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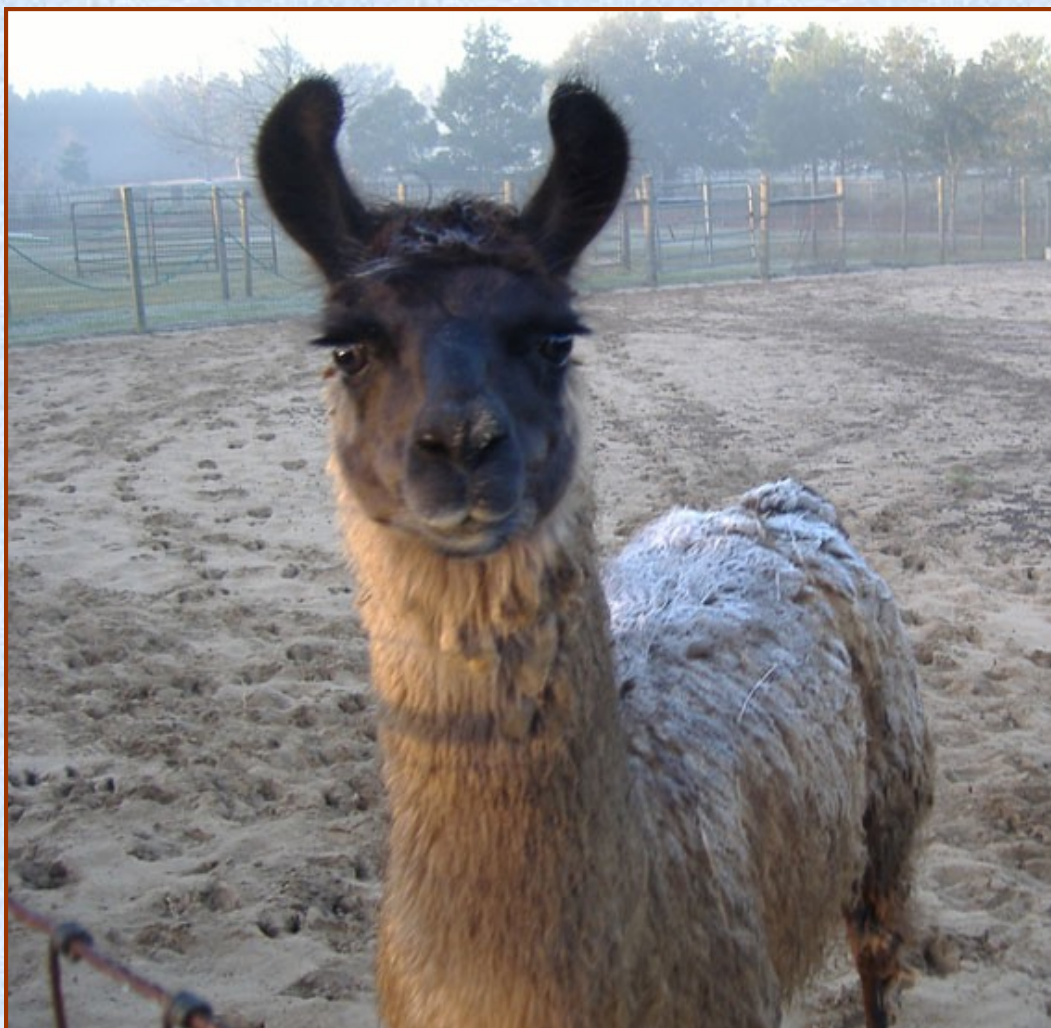


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Turtle Run Llama Farm, FL*

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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.

Notice: The information contained in this Journal is not intended to be a substitute for qualified professional advice. Our readers are encouraged to consult with their own vets, accountants or attorneys for questions concerning their animals or business operations. SSLA or the editor is not responsible for any losses resulting from a reader's failure to heed this caution. Opinions expressed or implied are hereby the editor's choice and are not the opinions of the SSLA Board of Directors or SSLA as a group.

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.

SSLA Online—keep in touch with your llama organization

Website: www.ssla.org

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

SSLA-Members Yahoo Group:
 Request membership from ssla-members-owner@yahoo.com

Group members can post messages to SSLA-Members@yahoo.com

Good day SSLA Members,

Happy New Year! I wish each of you a very bright and healthy 2020! Even though the holidays are exciting, I am glad the whirlwind of events and activities are behind me. I am excited about normal routines and schedules that aren't overwhelming, constant juggling and racing from place to place.

Thank you to those involved in organizing, sponsoring and supporting the upcoming 2020 events and activities. Please remember that the SSLA website is a source of ongoing and updated information. Please take a moment to check out the full list of events and activities. Remember good events and activities are only successful with involvement. If you have not had the opportunity to visit and be involved in activities, I challenge you to get active and support the lama industry.

If you have events or activities you would like to promote, please feel free to pass them along to Vicki, our SSLA webmaster, at homesweethome_3@yahoo.com or to me personally to promote via an email to the SSLA membership at kim@kyst.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Upcoming activities for 2020: Registration forms and more information can be found on the SSLA website.

2020 Florida State Fair Llama Show:
February 15-16, 2020
Show Superintendent Cheryl Lambert

SSLA Hillbilly Hoedown:
February 28-March 1, 2020, Perry, GA.
Please feel free to contact Kathy Devaul
kdevaul@bellsouth.net

In conjunction with the show:

SESSION 1: Ground Driving Part I
February 29, 2020
Lead instructor Greg Hall.

Southern States Llama Association Educational Conference:
March 13-15, 2019, UGA Livestock Instructional Arena, Athens, GA.
Please see the SSLA website for full list of details, programs and activities.
Please feel free to contact me kim@kyst.org

In conjunction with the conference, (attendees will be responsible for conference cost):

SESSION 2: Ground Driving Part II
March 15, 2020 8 a.m.
Lead instructor Vicki Sundberg

SESSION 3: Introducing Your Llama To The Cart:
April 4-5, 2020
Mashburn Farm, Ringgold, GA
Lead instructor Vicki Sundberg.

Mellow Yellow Llama Show:
April 18, 2020, Dixie Doodle Llama Farm, Cumming, GA.
Please feel free to contact Cathie Kindler
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SSLA Spring Pack Trial:
April 25& 26, 2019, Dupont State Forest, NC
Contact Mary Rose Collins

Northeast Tennessee Llama Show:
May 23-24, 2020, White Pine, TN
Please feel free to contact Kathy Devaul
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The **SSLA Journal** chairman is Charlene Braun, Editor, at turtlrn@earthlink.net. If you have photos or events you would like to share within an upcoming edition, please submit those directly to Charlene. Deadlines for 2020 Journal are: April 15, July 15, and October 15

The **SSLA Election Chairman**, Tom Wilson, and his committee have worked hard making phone calls trying to come up with enough candidates to meet the SSLA Bylaws for the upcoming election. There are currently no bylaw changes slated for the ballot for this year. Please remember to vote!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Kim Kyst
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SSLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 30, 2019

HODLAS—RINGGOLD, GA

Meeting called to order at 7:22 pm.

Attendance:

Vicki Sundberg
Tom Rothering
Kim Kyst
Lauri Jones
Greg Hall (via phone)
Andie Frederick (via phone)
Kathy Devaul (not present—excused for show)

Old Business

SSLA name change has come up several times to change Llama to Lama. The reason is to attract more participants by allowing the alpacas to participate. It's been voted down in the past but we want to bring it back up and allow the membership to decide whether the bylaws be changed. There will need to be research done to see what the expenditures would be if the name is changed – so is it worth it? Alpacas are already participating so is it worth to change it now? Vicki Sundberg motions to pursue what's involved on the legal and cost in changing the name; Lauri Jones seconds the motion. All directors approved the motion to pursue items involved to change.

New Business

Topic: Upcoming Board Election

We will need to find an Inspector of Elections as well as other members to be on the election committee. We will need members to step up and help take over these rolls and mentor other important folks who have significant rolls in keeping our activities going. Kim will take the roll of getting the Election committee together so they have plenty of time. We will have 3 board members that will roll off next year. If we have any bylaw changes, we will need to get those to Tom to address and prepare for any vote for 2020.

Topic: Youth Scholarship

Tom has been thinking about the youth account since it is a large amount and it is in a regular checking account. He thought about investing portion of the money in a CD, etc. in order for it to make money. Andie is going to look at some options for us to consider. The youth account is currently held at a bank in Washington, GA.

Topic: Trekking

Tom and Vicki want to keep the trekking program going and need someone that is interested taking this over. The volunteer just accumulates the information submitted by owners and adds to the existing database. There is typically mileage and event patches presented at the conference.

Topic: Donation Request

A request came to the board to ask if we should make donations to individuals who are involved with llamas in or out of the association. As a board we agree that it is not part of our mission and should not be part of our normal practice.

Topic: Facebook Page

Need to decide what is and isn't allowed to be posted on Facebook page. Greg Hall motions to table for further discussion and Lauri Jones seconds the motion and Vicki will write up a new guideline for the Facebook Page. All board members in favor.

Topic: Show Awards

Do we stick with the belt buckles for the remainder of the year? Or choose something different for next year or stick with the belts? We should put out an email to the membership to ask how they like the belt buckles and what ideas they have for the future.

Topic: Budget

Do we come up with a budget on an annual budget? It's been done in the past but hasn't been followed through on in the past. We need to table this discussion for further discussion – all board members approve to table.

Tom Rothering motions to adjourn the meeting and Vicki Sundberg seconds all others approve.

Meeting adjourned – 8:36 pm

**SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION'S
ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
& AWARDS BANQUET**

University of Georgia Instructional Arena
2600 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, Georgia
March 13-15, 2020

Host Hotel: TBD

Conference Check In Time at the Instructional Arena Lobby

Friday, March 13

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Conference Sponsorships and Advertising Opportunities Available

NETWORKING

POT LUCK

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HERD HEALTH PROGRAMS-Vet CE Hours

FIBER PROGRAMS

TRAINING PROGRAMS

SSLA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

RAFFLES

LIVE AUCTION

SILENT AUCTION

LLAMA HIKE

VENDOR MARKET

SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS BANQUET

University of Georgia Instructional Arena
2600 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, Georgia
March 13-15, 2020

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The final plans are being made for the upcoming 2020 SSLA Annual Educational Conference and Banquet scheduled to be held at the UGA Livestock Instructional Arena on March 13-15, 2020.

SSLA is seeking Conference and Hospitality level sponsors and print advertisers for the upcoming event. Please consider promoting your farm, products, service or store.

\$750 CONFERENCE LEVEL SPONSORS will receive:

- Admission for two adults to the conference and awards banquet
- A full page color ad in the Conference booklet
(All artwork must be received by February 24, 2020. Send to Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org or kkyst@eminc.biz)
- A banner at the event
(All artwork must be received by February 24, 2020. Send to Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org or kkyst@eminc.biz)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
(All artwork must be received by February 24, 2020. Send to Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org or kkyst@eminc.biz)
- Recognition at the beginning of each breakout session program.

\$600 HOSPITALITY LEVEL SPONSOR (limit 1) will receive:

- Admission for two adults to the Conference and Awards Banquet
- A full page color ad in the Conference booklet
(All artwork must be received by February 24, 2020. Send to Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org or kkyst@eminc.biz)
- A banner at the hospitality area
(All artwork must be received by February 24, 2020. Send to Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org or kkyst@eminc.biz)

BLACK AND WHITE CONFERENCE BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENT

- Full page \$80
- Half page \$60
- Quarter page \$45
- Business card \$25

Thank you so much for the continued support of our organization and program. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Kim Kyst

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University of Georgia Instructional Arena
2600 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, Georgia
March 13-15, 2020

PROPOSED AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Check in
Pot Luck Dinner
Georgia Agricultural
Commissioner, Mr. Gary Black

UGA Instructional Arena

Classroom

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

CLASSROOM *Veterinarian Programs on Herd Healthcare*
Dr. Williamson, Dr. Parker-Royer, Dr. Lister, Dr. Lowder, Dr. Ferrer and hopefully more

INDOOR ARENA (fiber area) Nicole Taylor and Mary Jo Miller

INDOOR ARENA (training area) Cathie Kindler, Mary Rose Collins and hopefully more

OUTDOOR ARENA: Cart Driving Clinic Vicki Sundberg, Greg Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 a.m.
9:00
1:00 p.m.

Networking
Hike – Greg Hall
Adjourn

Depart from the stalling area
Safe travels home

***Programs will NOT be submitted for Continued Education hour credits. We missed our deadline. Sorry!**

2020 Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Annual Meeting and Conference

Athens, Georgia

March 13-15, 2020

Facility:

UGA Instructional Arena
2600 South Milledge Ave
Athens, Georgia

Questions regarding Conference or Registration:

Contact Kim Kyst at kim@kyst.org or 678-481-3759

Conference Registration Fees:

Includes all conference programs, veterinarian hospital tour, Saturday lunch, and Awards Banquet

Adult Name 1: _____ Adult Name 2: _____
Youth Name 1: _____ Youth Name 2: _____
Youth Name 3: _____ Youth Name 4: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Will anyone attending with this registration need any special dietary menus? _____
How many llamas will you be bringing? _____ Will anyone be participating on the hike Sunday? _____

Conference Notebook or Membership Directory Advertising Sponsorship: Please check one or more options. All advertisement submissions need to be sent as a Black and White print ready format prior to March 1, 2020 to Kim Kyst at kim@kyst.org. Rates are per publication, please mark your selection(s) and calculate costs accordingly.

_____ Conference _____ Membership Directory
_____ Full Page-\$80 _____ Half Page-\$60
_____ Quarter Page-\$45 _____ Business Card-\$25

_____ **Conference Vendor Space:** (\$25 to members, \$75 for non-members) 10X10 area within the designated Llama Market. (Includes an eight foot banquet table and two chairs)
_____ **Yes, I will be bringing donation items for the raffle/auction.**

Conference Fee Postmarked Before March 1, 2019	Number Attending	Total Amount
\$150 per adult SSLA Member \$185 After March 1, 2020 \$195 per adult non-SSLA Member		\$
\$55 per youth SSLA Member \$70 after March 1, 2020 \$80 per youth non-SSLA Member		\$
Saturday Awards Banquet only \$60 per person		\$
Conference Advertising Sponsorship		\$
Membership Directory Advertising Sponsorship		\$
Conference Vendor Space		\$
\$30 each Stall		\$
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	

Make all checks payable to SSLA or submit pay online, and send the completed Registration form to:

Kim Kyst, 1561 Galilee Church Road, Jefferson, Georgia 30549
www.ssla.org

2020 New Year's Resolution:

TRAIN MY LLAMA TO PULL A CART

If you ever had this as a goal, here is your 2020 New Year opportunity. A team of experienced llama cart drivers are offering a five-session instruction seminar. The **HANDS-ON**, one-on-one instruction sessions are interleaved with you working with your llama at your farm. The instructors are not seeking your money but do expect your dedication to train diligently between sessions. Some of the sites may require stalling fees or other fees and health papers.

BRING YOUR CANDIDATE LLAMAS to ALL of these sessions! These are Get Your Llama Started IMMEDIATELY sessions.

SESSION 1: Ground Driving Part I, February 28, 29, and March 1 at Perry GA. Lead instructor is Greg Hall. You do not need to bring any special equipment, we will loan you what you need to get started. If you have a carting harness and/or halter, bring only the halter, surcingle (back saddle) with terrets (the chrome rings on the surcingle that are the guides for the driving lines), and driving lines/reins. If you have your own pack equipment, bring the saddle for that to use as a starter surcingle. If you are not getting stalls as part of participating in the Hillbilly Show, contact Vicki Sundberg who is accumulating the number of stalls needed independent of the show. You may only stall your llamas on the fairgrounds in their facilities. Do NOT send Vicki any money. Bring \$35/stall with you to give to Kathy Devaul. Kathy invites you to participate in the Sunday Morning Breakfast at \$12 per person. But again, let Vicki know of your intent so Kathy can concentrate on all the Hillbilly Show specific numbers. Vicki is doing the Carting only numbers. Finally, because this is on GA State Fairgrounds, you will need to bring a current Health Certificate for your llama(s).

Farm homework: 2 weeks/14 days of you diligently working with your llama for 15 – 20 mins daily.

SESSION 2: Ground Driving Part II, March 13 -15 at Athens GA, Lead instructor Vicki Sundberg. This session can serve either as a start point for those not able to attend Session 1 or as an expansion of the basic ground driving techniques to prepare your llama for adding a cart into the training. At this point, an investment into purchasing a driving halter is required (either new or used) and a discussion of the various types of harnesses and carts. Farms who want to sell their used driving equipment will be encouraged to connect with those needing equipment. A brand new driving harness and driving lines will be available in the Conference's Raffle. Since this is part of the SSLA Conference, UGA may have some charges for the stalling and other incidentals. Kim Kyst will send out an email identifying those costs.

Farm homework: 3 weeks/21 days of you diligently working with your llama for 15 – 20 mins daily.

SESSION 3: Introducing Your Llama To The Cart, April 4-5 at Ringgold GA. The goal is to safely help you get your llama connected to a cart. Depending upon the attitude of your llama, this critical step may take the whole weekend to do or it might take a back step. If someone who could not attend either Session 1 or 2, this could also be an entry point for ground driving instructions. More details will be provided as they are figured out.

Farm homework: 5 weeks of safely driving your llama at its level of training.

SESSION 4: Llama Cart Driving Refinement – Working Obstacles, May 8 – 10 at Bolivia, NC, lead instructor, Vicki Sundberg. This session is to advance the training beyond Sessions 1, 2, and 3 with the assistance of experienced drivers and interspersed with fun at the beach. You and your llama will be evaluated for readiness for competition.

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TRAIN MY LLAMA TO PULL A CART

Farm homework: 2 weeks/14 days of you diligently working with your llama for 15 – 20 mins daily in preparation for graduation.

SESSION 5: Northeast Tennessee Llama Show Driving Competition, May 23-24 at White Pine, TN, lead instructor, Susan Sterling. Depending on readiness, your activities may be ground driving competition, or pleasure and obstacle competition, or the time could just be more training time as individual teams desire.

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How to Choose a Driving Llama

So you show up with an appropriate animal (or two from which to choose).

Susan Gawarecki

The suitability of a driving llama is more a matter of its attitude and personality than its size and gender. A driving llama can be male or female and of any fiber type.

The first requirement is that it be a full adult (although ground driving can begin about age two), because the stresses require full physical development. More importantly, a mature attitude is needed to deal with the unusual psychological demands and distractions during driving excursions.

Geldings tend to be calmer than intact males, but the latter can be used if they are otherwise the best prospect. Four years old is the recommended minimum age for training a llama to drive with a cart; there is no maximum age, but consider that you will invest a lot of effort and time into training an animal that you would like to utilize for years to come.

Physically, the llama should be structurally sound (especially pasterns) and have suitable conformation to support sustained movement on hard pavement, for example, not post-legged or sickle-hocked.

A llama with energy and athleticism is desirable. Size is not typically an issue, as long as the llama is not far below average. The psychological makeup of the llama is the trait that will most influence its success or failure as a driving llama.

Choose an animal that seems independently minded, is not herd-bound, that doesn't mind being off by itself, perhaps even the one that has never seemed to fit in with the rest of the herd. The llama that wants to surge in front of you when you are walking it on lead is often a good prospect.

If the animal already has a PR or packing background, all the better, as desensitization to distractions such as traffic, dogs, and eager admirers will be part of its training.

THE SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE DRIVING LLAMAS

Ron & Pam Shinnick
Llamas by the Llakes
Cohutta, GA

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We have all marveled at one time or another, seeing a driving llama being put through the paces of driving. Maybe we wished to be the one sitting in the cart driving that llama. Perhaps the key for each one of us to arrive at the point of driving and sitting in the cart is our ability to identify the habits and traits that make for an effective driving llama. The truth of the matter is the foundation of llama driving lays in the skills and talents of the individual llama. Just because we have one or more male llamas out in the barn or pasture that we'd like to do something else with besides feed, does not mean that they are prime candidates to drive

Not long ago, I was reading a book about the unique qualities and abilities that distinguish one individual from another. The author identified the habits, skills and talents that individuals had acquired that propelled them to great success. I don't want to make this article a book review by any means, but there are certain human traits that are recognizable as qualities for success. In much the same way, we can distinguish a successful driving llama from other llamas by certain characteristics that driving llamas strongly possess, that their fellow llamas seemingly don't possess. The reasons for this certainly will vary widely from llama to llama. I thought after many years of training and working with llamas, and more specifically driving llamas, that we might review "The Habits and Tendencies of Highly Effective Llamas."

Lineage

Historically, llama driving for all intents and purposes has been practiced in North America for about 30 years now. During this time, many of the more successful driving llamas have come from certain lineages. Certainly, it isn't to say that other llamas from outside this group have not been successful, of course they have. On the other hand, several males and females from these bloodlines have shown the ability to



be successful driving animals, and for whatever reason, these traits and abilities passed on to a large percentage of their offspring. Although this is not meant to be a study of why these groups have consistently produced driving llamas, it might be interesting to track. This concept or line of reasoning is not unprecedented. In other groups of animals, it has been well documented that certain breeds have indeed shown a higher degree of ability to perform as a driving animal. Numerous examples do exist.

Perhaps we are unknowingly or knowingly beginning to select for those traits we feel best exhibit what a driving llama should be.

Some llama owners have made an effort to find offspring from driving lines in order to have a jump start in their training efforts. In those cases where they have selected offspring from proven driving animals that

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have been very successful for the most part. Again, this isn't to discount other successful llamas that drive from other groups or backgrounds.

Personality

Personality is always a fundamental ingredient in the success of a driving llama. Certainly other factors have an important part in the formula. But if the llama doesn't have that right mix of personality traits none of the other factors we discuss will matter. The lack of any of the fundamental traits will actually cancel out or have a negative effect on all the other factors and result in failure. You might liken this to an old wagon wheel with the wooden spokes and the hub in the center. Personality and temperament of the llama is like the hub of the wheel. The spokes that extend from the hub are the other traits or driving skills. If you don't have the hub of the wheel (the personality) the spokes (the other driving skills) have no support and the wheel will fail.

Age

This isn't as critical as some might think. I have known llamas to learn these skills as young as 12 months and as old as 11 or 12 years. Other factors as mentioned are far more important. Young llamas can begin learning basic skills as young as 8 months of age. Such things as carrying small items on their back, being out in the public, cars, dogs, people, etc... These are all skill that will be useful much later in their training. Older llamas are often more settled and more willingly to learn new skills that younger animals who are still trying to find their place in the herd.

Size

Today llamas are found in a variety of shapes and sizes. Twenty or thirty years ago llamas were generally more uniform in size and shape. Diversity is certainly key in the llama world today. Llama breeding has begun to evolve where we have much more of a selection and a variety of fiber types. But the issue of size when considering a driving llama is not always a critical one

or the most critical one. Certainly, if all the other factors were equal then you would want a big, large boned llama. Our reasoning for this, of course, is that a large boned llama should have more power and giddy-up if and when should need it. On the other hand, if the harness and cart are properly sized and fitted to the llama most of the weight of the passengers is handled by the cart and not the llama. Thus, the smaller boned or smaller sized llamas do a fine job driving.

Gender

Just as size isn't a determining factor neither is the gender of the llama generally a factor affecting whether a llama can drive or not. Other questions however do come up from time to time regarding gender. This includes whether males should be gelded prior to driving. As with most things there is no hard and fast rule regarding gelding driving male llamas. I have seen both intact and gelded males work in the harness just fine. And this has been in a variety of driving conditions including with other intact males, females, etc... No problem.

Female llamas also make very good driving llamas. Some females are unable to produce crias and as a result, find their way as a driving llama. But most females because of responsibilities back at the barn are not used for driving if they are tending to the crias.

Skill Level of the Driver

Rule number one for the new llama driver (not the llama) is that there is more to it, than just jumping in the seat, grabbing the reins and hanging on for the ride. Training is a two-way street for not only the llama, but the person sitting on the seat and holding those reins. If you don't know what you're doing, how is the llama going to learn? Preparation on your part is critical for you to be successful and for your llama to have a positive training experience. If you have other individuals who drive in your area ask for advice. There are also driving books available and videos that are very useful and provide helpful tips and pointers.

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THE SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE DRIVING LLAMAS

Moving Out

The term “moving out” in the driving world refers to a llama’s willingness to move forward when asked. Simply speaking, when you ask him to walk on, he does so without being pushed, shoved lead etc... A llama that moves out when asked generally means he has been well trained, the driver and llama are working well together and, most importantly the llama is enjoying the driving experience. Conversely, llamas that don’t move out when asked need more training and work and it may be an indicator that they are not enjoying the driving experience and more importantly not suitable as a driving candidate.

Certainly the skills of a driving llama are unique above all other llama skills in the llama world. Driving skills demand training, communication, team work, time patience and many others. This small list of seven items is certainly not all inconclusive, but includes some of the most important elements for the beginning driving llama and driver. In many ways these represent the hub of the wheel that the spokes depend on for support. Because of this, the llama you select must be up to the demands and requirements of the task of driving for you to be successful. Selecting a driving llama takes time, work, and often, some research.

VA 4-H Llama Club October Hike



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LLAMA EVENTS

Date	What	Where	Contact
Feb 14-16, 2020	Florida State Fair Llama Show	Tampa, FL	Cheryl Lambert
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2020	SSLA Hillbilly Hoedown	Perry, GA	Kathy Devaul Kdevaul@bellsouth.net
Feb 29, 2020	SESSION 1: Ground Driving Part I	Perry, GA in conjunction with Hillbilly Show	
Mar 14-16, 2020	SSLA Educational Conference	UGA Livestock Instructional Arena, Athens, GA	Kim Kyst kim@kyst.org
Mar 15, 2020	SESSION 2: Ground Driving Part II	Athens, GA in conjunction with the SSSLA Conference	
Apr 4-5, 2020	SESSION 3: Introducing Your Llama To The Cart:	Mashburn Farm, Ringgold, GA	
Apr 18, 2020	Mellow Yellow Llama Show	Dixie Doodle Llama Farm Cumming, GA	Cathie Kindler llamajudge@gmail.com
Apr 25-26, 2020	SSLA Spring Pack Trial	DuPont State Forest, NC	Mary Rose Collins mrc604@tampabay.rr.com
May 23-24, 2020	NE Tennessee Llama Show	White Pine, TN	Kathy Devaul Kdevaul@bellsouth.net

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

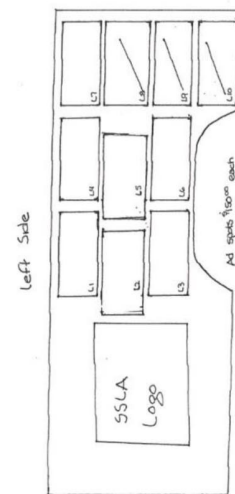
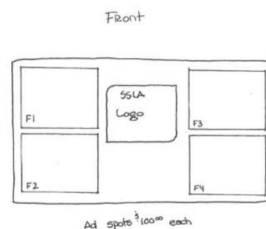
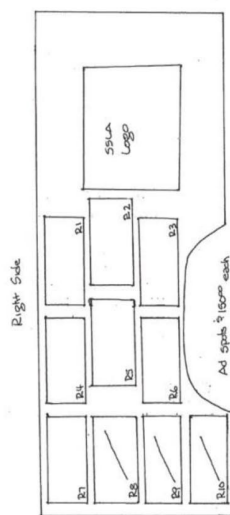
Members have the opportunity to promote farm, services, animals and products with print advertisements
Contact **Lauri Jones** at laurijones55@gmail.com

Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Obstacle Trailer Advertising



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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