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Love of Llamas started off their  
holiday season by participating  
in the Town of Braselton's  
Reindeer Games parade*



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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

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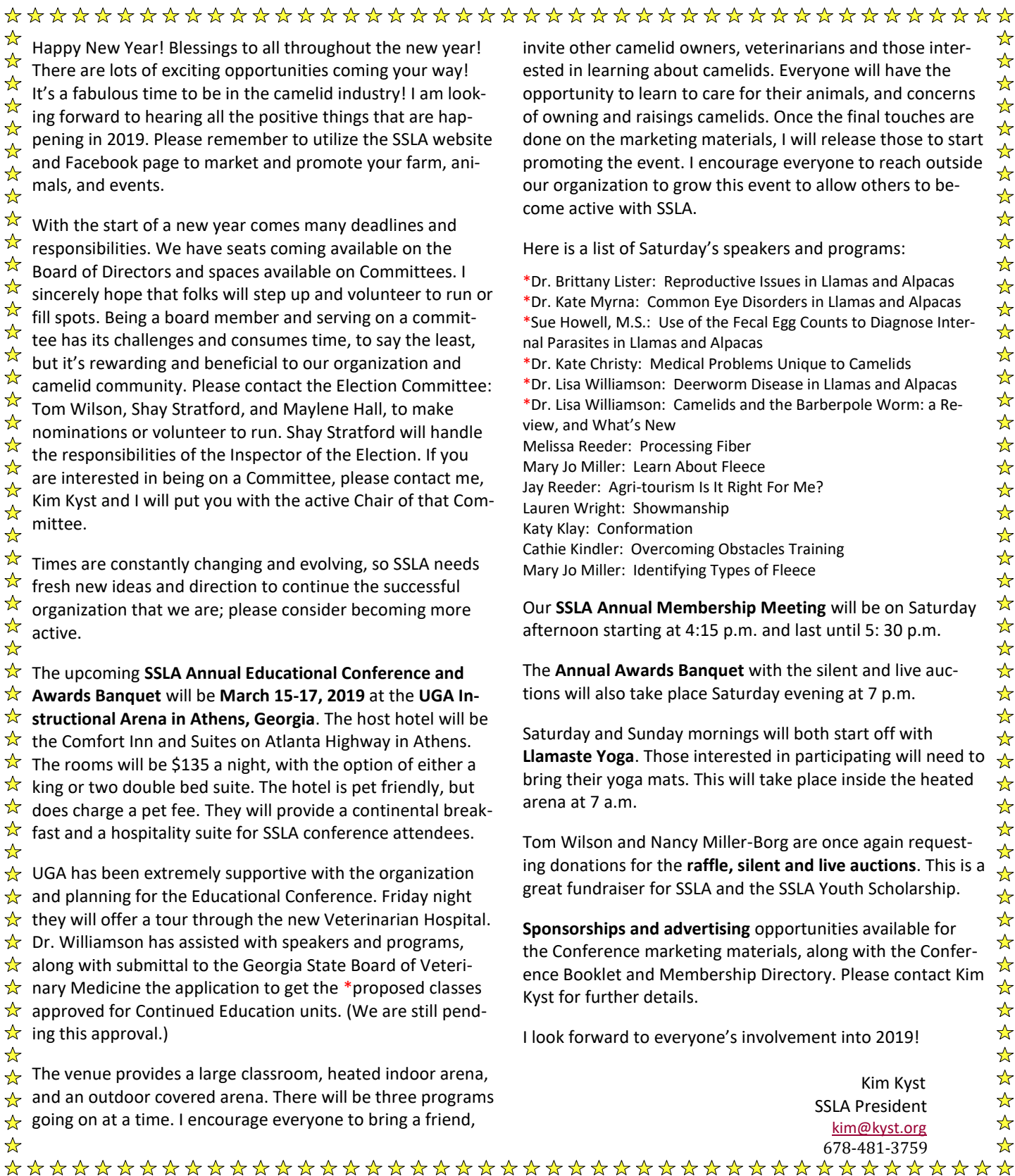
**Facebook** page: Listed as "SSLA-Southern States Llama Association"

**SSLA-Members Yahoo Group:** Request membership from [ssla-members-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ssla-members-owner@yahoogroups.com)

Group members can post messages to [SSLA-Members@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SSLA-Members@yahoogroups.com)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! Blessings to all throughout the new year! There are lots of exciting opportunities coming your way! It's a fabulous time to be in the camelid industry! I am looking forward to hearing all the positive things that are happening in 2019. Please remember to utilize the SSLA website and Facebook page to market and promote your farm, animals, and events.

With the start of a new year comes many deadlines and responsibilities. We have seats coming available on the Board of Directors and spaces available on Committees. I sincerely hope that folks will step up and volunteer to run or fill spots. Being a board member and serving on a committee has its challenges and consumes time, to say the least, but it's rewarding and beneficial to our organization and camelid community. Please contact the Election Committee: Tom Wilson, Shay Stratford, and Maylene Hall, to make nominations or volunteer to run. Shay Stratford will handle the responsibilities of the Inspector of the Election. If you are interested in being on a Committee, please contact me, Kim Kyst and I will put you with the active Chair of that Committee.

Times are constantly changing and evolving, so SSLA needs fresh new ideas and direction to continue the successful organization that we are; please consider becoming more active.

The upcoming **SSLA Annual Educational Conference and Awards Banquet** will be **March 15-17, 2019** at the **UGA Instructional Arena in Athens, Georgia**. The host hotel will be the Comfort Inn and Suites on Atlanta Highway in Athens. The rooms will be \$135 a night, with the option of either a king or two double bed suite. The hotel is pet friendly, but does charge a pet fee. They will provide a continental breakfast and a hospitality suite for SSLA conference attendees.

UGA has been extremely supportive with the organization and planning for the Educational Conference. Friday night they will offer a tour through the new Veterinarian Hospital. Dr. Williamson has assisted with speakers and programs, along with submittal to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine the application to get the \*proposed classes approved for Continued Education units. (We are still pending this approval.)

The venue provides a large classroom, heated indoor arena, and an outdoor covered arena. There will be three programs going on at a time. I encourage everyone to bring a friend,

invite other camelid owners, veterinarians and those interested in learning about camelids. Everyone will have the opportunity to learn to care for their animals, and concerns of owning and raisings camelids. Once the final touches are done on the marketing materials, I will release those to start promoting the event. I encourage everyone to reach outside our organization to grow this event to allow others to become active with SSLA.

Here is a list of Saturday's speakers and programs:

- \*Dr. Brittany Lister: Reproductive Issues in Llamas and Alpacas
- \*Dr. Kate Myrna: Common Eye Disorders in Llamas and Alpacas
- \*Sue Howell, M.S.: Use of the Fecal Egg Counts to Diagnose Internal Parasites in Llamas and Alpacas
- \*Dr. Kate Christy: Medical Problems Unique to Camelids
- \*Dr. Lisa Williamson: Deerworm Disease in Llamas and Alpacas
- \*Dr. Lisa Williamson: Camelids and the Barberpole Worm: a Review, and What's New
- Melissa Reeder: Processing Fiber
- Mary Jo Miller: Learn About Fleece
- Jay Reeder: Agri-tourism Is It Right For Me?
- Lauren Wright: Showmanship
- Katy Klay: Conformation
- Cathie Kindler: Overcoming Obstacles Training
- Mary Jo Miller: Identifying Types of Fleece

Our **SSLA Annual Membership Meeting** will be on Saturday afternoon starting at 4:15 p.m. and last until 5: 30 p.m.

The **Annual Awards Banquet** with the silent and live auctions will also take place Saturday evening at 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday mornings will both start off with **Llamaste Yoga**. Those interested in participating will need to bring their yoga mats. This will take place inside the heated arena at 7 a.m.

Tom Wilson and Nancy Miller-Borg are once again requesting donations for the **raffle, silent and live auctions**. This is a great fundraiser for SSLA and the SSLA Youth Scholarship.

**Sponsorships and advertising** opportunities available for the Conference marketing materials, along with the Conference Booklet and Membership Directory. Please contact Kim Kyst for further details.

I look forward to everyone's involvement into 2019!

Kim Kyst  
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678-481-3759

# SSLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## NOVEMBER 28, 2018

### CONFERENCE CALL

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm.

**Attendance:**

Kim Kyst, President  
 Cathie Kindler, Vice President (joined at 7:43)  
 Kathy Devaul, Treasurer  
 Lauri Jones, Secretary  
 Greg Hall, Director  
 Mary Rose Collins, Director (joined at 7:50)  
 Lynn Wright, Director

**Old Business:**

**Topic: Sweepstakes Awards & Guidelines**

Final draft of guidelines were reviewed and need to remove Winter Classic Show and approve the alpaca points be retroactive for the entire year of 2018. Sweepstakes committee needed clarification as to whether or not someone's membership status became not in good standing during the year would qualify for sweepstakes. Kathy Devaul made a motion to approve Sweepstakes guidelines with removal of show, make alpaca points retroactive, and agree that a member not in good standing would not qualify for sweepstakes awards. Lynn Wright second – all approved.

**Topic: Conference 2019 Update**

Kim talked about program topics and speakers at UGA (all speakers are donating their time) along with small ruminants group volunteering their time to assist. Still a couple more things to firm up but getting close to having things set.

**New Business:**

Cathie Kindler joined meeting

**Topic: Members**

Because we have some folks that join SSLA at the show, how do we ensure that this information gets communicated to sweepstakes committee; work to get membership form online so that folks join outside of the show (Greg will work on this).

Mary Rose Collins joined meeting

**Topic: Membership Clarification**

Propose to change age limitation to “18 and under” as to be considered part of a family or farm membership (all approved). Also propose to add “have voting rights” to an Honorary Member; propose that the committee clarifies that the Lifetime Membership is farm membership. Proposed changes will be sent to Bylaw Committee for consideration and go out with election ballot in 2019 for members to vote on.

**Topic: Election Committee**

Do we have nominations for the committee chair members? Maylene Hall, Tom Wilson, & Nancy Miller-Borg were nominated; (all approve those nominated). Kim will contact each one to see if they will accept.

**Topic: Membership Chair**

We should think about someone who can take over temporarily. Lauri Jones will take over handling the membership chair temporarily until Cheryl's return. Lynn made motion to approve; Kathy Devaul second and all others approved.

**Topic: Bank Account**

Need to add an additional person to bank account since Mary Rose is moving off board next year. Mary Rose motioned approval and Cathie second to add Lauri Jones to the bank account and all others approved.

Cathie Kindler motioned to adjourn, Lynn second.

Meeting ended at 8:50 pm.



**Southern States  
Llama Association**

**SSLA 2019 Annual Conference & Awards Banquet**

# Save the Date!

Open to all camelid owners and veterinarians  
(CE credits available)

**Friday, March 15 -17, 2019**

**UGA Instructional Arena, Athens, Georgia**

Schedule:

**FRIDAY, March 15, 2019**

Noon – 5 pm: Arrive and check-in

5-6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner (Everyone bring a dish to share)

7-9 pm Tour of UGA Vet Hospital

**SATURDAY, March 16, 2019**

7 am Llama Yoga with Claire Hess

8-9 am Breakfast

Breakout sessions:

There will be a fiber, show, and health option during all breakout sessions.

Speakers and programs will be announced soon.

9-10:15 am Breakout Session

10:30- noon Breakout Session

Noon – 1 pm Lunch

1 pm – 2:15 pm Breakout Session

2:30 – 4 pm Breakout Session

4 pm – 5 pm Membership Meeting

7 pm Banquet Dinner/Dancing

**SUNDAY, March 17, 2019**

7 am Llama Yoga with Claire Hess

8 – 9 am Breakfast

9 – 11 am Llama Trek

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Vendor Market Place, A great opportunity  
and space to promote and sell your  
camelid items and supplies.

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## Llamaste Yoga









# Llamas in the News

Another reason llamas are special! Click [here](#) to read the article.

*Contributed by Vicki Sundberg*

Alpacas at the zoo [here](#).



## Remember This....Showmanship Tips

by Carolyn Blalock / March 2000

*(With excerpts from the 11th Edition of the ALSA Handbook)*

- Exhibitors should encourage their animals to walk out briskly on a slack line.
- Exhibitors should be careful to leave a safe distance between animals, never crowding or coming in contact with others.
- Always lead your llama from the left side, holding the lead in your right hand.
- The remaining portion of the lead should be held in a figure 8 coil in your left hand.
- At no time should the lead be coiled around the hand.
- When lining up, stand or set up your animal squarely on all four feet. Recognize quickly and correct positioning faults of your animal.
- When standing face your llama at a 45-degree angle off its left shoulder.
- If necessary, you may move smoothly to the other side of the animal. (Never stand or lead from directly in front of the llama.)
- When asked to move out of the lineup to the judge, walk straight towards the judge. If required to stop and square your animal up, come to a stop 18'-24' in front of the judge.
- When turning your llama, always turn from the right (unless it's 1/4 or less). Plan your turns so the llama's hind feet are nearly in place when turning (haunch turn or pivot).
- If asked to change positions in line, leave your space by walking forward and clear of the line; turn to the right (into your animal); go back through your space in the line and clear the line again; turn right (into your animal) again and proceed behind the line to your new place and square up

### Why?

This results in a free and natural gait that reflects the animal's soundness & conformation.

Crowding the animal in front of you impacts the way your llama moves out and can also cause problems with the animal in front of you.

Most people are right-handed, which means this should give you better control of your llama.

Holding the excess lead this way keeps it from dangling and looks neater.

This is a safety hazard. If the animal should bolt, the handler could be seriously hurt.

This gives the judge the best view of the llama's conformation in a standing position.

You should always be in a position where you can see both your llama and the judge.

This allows the judge an unobstructed view of the llama.

This gives the judge the best opportunity to get a good look at the animal in motion from the front. Coming all the way up to the judge is both courteous and good showmanship.

This puts the llama on the inside of the turn. It keeps the turn collected and safe. The llama steps out of the turn in a straight line, allowing the judge to effectively view the back end in motion.

This has the least impact on the rest of the lineup. It also does not obstruct the judge's view of the rest of the lineup while you're moving. It looks clean and professional.

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## Remember This....Showmanship Tips continued

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### Why?

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- Be natural. Avoid loud voice commands and unnecessary discipline.
- Dress neatly and conservatively.
- No open-toed shoes.
- Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times. Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself in the ring.

Over-showing, undue fussing and maneuvering are objectionable and distracting to the judge.

You want to look professional. At the same time you want the judge to be looking at your animal, not you.

This is for safety.

To be otherwise does not benefit yourself or your animal.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LLAMA EVENTS

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>What</b>  | <b>Where</b>                           | <b>Contact</b>   |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Feb 15-17, 2019         | <b>Florida State Fair Llama Show</b>                         | Tampa, FL                              | Tracy Weaver<br><a href="mailto:lotsallamas@earthlink.net">lotsallamas@earthlink.net</a>   |
| Mar 3-4, 2019           | <b>Hillbilly Llama Show</b>                                  | Perry, GA                              | Cathie Kindler<br><a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>           |
| Mar 15-17, 2019         | <b>SSLA Annual Conference</b>                                | UGA Instructional Arena,<br>Athens, GA | Kim Kyst<br><a href="mailto:Kim@kyst.org">Kim@kyst.org</a>                                 |
| Mar 16, 2019            | <b>Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade</b>                      | Atlanta, GA                            |  |
| Apr 13, 2019            | <b>Mellow Yellow Llama Show</b>                              |  | Cathie Kindler<br><a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>           |
| Apr 25-29, 2019         | <b>SSLA Spring Pack Trials</b>                               | DuPont Recreational Forest,<br>NC      | Mary Rose Collins<br><a href="mailto:mrc604@tampabay.rr.com">mrc604@tampabay.rr.com</a>    |
| May 25-26, 2019         | <b>Northeast Tennessee Llama Show</b>                        | White Pines, TN                        | Kathy Devaul<br><a href="mailto:Kdevaul@bellsouth.net">Kdevaul@bellsouth.net</a>           |
| Aug 31 - Sep 1,<br>2019 | <b>Heart of Dixie Llama Show</b>                             |  | Cathie Kindler<br><a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>           |
| Sep 6-8, 2019           | <b>NC Mountain State Fair Llama/<br/>Alpaca Show</b>         | Fletcher, NC                           | Lauri Jones<br><a href="mailto:Laurijones@windstream.net">Laurijones@windstream.net</a>    |
| Sep 27 - 29, 2019       | <b>PENDING APPROVAL<br/>Llama Rendezvous at the Beach</b>    |  | Vicki Sundberg   |
| Oct 5, 2019             | <b>The Great Llama Race Fundraiser<br/>for Casa de Sara</b>  | Knoxville, TN                          | Deb Logan<br><a href="mailto:logan99.mail@gmail.com">logan99.mail@gmail.com</a>            |
| Oct 11-13, 2019         | <b>GA National Fair Llama Show</b>                           | Perry, GA                              | Kathy Devaul<br><a href="mailto:Kdevaul@bellsouth.net">Kdevaul@bellsouth.net</a>           |
| Oct 11-13, 2019         | <b>ALSA SE Regional Championships</b>                        | Perry, GA                              | Cheryl Lambert<br><a href="mailto:clambert5@tampabay.rr.com">clambert5@tampabay.rr.com</a> |
| Oct 25-27, 2019         | <b>Southeast Animal Fiber Fair</b>                           | Fletcher, NC                           | <a href="https://www.saffsite.org/">https://www.saffsite.org/</a>                          |
| Dec 7, 2019             | <b>Children's Healthcare of Atlanta<br/>Christmas Parade</b> | Atlanta, GA                            | Tracy Munroe<br><a href="mailto:witsendfarm@comcast.net">witsendfarm@comcast.net</a>       |



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| Quarter Page (7 ¼" wide x 2 3/8" or 3 ½" wide x 4 5/8" high)   | \$25                 | \$35               |          |        |
| Business Card (3 ½" x 2")  | \$5                  | \$10               |          |        |
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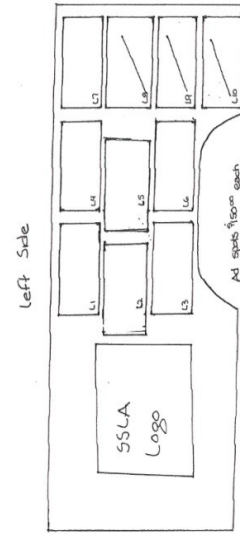
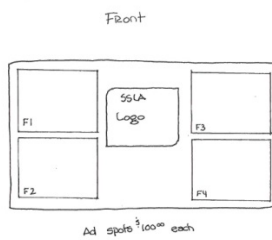
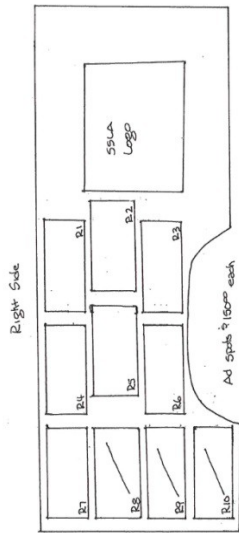
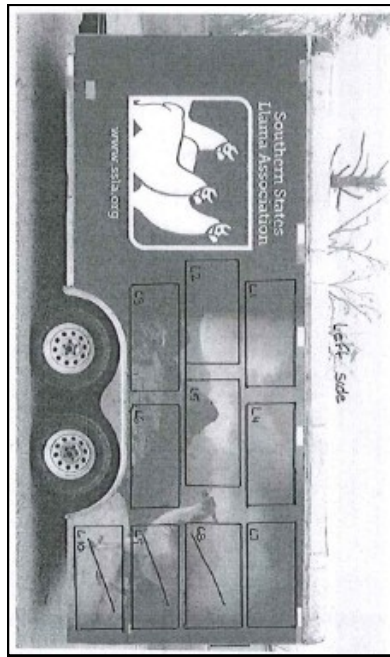
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## Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Obstacle Trailer Advertising Form



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.

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**Southern States Llama Association (SSLA)  
Obstacle Trailer Advertising Form**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Space selection: \_\_\_\_\_

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[kdevaul@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdevaul@bellsouth.net) or mail 217 Donald Road, Leesburg, GA 31763.