a few blocks to walk to the stalling/show arena. Most folks will drive from the campground to the show if they have a vehicle that can be separated from their camper.

Camping is offered through the Fairgrounds, not *The Gathering*. No need to reserve a space ahead of time. There normally is someone on duty; however, if you arrive and no one is present, pick out your spot and they will catch up with you.

Bathrooms including showers are available at the campground.

RATES:

Full hook up – water, electric & sewer	\$23/night
Water & electric	\$20/night
No hook ups	\$18/night



The Gathering 2012 GENERAL Rules:

Exhibitors are required to be ILR-SD members to enter *The Gathering*.

All llamas must be ILR registered for Halter & Fleece Classes. Non-ILR registered or llamas without an ILR listing number may show in the Performance, Showmanship, and Youth divisions after obtaining an ILR Tracking Number. Alpacas can show in *The Gathering* as well. They can show in the Performance, Showmanship and Youth divisions after obtaining an ILR Tacking Number. ILR registration and tracking numbers serve as point trackers for the ILR-SD.

One entry / youth in all youth performance classes. An animal can only go through each OB, PR, or Pack class one time. Youth age determined by their age on January 1st of 2012, however if a youth reaches the age of 7 between January 1, 2012, and show date, they will be eligible to show as of their birth date.

YOUTH AGES:

- Jr. Youth: 7-11
- Intermediate Youth: 12-15
- Sr Youth: 16-18

HALTER CLASSES: Age calculated as of June 17, 2012, due to possibility of variance of halter class schedule.

- Juvenile: 5-<12 months.
- Yearling: 12-<24 months
- 2 year old: 24-<36 months
- Adult: over 36 months for llamas

POINTS / AWARDS OTHER THAN *GATHERING* AWARDS:

Don't forget, all placings at *The Gathering* also count towards Pot of Gold, UAP and Year-end SD awards. An additional Performance Futurity has been added to the Youth Pot of Gold program! Both halter and performance placings will count towards the Pot of Gold Futurity programs – each division having their own pot.

***GATHERING* HEALTH REQUIREMENT:**

A General Health Certificate dated within 30 days of the show is required.

ILR-SD HALTER LLAMA WOOL DESCRIPTIONS:

- Suri:** Fleece exhibits distinct lock formation, hangs straight down from midline, exhibits independent movement, a cool, slick handle and doesn't have any crimp. Coverage may vary from light to heavy.
- Silky:** Fleece exhibits a very soft/silky handle with natural wave, may exhibit some crinkle, but no crimp, has nearly indiscernible guard hair, and has minimal loft and coverage can vary from medium to heavy. Ideally entries exhibit the majority of these criteria.

- Classic:** Abundant guard hair visible on the body and neck with short and minimal “downy” undercoat. Has guard hair “mane” on back of the neck. Exhibits a natural change in the fleece at the level of the elbow/stifle, with the fleece below this point being very short. Has natural windows of short fleece on the brisket, belly and flank and minimal fleece on legs and head with characteristics like guard hair not the downy undercoat.
- Light:** Mostly double coated with moderate density but short length. Fleece coverage rapidly declines below the elbow/stifle and be very short below the knee/hock. Usually guard hair is longer than the undercoat.
- Medium:** Llamas may be double coated with moderate density and length. Llama exhibits coverage extending down the leg with minimal coverage below the knee and hock.
- Moderate Heavy:** Even neck fleece that blends into body fleece of moderate density and length. Legs will exhibit coverage down to the knees and potentially down to the toes with a decline in coverage below the knees on front legs. Rear legs will exhibit coverage down to the pastern on the back of the legs with minimal coverage on the front of the legs.
- Extreme Heavy:** Will exhibit abundant neck and body fleece. Front legs will exhibit coverage down to the toes maintaining heavy coverage below the knees. Rear legs will exhibit dense coverage down the back of the legs along with fiber on the front side of the legs.

Please enter your animals in their proper fiber divisions.

Mini Llamas: Miniature llama guidelines are the American Miniature Llama Association guidelines for the ILR Show Division. All minis will be measured by show management Friday morning. Further details at registration.

Llama Fleece-On/Coat-On Fiber Classes

will be held in a specified area and judged individually. Time to be announced.

Shorn Fiber and Specialty/Products Fleece

entries must be turned in by 8:00 pm Thursday evening, June 14th.

Arrival Time: Stalling only available after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday June 13th.

Stalling: Barn floor is cement. All bedding is acceptable **except-no paper bedding**. Stalls are 10’x10’. Limit stalling to 2 larger or 3 juvenile or smaller size per stall. Exhibitor responsible for cleaning out stalls prior to leaving.

Office/Clerk desk open:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 7:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. till show end.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Dogs allowed on grounds and in barns as long as on leash.
- Barn and show arena are open covered buildings.
- Wash rack provided.
- Ribbons / awards are being determined.
- Food available on the grounds.
- Bedding must be straw or wood chips – no cardboard strips.
- Get of Sire will only require TWO animals.
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The Gathering HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

**GENERAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE dated within 30 days of the show
REQUIRED.**

Class Lists follow.





The Gathering 2012 CLASS LIST:

Class # Class Description

1	Open Pleasure Driving
2	Open Obstacle Driving
3	Adult Showmanship
4	Youth Showmanship - Junior (7 - 11)
5	Youth Showmanship - Intermediate (12 - 15)
6	Youth Showmanship - Senior (16 - 18)
7	Non-Breeder Yearling
8	Non-Breeder Two-Year-Old
9	Non-Breeder Adult
10	Miniature Yearling Non-Breeder
11	Miniature Two-Year-Old Non-Breeder
12	Miniature Adult Non-Breeder
13	Suri Juvenile Female
14	Suri Yearling Female
15	Suri Two-Year-Old Female
16	Suri Adult Female
17	Suri Juvenile Male
18	Suri Yearling Male
19	Suri Two-Year-Old Male
20	Suri Adult Male
21	Silky Juvenile Female
22	Silky Yearling Female
23	Silky Two-Year-Old Female
24	Silky Adult Female
25	Silky Juvenile Male
26	Silky Yearling Male
27	Silky Two-Year-Old Male
28	Silky Adult Male
29	Classic Juvenile Female
30	Classic Yearling Female
31	Classic Two-Year-Old Female
32	Classic Adult Female
33	Classic Juvenile Male
34	Classic Yearling Male
35	Classic Two-Year-Old Male
36	Classic Adult Male
37	Light Juvenile Female
38	Light Yearling Female
39	Light Two-Year-Old Female
40	Light Adult Female
41	Light Juvenile Male
42	Light Yearling Male
43	Light Two-Year-Old Male

44	Light Adult Male
45	Medium Juvenile Female
46	Medium Yearling Female
47	Medium Two-Year-Old Female
48	Medium Adult Female
49	Medium Juvenile Male
50	Medium Yearling Male
51	Medium Two-Year-Old Male
52	Medium Adult Male
53	Moderate Heavy Juvenile Female
54	Moderate Heavy Yearling Female
55	Moderate Heavy Two-Year-Old Female
56	Moderate Heavy Adult Female
57	Moderate Heavy Juvenile Male
58	Moderate Heavy Yearling Male
59	Moderate Heavy Two-Year-Old Male
60	Moderate Heavy Adult Male
61	Extreme Heavy Juvenile Female
62	Extreme Heavy Yearling Female
63	Extreme Heavy Two-Year-Old Female
64	Extreme Heavy Adult Female
65	Extreme Heavy Juvenile Male
66	Extreme Heavy Yearling Male
67	Extreme Heavy Two-Year-Old Male
68	Extreme Heavy Adult Male
69	Miniature Juvenile Female
70	Miniature Yearling Female
71	Miniature Two-Year-Old Female
72	Miniature Adult Female
73	Miniature Juvenile Male
74	Miniature Yearling Male
75	Miniature Two-Year-Old Male
76	Miniature Adult Male
77	Produce of Dam
78	Get of Sire
79	Advanced Pack / Trail
80	Youth Trail Pack - Senior (16 - 18)
81	Youth Trail Pack - Intermediate (12 - 15)
82	Novice Pack / Trail
83	Youth Trail Pack - Junior (7 - 11)
84	Advanced Freestyle Obstacle
85	Youth Freestyle Obstacle - Senior (16 - 18)
86	Youth Freestyle Obstacle - Intermediate (12 - 15)
87	Novice Freestyle Obstacle
88	Youth Freestyle Obstacle - Junior (7 - 11)
89	Advanced Public Relations / Companion

90	Youth Public Relations / Companion - Senior (16 - 18)
91	Youth Public Relations / Companion - Intermediate (12 - 15)
92	Novice Public Relations / Companion
93	Youth Public Relations / Companion - Junior (7 - 11)
94	Composite Class
95	Coat-On - Classic Coat 5 to <12 months
96	Coat-On - Classic Coat 12 to < 24 months
97	Coat-On - Classic Coat 24 months and older
98	Fleece-On - Suri Fleece 5 to <12 months
99	Fleece-On - Suri Fleece 12 to < 24 months
100	Fleece-On - Suri Fleece 24 months and older
101	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/o Crimp 5 to <12 months
102	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/o Crimp 12 to < 24 months
103	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/o Crimp 24 months and older
104	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/ Crimp 5 to <12 months
105	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/ Crimp 12 to < 24 months
106	Fleece-On - Single Fleece w/ Crimp 24 months and older
107	Fleece-On - Double Fleece w/ Crimp 5 to <12 months
108	Fleece-On - Double Fleece w/ Crimp 12 to < 24 months
109	Fleece-On - Double Fleece w/ Crimp 24 months and older
110	Shorn Suri Fleece 5 to <12 months
111	Shorn Suri Fleece 12 to < 24 months
112	Shorn Suri Fleece 24 months and older
113	Shorn Single Fleece w/o Crimp 5 to <12 months
114	Shorn Single Fleece w/o Crimp 12 to < 24 months
115	Shorn Single Fleece w/o Crimp 24 Months and older
116	Shorn Single Fleece w/ Crimp 5 to <12 months
117	Shorn Single Fleece w/ Crimp 12 to < 24 months
118	Shorn Single Fleece w/ Crimp 24 months and older
119	Shorn Double Fleece w/ Crimp 5 to <12 months
120	Shorn Double Fleece w/ Crimp 12 to < 24 months
121	Shorn Double Fleece w/ Crimp 24 months and older
122	Knitting Item - Adult
123	Knitting Item - Youth
124	Crochet Item - Adult
125	Crochet Item - Youth
126	Woven Item - Adult
127	Woven Item - Youth
128	Felted Item - Adult
129	Felted Item - Youth
130	Yarn (Greater than 50% Lama) - Adult
131	Yarn (Greater than 50% Lama) - Youth
132	Yarn (100% Lama) - Adult
133	Yarn (100% Lama) - Youth
134	Other Fleece Item - Adult
135	Other Fleece Item - Youth

We hope YOU can join us FOR the FUN of IT!

*Check out the FUN events
which will be a part of The Gathering!*





The Gathering 2012 FOR-the-FUN-of-IT Events:

New for 2012 - CHINESE AUCTION, TRADITIONAL SILENT AUCTION and a SPECIAL RAFFLE ITEM.



CHINESE AUCTION

This auction will be limited to 5 items of the best quality. You can purchase tickets for these items at the price of \$5.00 for 1 ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. You can buy as many as you want. The Chinese Auction works like this: You put the stub from the ticket you purchased in the container for the item you can't live without! You can spread the stubs out to many containers or put them all in one container. You can add ticket stubs as many times as you want until the auction is closed. The winner of the auction item will be determined by randomly picking one individual ticket from each contain for each item.



TRADITIONAL SILENT AUCTION

There is a limit of 15 items in this auction. These are special items with a value of at least \$75.00. You will be able to bid on each item using either your name or your ILR owner code number. It's best to keep an eye on the bidding sheet for any item you want to make sure you have the last and highest bid. There will be a pre-announced cut-off time ending the auction. Whoever has the highest bid on the item at the end of the auction will be the winner.



SPECIAL RAFFLE ITEM

We will be selling raffle tickets at the *Gathering* for a 'special' raffle item to be revealed at the *Gathering*. Save some bills for raffle tickets to be in the 'special' item drawing!

MORE FUN BELOW!





BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – Finished Fleece Products

Criteria: Fleece product **MUST** be entered in the Fleece Product division for judging.

Judging: Judging of the fleece products is to be done as soon as possible on Friday to allow maximum time for items to be on display.

After the fleece products are judged, all fleece products will be in the People's Choice Award Contest and will be on display. Individual names or farm names will not be attached to the product. Each product entered will be assigned a number. Exhibitors and visitors may vote, only once, for the Finished Fleece Product they feel should be the "People's Choice" based on the creativity of the finished product, and what catches their eye. Cast a vote by filling out a ballot and placing in the ballot box located by the People's Choice Award display.

Winner will be announced Saturday evening and awarded with ribbons for Fleece On. Time to be announced Saturday evening.

Finished Fleece Products and Shorn Fleece may be picked up after the awards are announced Saturday evening.



TASTES AND TREASURES

Tables will be set up for people to bring "goodies" (baked or otherwise) for sale. These will be out starting on Friday morning for people to purchase. All proceeds will go to the ILR. Items could include cookies, bars, fruits, breads, candies, caramel corn, cheese curds, etc. These went very well and very fast last year – bring what you can!

Additionally, items that a person no longer has a use for, wants, or simply needs to eliminate from their barn, will be put on display for sale. People can purchase them for a nominal charge and all proceeds will also go to the ILR. This can be leads, halters, brushes, grooming aids, nail trimmers, show clothing articles, cria coats, tie outs, nick-nacks, knitting supplies, spinning supplies, display boards, hangers for banners or posters, basically anything that is portable and could be useable by someone else.

Please no hard to transport items.



BLUE RIBBON DADS

Since *The Gathering* is being held on Father's Day weekend, we want to recognize Fathers. Thus, there will be in each exhibitor packet a ribbon for each father to wear that will recognize BLUE RIBBON DADS. There will also be extras at the show office for the grandfathers and those fathers who we all depend on to receive and be recognized.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WORKING LAMA PHOTO CONTEST

Bring your photos along or submit them by mail. Here people can submit a photograph of themselves and/or family members, along with llamas and/or alpacas in a creative working lama format (specs below). Not the standard "posed" photos. Photos can be of llamas in a parade, nursing home, packing, exhibiting in performance etc. Exhibitors and visitors will vote on the best working lama photograph. Winner will receive a prize yet to be determined (hoping for a gift certificate from one of our vendors). These photos will be on display the entire weekend and the winner will be announced on Sunday.

Photo Contest Specifications:

- 1) Minimum size: 5"x7" Maximum size: 8"x10"
- 2) Photo only – no mats or frames
- 3) Black & white or color
- 4) Photo paper is not required but it will present your photos better than on plain paper.





YOUTH GATHERING DOLLARS

- Youth receive points for any placings at ILR-SD shows during the 2011 year.
- Each point will be \$10.00 in *Gathering* Dollars. *Gathering* dollars are NOT real money, but rather “funny money” or “play money.”
- If a Pot of Gold animal was used in earning those points – the points will be double value.
- Youth can earn extra Gathering Dollars at the 2012 *Gathering* event by volunteering to help at the show in various areas and/or exhibitors or visitors can purchase Gathering Dollars to give to youth that they feel are deserving for any reason of receiving those dollars, i.e.: well mannered, well dressed, helpful, friendly, etc. **Ratio for purchase** will be – \$10.00 will purchase \$100 in Gathering dollars.
- Youth will receive a bonus of \$100 Gathering Dollars for each class they enter at the 2012 *Gathering* event.
- All youth Gathering Dollars earned through 2011 will be in the exhibitor packets at the 2012 *Gathering* event in June of 2012.
- Gathering Dollars earned will be for youth to purchase donated items at the YOUTH ONLY AUCTION to be held on Saturday evening at the 2012 *International Gathering of Friends and Champions*.

Anyone wanting to make a donation of an auction item for the Youth Only Auction may do so at the 2012 *Gathering* event, or in the alternative, people can contact Matt or Erin Fruits at (765) 376-0261 or mefruits@netzero.com to let them know of a youth auction item you will be donating and sending and/or bringing to the *Gathering*.

Once the 2012 event is over, any dollars not spent by the youth will have to be discarded. The 2012 calendar year will be used for the accumulation of Gathering Dollars to be used at the 2013 *Annual International Gathering of Family and Friends*.



The Gathering 2012 LOCATION

PHYSICAL ADDRESS of Iowa State Fairgrounds:

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