

**The Gathering of Friends and Champions**  
Iowa Equestrian Center Cedar Rapids, IA  
June 25th - 27th, 2021  
[www.ilrsdthegathering.com](http://www.ilrsdthegathering.com)



## General Information

### Facility

- The 2020 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. Preference to these stalls will be given to sponsors, sale animals and early entries. If needed, transit animals may 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.
- You may use hay, wood chips, cardboard, compressed pellets or shredded paper for bedding. **You may not use straw.**
- Retractable electricity lines are suspended from the ceiling. Each stall has two plugs available.
- The main stalling barn offers 10 warm water wash stalls.
- 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.
- The facility will offer a concession stand for lunch Friday and Saturday.
- 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 is requiring a waiver be signed in order attend. This will need to be mailed in with your entry form.
- The event center is currently requiring face masks or face coverings when not exhibiting or when not social distanced.
- If changes in the safety protocol are made, they will be communicated on the website.

## 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. Visit the Gathering website listed above 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 \$25 / evening. **Please register on your show entry forms.** 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 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 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 June 10, 2021.
- Entries will not be accepted or processed without payment in full. No exceptions.
- A \$50 fee will be assessed per animal after June 10, 2021 for 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, 2021, 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.
- 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 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. 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.

### ***Rules Continued...***

- 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.

### **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 llama.
- 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 at 5 pm on Saturday 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.
- 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 [ilrsdthegathering.com](http://ilrsdthegathering.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 at [lrobinson17@comcast.net](mailto:lrobinson17@comcast.net) 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 [lrobinson17@comcast.net](mailto:lrobinson17@comcast.net) for volunteering opportunities.
- The 2021 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 [kelsee@lamaregistry.com](mailto:kelsee@lamaregistry.com) if you plan to donate to the silent auction.

## Youth Auction

- The Gathering Committee strongly believes that the youth are the future of our industry. The Gathering Youth Committee hosts an auction for kids using only Gathering Bucks!
- Please consider donating to the 2021 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. Our 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 2020 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. Additional Gathering Bucks can be purchased from Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager.
- The Gathering Committee has also been known to award Gathering Bucks to youth for volunteering throughout the weekend or winning certain games.
- Questions on Youth Auction? Donations? Ideas? Please contact Amanda Smith at 260-446-5608 [quartzandmarni@gmail.com](mailto:quartzandmarni@gmail.com)

## Llama Sale Information

- The Gathering will again be holding the **Summer Spectacular Sale** on Friday evening!
- This sale is designated for show quality females and males.
- All sale llamas will automatically be entered in the appropriate Gathering halter class.
- Sale entry fee of \$150 (which includes the Gathering Halter show entry fee)

- Only a 5% commission will be charged.
- Contact sale coordinators Randy Cipriano (402-540-4058) or Mark Smith (765-918-1976) with questions.
- See more information about the Summer Spectacular Sale on our website.

### **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.
- Guaranteed Payouts! Best of Show - \$1,000 and Director Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> place per class - \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> place per class - \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> place per class - \$150
- Entry fee is \$100 / class.
- Sign up is available on the Gathering Entry Form.
- See more information about the ILR-SD Futurity on our website

### **Vendors**

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

### **Photographers**

- Golden Photo Video – Rick and Brenda Anderson

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

- Exhibitors and Vendors may begin to arrive at the Iowa Equestrian Center at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 25, 2021.
- Exhibitors and Vendors must leave the Iowa Equestrian Center by Sunday, June 27, 2021 by 5:00 pm. If you require special arrangements, please contact Lisa Robinson at [lrobinson17@comcast.net](mailto:lrobinson17@comcast.net)
- The show office will be staffed on Thursday at 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. If you arrive after 5:00 pm, please contact Lisa Robinson to make arrangements to get your entry packet.

### **Show Contacts**

- Lisa Robinson, Gathering Chair: [lrobinson17@comcast.net](mailto:lrobinson17@comcast.net) or 317-341-0533
- Susan Hannah, ILR Office Manager: [susan@lamaregistry.com](mailto:susan@lamaregistry.com) or 406-755-3438
- Randy Cipriano, Sale Manager: [rrcip@aol.com](mailto:rrcip@aol.com) or 402-540-4058
- Mark Smith, Sale Manager: [msflama@gmail.com](mailto:msflama@gmail.com) or 765-918-1976

**All Show Information and Forms can be found at [ilrsdthegathering.com](http://ilrsdthegathering.com)**