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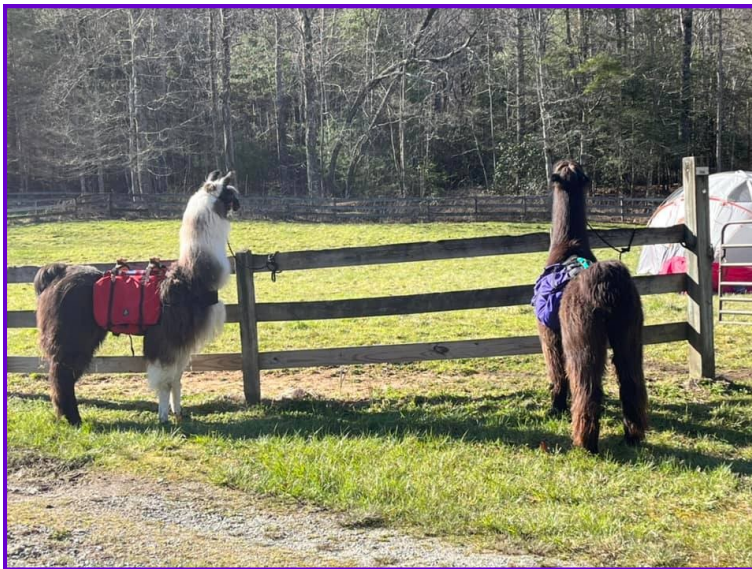
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**2022 Spring Pack Trial
DuPont State Forest, NC**

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SSLA Mission Statement

OUR MISSION as members of the Southern States Llama Association is to be a strong organization of llama and alpaca owners who have joined together for the purpose of education, fun, and fellowship while promoting the health and welfare of llamas and the llama industry.

Committee Chairs & Contacts

(If the committee chair is a board member, that person is also the Board Liaison)

Committees

Annual Meeting Conference—

By-law Amendment—Tom Wilson
Board Liaison: Tracy Weaver

Carting—Vicki Sundberg
Board Liaison: Maylene Hall

Discover Llama—Tom Wilson
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Election—To be appointed by President

Fiber—Tracy Weaver

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Library—Lauren Wright
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Llama Trekking & Packing—Tom Rothering

Membership—Lauri Jones
Board Liaison: Andie Frederick

Show—Kathy Devaul
Board Liaison: Debbie Andrews

Website—Vicki Sundberg
Board Liaison: Andie Frederick

Youth & Youth Ambassador Awards—
 Jackie Ellett
Board Liaison: Maylene Hall

Youth Scholarship—Tom Rothering/
 Lauren Wright

Ambassador Awards—Maylene Hall

Trekking Awards—Janessa Moore
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Sweepstakes Awards—Lauren Wright
Board Liaison: Andie Frederick

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Youth—Cathie Kindler
Board Liaison: Andie Frederick

Journal Mission Statement

THE LLAMA JOURNAL, published by the Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) is distributed quarterly to the members of SSLA. The purpose of the Journal is to provide:

- Information and articles of interest
- A forum for members to express their opinions on llamas and related matters
- Board of Directors meeting minutes, Treasurer's report and other information pertinent to the function of SSLA.

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Website: www.ssla.org

Facebook page: Listed as "SSLA-Southern States Llama Association"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung! SSLA has been abuzz with activities, starting the year with the Florida State Fair and the Hillbilly Show. This year's Hillbilly show debuted a new performance card viewing system. These shows were followed closely by our annual conference held at the Crystal River Plantation in Florida. As well, the long awaited return of the DuPont Pack Trail in North Carolina. Trekking, campfires and snow flurries make for memorable weekends.

THANK YOU to the Committees, Sponsors and volunteers who assisted with these events! Your tireless commitment to making these events seamless is extraordinary.

THANK YOU to the exhibitors and attendees! Your time and energy is valuable, thank you for choosing to spend it with SSLA.

This year's outgoing Board Members are Kim Kyst, Cathie Kindler, Janessa Hall and Vicki Sundberg and our new Board Members are Debbie Andrews, Maylene Hall, Donna Justice, Tracy Weaver and re-elected Dawn Shaver.

Board Members who are still in term are Tom Rothering and Andie Frederick.

THANK YOU to our outgoing and incoming Board Members. The contribution of your time and expertise to help our organization does not go unrecognized and is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

Mellow Yellow - Gainesville, GA the 4/29-5/1

Llama Rendezvous at the Beach, Carolina Beach State Park, NC the 5/13-5/15

NE TN Llama & Alpaca Show, Gainesville, GA the 5/27-5/29

More information on all these events can be found on the website under Events.

Events are always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping please reach out. Many hands make light work.

Hope to see you soon,

Andie Frederick

SSLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (NEW MEMBERS) MARCH 11, 2022

The board of directors meeting was called to order by Tom Rothering at 4:48 pm, the location was Plantation at Crystal River in Crystal River, FL.

Attendees:

Tom Rothering, Donna Justice, Tracy Weaver, Andie Frederick, Maylene Hall, and Debbie Andrews. Dawn Shaver was not present but on a conference call.

Topic: New Officers for 2022

The motion was brought to elect new officers for the 2022 year.

Andie Frederick was nominated and accepted President.

Tom Rothering was nominated and accepted as Vice President.

Donna Justice was nominated and accepted as Secretary.

Topic: Committees and Liaisons

SSLA Committees and liaisons were chosen for committees not held by board members.

Bookkeeping/Treasurer Committee Responsibilities -
Kathy Devaul

Membership - Lauri Jones (Andie)

Website - Vickie Sundburg (Andie)

Youth Scholarship - Tom Rothering/Lauren Wright

By-laws Review Committee - Tom Wilson (Tracy)

Discover Llamas - Tom Wilson (Tracy)

Cart Driving - Vicki Sundburg (Maylene)

Fiber - (Tracy)

Journal - Charlene Braun (Donna)

Library - Lauren Wright (Andie)

Ambassador - Maylene Hall

Youth Ambassador - Jackie Ellett (Maylene)

Trekking - Janessa Moore (Maylene)

Youth - Cathie Kindler (Dawn)

Show - Kathy Deval (Debbie)

Pack - Tom Rothering

Sweepstakes - Lauren Wright (Andie)

Topic: Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Gainesville, GA 5/27/22

An announcement was made that SSLA was given its 5013-C

Old Business:

Topic: Light Audit

The discussion was made about a light audit using CPA Jessica Atkins in GA.

Youth Scholarship handled by Tom Rothering and Lauren Wright (Farmer's & Merchant's Bank - GA)

Topic: Monitor for Shows

Projector and Screen that were purchased prior to Hillbilly Show to display scorecards will be returned and a monitor will be purchased instead. Plan to have this up and running by the next SSLA show. Discussed buying a warranty on TV for accidents.

No New Business to discuss

SSLA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 12, 2022 CRYSTAL RIVER, FL

Call to Order: - Tom Rothering

Affirmation of Quorum

2021 Minutes - Approved 6/15/21

Topic: Treasurer's Report Kathy Devaul (not present)

- Switched over to Quickbooks
- 501-C Announcement
- Creation of Bookkeeping/Treasurer Committee Responsibilities
- Audit

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*SSLA Membership Meeting, March 12, 2022 continued***Topic: Scholarship Account Report -**

Tom Rothering/Lauren Wright

Balance in Jan. 2021 \$33,388.99

Balance in Dec. 2021 \$35,538.99

INCREASE OF \$2,150.00

Received \$3,750.00 from SSLA's 2021 conference live auction.

Molly McMinn was announced as Scholarship Recipient of 2022.

- This makes 2022 our 20-year anniversary. Awarding 17 students with scholarships.

Topic: Election Results

SSLA's 2022 Board announced

(60 Farms/Members and 43 Members voted)

President - Andie Frederick

Vice President - Tom Rothering

Secretary - Donna Justice

Debbie Andrews

Maylene Hall

Tracy Weaver (replaced Vicki Sundberg who resigned)

Dawn Shaver

Recognition of departing Board Members and President

Topic: Committee Reports**By-laws**

By-law revisions and additions discussed. Tom Wilson's resignation needs replacement.

Membership

Lauri Jones (absent) but Tom Rothering gave membership results.

1 new lifetime member

3 new members

53 renewals

Total members 57 in 2022 - Down from 2021

Discussed new membership recruitment.

THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE THAT HAVE RENEWED IN SUPPORT OF SSLA

Website - Vicki Sundberg (absent)

Andie Frederick read an email from Vicki about website status.

Andie Frederick has joined the team. Website's performance

in the top 95% compared to other businesses like SSLA.

2305 site visits occurred in the past 12 months. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

Discover Llamas- Tom Wilson

Liam Munroe will be the future editor, will need a committee.

The next issue is to be printed in 2023 or 2024.

Cart Driving - Vicki Sundberg (absent)

Currently, SSLA has 10 llamas who are, or working their way towards pulling a cart. Those attending Llama Rendezvous at the Beach are encouraged to bring carting llamas.

Fiber - Tracy Weaver

Fiber Committee Report - Submitted after membership meeting.

◆ Tennessee Community - Susan Gawarecki

Susan feels like more people have llamas, as she sheared about 160 animals for the 2021 year. As far as the fiber products; there are two fiber groups in the Andersonville, TN area. A spinning guild and weaving guild that meets regularly for each group. Both groups are avid in using camelid fibers for the products produced.

◆ Georgia Community- Jeanne Holliston

Has not been able to be involved this year with any fiber activities.

◆ Jackson County- Youth Group- Jackie Ellett

Over the years the youth of Jackson County Love of Llama's program have participated in a few events with fiber arts. Here is a list:

1. Crochet workshop using purchased fiber. This workshop was a beginner class and the youth made scarves and small pouches. (11 youth and 2 adults)
2. Visited Nicole at Spirit Fiber Works 2 different times and learned. We brought our own fiber and learned the following (8 youth and 5 adults):

A. Beginner Spinning using drop spindles and wheel

B. Mill Processing and learned skirting, washing, and fiber separating and dyeing

3. On Several occasions (4 times) Herd shearing with Nicole from Spirit Fiber Works. We have students from the UGA Vet school come out so we can have upwards of 25 people at the farm at once. Youth numbers range from 7- to 13/14. Youth have hands-on shearing experiences.

4. Several felting classes using both purchased fiber and youth processed fiber. (4 times).

Most recently this past summer (8 youth) learned felting basics using fiber from their animals and purchased fiber. The youth learned the basics of felting into handkerchiefs.

Tomorrow (2/13/22) we are having a felting workshop with the same youth but they will be felting the back of denim jackets. - Numbers expected: 7 youth and 6 adults

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SSLA Membership Meeting, March 12, 2022 continued

♦ Florida Community - Mary Rothering, Tracy Weaver

As part of the Florida State Fair in April of 2021, a small group of 4- 6 people bring spinning wheels, looms, or other fiber accessories to demonstrate during the 3 days of the llama/ alpaca show. It is always a crowd-pleaser during the fair. The FALA and Youth entered about 20 items into the FL State Fair Creative Living section, receiving many 1,2 & 3 place ribbons

FALA held an education seminar in Citrus County. One of the activities was an eye-opening demonstration presented to the attendees- Felting in a Ziplock Bag.

In October a Fiber workshop was held at Golden Spirit Alpacas for youth and adults. There were 5 adults demonstrating in the areas of knitting, felting, weaving, using llama or alpaca fibers.

November at Withlacoochee River Park at our annual FALA meeting brought several of our spinners out to spin while another group hiked with the llamas/alpacas.

Thanks to all that participate actively in the use of the camelid fiber industry!

Submitted for SSLA conference -3/11/2022

Journal - Charlene Braun

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles this year . Keep them coming. Facebook is still a good way to get pictures of events and people. The deadline for the next Journal is April 15, 2022.

Library - Lauren Wright

No activity this year with the library.

Trekking Awards - Janessa Moore

2020 and 2021 Awards were given.

Ambassador - Maylene Hall

- ♦ Youth Ambassador - Jackie Ellett will continue as youth ambassador

In the year 2021, we had a total of 13 active SSLA youth members who submitted information on their public relations events. These included going to nursing homes, parades, and festivals, zooming in with large company meetings, such as Home Depot, and interacting with various youth groups, such as scouts and 4H.

- ♦ 2021 SSLA Youth Ambassador Award Recipients

- Allie and Brylee Justice only recipients to attend the banquet.

Platinum Youth Ambassador Award

Rachel Gilley - 118

Lily Howell - 119

Allie Justice - 103

Dylan Shaver - 113

Holly Werkheiser - 101

Anna Williams - 134

Gold Youth Ambassador Award

Olivia Ascenzo - 83

Rachael Gilley

Allie Justice

Isabelle Olliff - 81

Holly Werkheiser

Silver Youth Ambassador Award

Karley Apel - 63

Gabby Ascenzo - 63

Allie Justice

Brylee Justice - 60

Bronze Youth Ambassador Award

Karianna Cashin - 26

Brylee Justice

Pack - Tom Rothering

2022 looks to be a better year for llama packing.

Spring Pack Trial is set for DuPont on April 9 and 10th (Mary Rose Collins is handling this event)

PLTA (pack llama trial association) membership to continue for 2022. PTLA is getting everything back on track after the loss of Tom Seifert.

Greg Hall has been working with the Justice Family on having a pack trail on their farm this fall.

Ambassador Awards Update - Maylene Hall**Sweepstakes Awards - Lauren Wright/Andie Frederick**

For 2022 the SSLA BoD approved the addition of Silky Male and Female to the list of award categories. This brings the total Sweepstakes Award categories to 32 with the top five in each category awarded with certificate of recognition and the top two receiving trophies.

Show - Kathy Devaul/Cathie Kindler

2021 Season:

- Went off with one rescheduling and one cancellation. The Florida State Fair moved its dates from February to April. We had booked the arena in Tiger, GA April 23-25, 2021 to add the Mellow Yellow Show back to the schedule as a full show. However, since FSF rescheduled on those dates, we canceled the Mellow Yellow show for the second year.

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SSLA Membership Meeting, March 12, 2022 continued

- NETLS was moved to Chickopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, GA so that the show could go on and not be canceled for the second year.
- HODLS went on as scheduled.
- GNF was host to six shows. GNF was a double ALSA/ILR-SD, plus SSLA hosted the ALSA SE Regional and the ILR-SD SE Regional.

2022 Season:

- The Florida State Fair and Hillbilly are in the books. Florida State Fair had 62 entries and Hillbilly had 98.
- We have put Mellow Yellow back on the schedule as a full show. It is no longer just halter. It will be held April 29-May 1, 2022 @ Chickopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, GA. We will kick off the weekend with a covered dish dinner Friday evening. Performance Saturday with awards breakfast followed by showmanship and halter classes on Sunday. We will be using covered arena D which is the one on the top of the hill. Barns are located next to the arena.
- NETLS will be back at Chickopee Wood Memorial Day Weekend May 27-29, 2022. We will bring back the traditional covered dish Friday evening followed by the usual weekend schedule. For this show, we will be back in covered arena A.
- HODLS will be at Mashburn's Willow Tree Farm in Ringgold, GA Labor Day Weekend, September 3-4, 2022. Covered dish Friday evening followed by usual weekend schedule.
- White Lightning Show has been added back to the schedule as a full show September 17-18, 2022, and is to be held at Justice's Farm in Hendersonville, NC. More information to follow.
- Georgia National Fair and ALSA SE Regional will complete the SSLA show season October 15-16, 2022.

- SSLA shows for the 2022 season will be ASLA and SSLA sweepstakes show only. See Cathie Kindler's email for an explanation.

We want to thank Tom and Mary Rothering for sponsoring the SSLA performance and halter buckles for the 2021 season and again for the 2022 season. Tom also designs, orders, and sees that they are delivered on time.

OLD BUSINESS (from 2021 Annual Meeting)**Topic: Show Superintendent Apprentice**

Seeking apprenticeship for shows contact Kathy Devaul or Cheryl Lambert if interested. This is very much needed.

Topic: Communications to Committees

Status of request to submit suggestions and concerns in writing to committees. Verbal inputs get lost or misunderstood.

NEW BUSINESS**Topic: 2023 SSLA Conference Committee**

Conference location and committee selected. Donna Justice/ Maylene Hall/Mary Rose Collins to work on the conference. Planning to move back to Hendersonville, NC.

Topic: New Llama Owners Information

Recommendation of new SSLA membership to new llama buyers. Nothing is confirmed at this time.

Mary Rose Collins motioned at 5:31 pm to adjourn the meeting, Allie Justice seconded.

Meeting ended 5:32 pm

2022 SSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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LOVE OF LLAMAS YEAR IN REVIEW

BY HEATHER ASCENZO

The past year proved to be another exciting and busy year for the Love of Llamas. The Love of Llamas is made up of youth and adults that share a passion for the world of llamas. The group enjoys everything from feeding, cleaning, grooming, and showing, to fundraising, educating the public, and promoting the love of llamas.

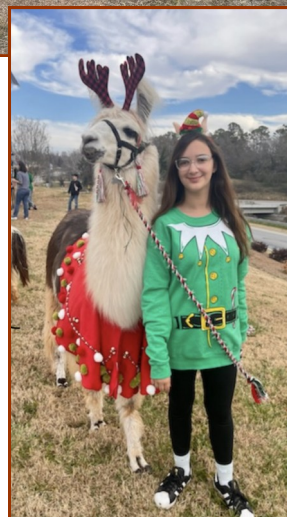
The Love of Llamas show season runs from August to May. Starting off with the Heart of Dixie Llama Show, Labor Day weekend. The show is held at the beautiful Willow Tree Farms in Ringgold, Georgia. In October the group traveled to Perry, Georgia, for the biggest show of the season, The Georgia National Fair / ALSA SE Regional / ILR-SD SE Regional.



The llamas also headed to University of North Georgia for a Llama Yoga Event.



In November, the Love of Llamas held a fundraiser at 7G's Christmas Tree Farm. Photos with the llamas that included several different props, and the beautiful trees as a background for the perfect family Christmas card. The group attended the annual Jefferson Christmas parade is held at the beginning of December to kick off the holiday season. Always a crowd favorite, dressed in elf costumes leading their llama "reindeer" through the city of Jefferson. Also in December, the llamas were transformed into camels, as they participated in the annual Live Nativity at Hope Crossings Church in Jefferson.



LOVE OF LLAMAS YEAR IN REVIEW

The show season continues in February with the Hillbilly Show. The show is held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. The fun, and laid back atmosphere of the show makes it a favorite of the group. The Love of Llamas traveled to Crystal River, Florida for the SSLA Annual Conference. Marty McGee held a clinic on training and handling your llama, as well as several other speakers, clinics, and awards banquet.

Everyone pitches in as the Love of Llamas has their annual vet and shearing day in April. The llamas and alpacas get their new styles for the summer heat, and UGA vet students visit for a hands-on Camelid health experience.

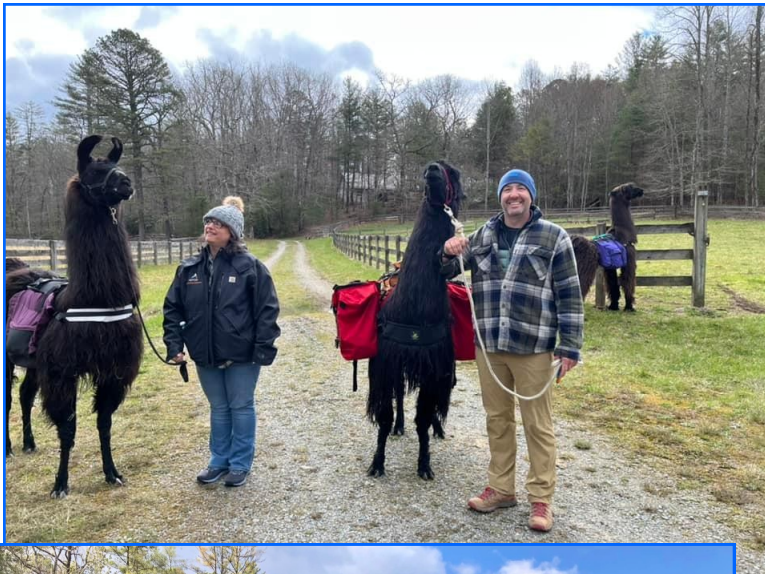


The show season comes to an end Memorial Day Weekend. The Northeast Tennessee Llama Show was held close to home in 2021. The show was held at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center, in Gainesville, GA.

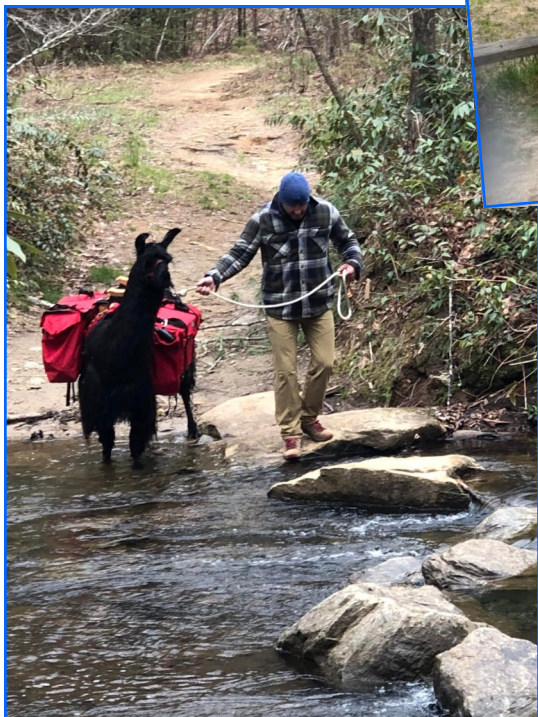
In 2022, the group is looking forward to many more exciting events that will share with others their knowledge and love of llamas!



2022 SPRING PACK TRIAL



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LLAMA EVENTS

Date	What	Where	Contact
Apr 29-May 1, 2022	Mellow Yellow Llama Show	Gainesville, GA	Cathie Kindler llamajudge@gmail.com
May 13-15, 2022	Llama Rendezvous at the Beach	Carolina Beach State Park, NC	www.ssla.org
May 27-29, 2022	NE TN Llama & Alpaca Show	Gainesville, GA (Moved again this year because of COVID restrictions, hoping to place this show back in TN future)	Kathy Devaul kdevaul2@gmail.com
Sep 2-4, 2022	Heart of Dixie Llama & Alpaca Show	Ringgold, GA (Willow Tree Farm, The Mashburn Farm Venue)	Kathy Devaul kdevaul2@gmail.com
Sep 16-18, 2022	NC Llama & Alpaca Show	Hendersonville, NC Ellaberry Llama Farm (The Justice Farm)	Donna & Jason Justice appleal30@gmail.com
Oct 14-16, 2022	GA National Fair/ALSA Southeast Regional	Perry, GA	Kathy Devaul kdevaul2@gmail.com



Southern States Llama Association Advertising Opportunities



Our Llama Journal

Published Quarterly, your support helps SSLA and gets you customers
Contact **Charlene Braun**, Online SSLA Journal Editor at turtlrn@earthlink.net

Our Obstacle Trailer

Our official SSLA Trailer carrying the show obstacles travels all over the highways and byways here in the South
Put your ad on the trailer and get high visibility
Contact **Kathy Devaul** at kdevaul@bellsouth.net

SSLA Discover Llama Magazine

Published for new camelid owner or those interested in owning llamas
Contact **Tom Wilson** at williesspiritfarm@gmail.com

Southern States Llama Association Website

www.ssla.org
Members can advertise their animals, products, and "stuff" here on our web site
Contact **Vicki Sundberg** at homesweethome_3@yahoo.com

Southern States Llama Association Annual Membership Directory

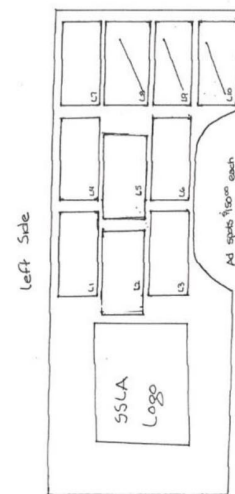
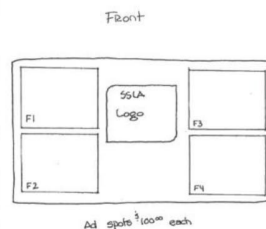
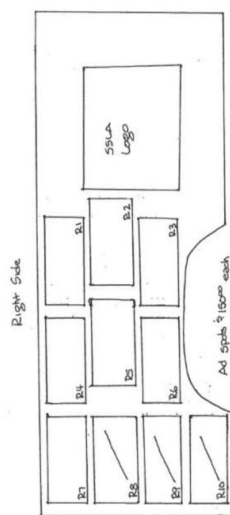
Members have the opportunity to promote farm, services, animals and products with print advertisements
Contact **Lauri Jones** at laurijones55@gmail.com

Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Obstacle Trailer Advertising



Southern States Llama Association (SSLA)

Obstacle Trailer Advertising Form



SSLA is offering this MOBILE opportunity for visibility within the Southeast Region of the United States. Great limited space available opportunity to hit the roads, show rings, interstate, back roads, mountains and rest areas within the SSLA show area! SSLA is opening up the opportunity for marketing on the obstacle trailer! Limited space available. Artwork assistance available.

The profile photo of the trailer gives you a visual image of the opportunities available. The company that created the wrap artwork for the obstacle trailer is assisting with artwork design and installation. Advertisement is for a full year based on advertising contract. Ads for the side panels for \$150 per space. Ads for the front panel is \$100 per space. Payments must be received prior to space being reserved.

Name: _____

Address: _____

PhoneNumber: _____

Email: _____

Space selection: _____

Please complete this form and return to Kathy Devaul.
Kdevaul@bellsouth.net or mail 217 Donald Road, Leesburg, GA 31763