

Leasing Options from Hamilton County Llamas, Inc.



The Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. (HCL) has been formed for the sole purpose of making llamas available to the youth of Hamilton County, Indiana to lease for, including but not limited to, participation in and completing a 4-H Llama Project. When enrolled in the 4-H Llama Project, all youth will learn about llama health care and attend workshops to train their llama to show at the annual Hamilton County Fair. All members who lease a llama or attend workshops on the property where the llamas are housed must be a member of the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. All members who attend workshops on the HCL facility must be working with a llama. HCL Annual Fees will apply towards the farm location lease, insurance, animal care, and miscellaneous variable expenses as well as HCL workshop fees and special events.

Members of the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. will oversee, maintain, and care for all the llamas under the responsibility of the HCL. Membership will be yearly from October 1st to Sept 30th. All HCL members will have the option to take their turn with llama chores during the membership year or to opt out of chores by paying an additional fee.

The Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. will be supervised by a Board of Directors and operate under their own By-Laws. All members will have one vote per family. Chairpersons and committees will be appointed to help oversee the responsibilities of the herd management. At this time the HCL estimates approximately \$22,000 per year Operating Costs.

The Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. also offers various options to board llamas for those youth who own their own llamas and are currently enrolled in the Hamilton County 4-H project or for those who have been previously connected with the Hamilton County 4-H project and are willing to share their animals with members of the HCL. In addition the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. offers options for those HCL members who own their own llamas and house them at their own location, are currently enrolled in the Hamilton County 4-H project, and wish to attend workshops and activities of the HCL.

Llama Leasing Fees and Information

- **For leasing a llama from the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. for the 4-H Llama Project**, the HCL Annual fee is \$300 a year per youth with a \$500 maximum per family. This total annual amount will be applied towards the farm location lease, insurance, animal care, and miscellaneous variable expenses as well as HCL workshop fees, activities, and special events.
- **There is a \$25 one time registration fee per youth** for membership in the Hamilton County Llamas Inc. This membership entitles each family to one vote in matters of importance. All youth who wish to lease a llama from the HCL to use for the 4-H Llama Project, or wish to participate in llama workshops and activities held by the HCL, must be a member of the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc.
- **Payment Plan:** 50% of the total amount will be due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be due by April 1st, so as to spread out the cost. If the annual negotiation of the land lease and herd management expenses are less than currently estimated, and/or if more or less than the expected number of youth sign up for memberships after the 4-H enrollment deadline of January 15th, the remaining balance due on April 1st may be more or less than the first half of the amount paid at the time of registration.

- If in upcoming years the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. has banked more funds than the expected operating costs for the following year, HCL fees may be adjusted down for the next year.
- HCL workshops and activities held at the HCL location are only available to HCL members.
- All llamas housed in the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. herd will receive routine yearly care.
- Unusable animals may not be boarded at the HCL location. Approvals on boarding llamas will be up to the HCL Board of Directors.

Chore Responsibilities for HCL Members

- Each youth **WILL HAVE THE OPTION** to do chores (feed and clean) year round or opt out. As an example, if we have 78 youth in the club, and 3 youth do chores together each day, each youth would only have to do chores approximately once every 26 days (78 divided by 3 youth per day = once every 26 days). If a youth selects to opt out of chores all together, they may pay an additional \$100.00 fee on top of the yearly HCL Annual Fees.
- If a youth cannot make their scheduled llama chore day, it will be their responsibility to work out an arrangement with the other two youth doing chores that day, or work out a switch day with another youth. This change must be communicated to the Chore Leader 24 hours prior to the scheduled chore day. There will be a check sheet that will have to be signed by the youth after doing chores and will be monitored by the Chore Leader. If a youth doesn't show up for chores and doesn't make alternative arrangements prior to 24 hrs of their chore day, the youth will be charged a **\$20.00** fee for the missed chore day. As noted earlier, it is conceivable that a youth will only need to do chores once every 26 or more days depending on the number of youth members in the HCL. The Chore Leader will send out monthly schedules in advance.

Completing the 4-H Llama Project

- A llama may be leased from the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. for a youth to learn about and train a llama, show at the Hamilton County Fair, and to complete the 4-H Llama Project. The youth must be a member of the Hamilton County Llamas, Inc. in order to lease a llama or to participate in HCL workshops, activities, and events.
- Youth participating in the 4-H Llama Project may or may not be a member of the 4-H Llama Club in order to complete the 4H Llama Project. The 4-H Llama Club is for those youth who are involved in the 4-H Llama Project and do not belong to another 4-H club. There are no fees for the 4-H Llama Club. Record books and activity books required to complete the 4-H Llama Project must be signed by the 4-H Llama Project Leaders.