



Conference Schedule

Thursday,
October 23, 2026

(This is NOT the final schedule as things may change)

- 1:00 Animal set up begins
- 4:00 Vendor set up begins (Laura will keep you updated)
- 5:00-7:00 Conference Registration (Full Package)
Dinner on your own
- 5:30-7:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:30-8:30 Ice Breaker (greet old friends and make new ones)
- 8:30-? Corn Hole practice & get a good night's sleep

Friday, October 24, 2026

- 7:00-7:25 Conference Registration (Full Package)
- 7:30-9:00 Welcome & Keynote:
Dr. Chris Cebra: Camelid Antibodies and their Potential in Health Care
- 9:00 Light Break and Shopping

9:10-10:20 SESSION 1

Updated Camelid Medicine Cabinet (Repeat on Sat)
Dr. Pamela Walker
New protocols and new dosages. What to use and what to avoid.

Shearing Part I
Tabbitha Haubold
Prepping equipment for shearing and proper care

Understanding Parasites and Famacha I
Chelsea Hill
FAMACHA 1 – Internal Parasites- what are they, how do we identify them, best practices for prevention and treatment. In this session, attendees will learn what internal parasites are, why they are important to producers, how to prevent parasite infections, and how to use the FAMACHA system and other indicators of infection to determine a treatment protocol. Attendees who participate in both sessions and pay the \$25 certification fee will receive their FAMACHA Training Certification, official FAMACHA score card, and materials.

How to tell good/bad quality hay
Zachary Curtis
Know what you are buying. Take the mystery out of hay quality.

Learn how to make a scarf on a circular knitting machine
Priscilla Scheivert
If you have a circular knitting machine please bring it. If not we will have about 5 extra to use. If you want to bring your own yarn, be sure it is 200 yds heavy sport or light worsted. You will learn how to cast on and off and how to fix a dropped stitch while making this take home scarf. (Make and Take = M n T)

10:30-11:45 SESSION 2

Eating Disorders in Camelids
Dr. Chris Cebra

Shearing Part II
Tabbitha Haubold
How to actually shear a llama – where to start and different hair cuts. Tips and tricks to get the job done.

Understanding Parasites and Famacha II

Chelsea Hill

Hands-on FAMACHA scoring and Identification of Parasitic Eggs. In this hands-on session, attendees will learn how to perform a FAMACHA check and how to take a fecal sample for fecal egg counting. Producers will also get the chance to identify different parasitic eggs. Attendees who participate in both sessions and pay the \$25 certification fee will receive their FAMACHA Training Certification, official FAMACHA score card, and materials.

Painting with Yarn

Cindy Millard

Paint with yarn on a beeswax covered base. (M n T) limit 10

Fireside Chat: Lindsay Chandler

Benefits of passing the business on, and how to let go!

11:45-1:15 Lunch

Special Recognition of Patriot and Star Spangled Alpaca level sponsors. Special tables will be reserved for veterinarians, vet techs and vet students to sit together for more discussion and information sharing.

1:15-2:30 Session 3

From Blood to Base Pairs: Monitoring P-tenuis via Eosinophils and DNA

Dr. Antoinette Marsh

A presentation on the biology and diagnostic testing for P.Tenuis infections.

Understanding how your Camelid Thinks (Repeat on Sat)
John Mallon (Virtual)

Behavior and instincts of the prey animal and how it relates to training.

Haltering and training the young or unhandled camelid (Repeat)

Adam Black

Learn how to halter stress free for you and your lama and how to desensitize the animal to touch.

Spinning Novelty Yarn

Laura DiDonato

Introduction to spinning specialized yarns that have interesting textures and visual appeal, for decorative textured effects and adding flair to knitting. Bring your spinning wheel or you can just observe. You should have some basic spinning skills. (M n T)

2:30 Break and Shopping

2:45-4:00 SESSION 4

Neurologic Problems in Camelids

Dr. Pam Walker

Standing Castration, Fighting Teeth and Micro chipping
Dr. Char Arendas

Watch and get the chance to participate in an actual surgery as Dr. Char demonstrates her standing castration method, trimming fighting teeth technique and insertion of a microchip.

Large herds. Big Challenges. Real Solutions. Managing 300 llamas for Antibody production

Zac Wert

Lessons learned from growing a herd from 30-300 on an antibody production facility and the impact llamas have on the biosciences and medical community

Beginner Needle Felting (M n T) limit 10**Sybel Mallory**

You will learn how to create a picture with life breathed into it.

Fireside Chat: Dr. Chris Cebra**4:15–5:30 SESSION 5****Dietary effects on alpaca Colostrum in Quality and
cria Passive Transfer****Ana Belen Obregon Cruz**

AND

Effects of Body Condition and Nutrient Status on Reproduction
Marco Machaca Perez**Starting the training of a Performance llama or alpaca.
(Repeat)****Adam Black**

Learn how to navigate obstacles, approach, and trouble shoot.

Lamalagic: How to Catch Hidden risks In Training and Care
Kristin Giammarco**Crocheting with Camelid Roving (M n T)****Joy Bishop-Forshey**

You will crochet a table mat to be wet felted at a later time.

You must have basic crochet knowledge.

Limit 10 (M n T)

4:00-5:00 **Registration for Partial Package I**5:45-8:15 **Dinner and the GALA Annual Meeting**Please attend. You can have your coffee and dessert
during the Annual Meeting.Meeting will be in dining hall. **If you feel like
you must chat, please leave the room.**8:30 - ?? **Corn Hole Tournament and Show n Tell**If you don't want to play cornhole, then come and cheer
on your favorite team and relax with a glass of wine
OR go to the Fiber Room to observe, ask questions or
try some new techniques taught by the fiber room
instructors.

Get a good nights sleep, as we start off early and with a bang!!

Saturday, October 247:00-8:00 **Breakfast on your own**7:00-7:30 **Partial Package II Registration**7:30-9:00 **Welcome and Keynote: Cindy Ross****Scraping Heaven and Beyond**Her family's adventure of packing the Rockies
with llamas and the extraordinary life they
created afterwards.9:00 **Break & Shopping****9:10–10:20 SESSION 1****Raising Camelids or Cultivating Parasites?****Understanding the Balance****Dr. Antoinette Marsh**An overview of the most important parasites impacting our
camelids and how to lessen the impact of their disease potential in
the host.**Showmanship****Adam Black**Learn how to show yourself and your llama to be standing in
the ribbons.**Making the Most of Little Things: Mineral Supplementations****Dr. Robert Van Saun**

Mineral importance and how to get them into the diet.

Advanced Needle felting: Adding depth or life to an object
Sybel Mallory

Adding depth or life to your felting. Limit 10.

10:30–11:45 SESSION 2**Updated Camelid Medicine Cabinet (Repeat)****Dr. Pamela Walker**

New protocols and new dosages. What to use and what to avoid.

Haltering the young/unhandled camelid (Repeat)**Adam Black****Whimsical Felted Balls****Cindy Millard**Learn how to make balls for jewelry to cat toys to acorns for fall
decorations. (M n T)**Tying Flies with lama fiber – (M n T) (Repeat)****Henry Ramsay**We all know that camelid fiber is used to make many beautiful
items but did you know it can also be used to make flies for fishing?
Join local fly tyer and flyfishing author, Henry Ramsay, in making
a fly with fiber that will catch a fish. Henry will also have his books
on hand to sell and sign. What a great Christmas present for the
fly fisherman in your life! If you have your own vise, please bring it.
Limit 5**11:45–1:15 Lunch****1:30–3:00 Public time with the Camelids**This is a chance for our retirees or anyone else who wants to take
some time to educate the public to llamas to head down to the
animal area. There will be activities for children and go ahead and
guide them to our vendors.**1:15–2:30 SESSION 3****Disorders of the skin: still frustrating after all these years****Dr. Chris Cebra****Understanding how your Camelid Thinks (Repeat)****John Mallon (Virtual)**Behavior and instincts of the prey animal and how it relates
to training.**Techniques for Grooming your Llama****Rachel Diamond****Tips to Improve your llama/alpaca photos****Cliff Sobel**

Come learn some tricks to win the photo contest next year.

Any fly fishermen in your family? Tying Flies with camelid fiber.**(M nT) (Repeat)****Henry Ramsay**

See description of Session 2.

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and to register online.*

Carding/Blending to Enhance Your Fiber

Anne Hallowell

How To's on carding your fiber from fine to coarse, blending colors and fibers to create unique rovings.

2:30 Break and Shopping

2:45-4:00 SESSION 4

Pre, during and after a Birth

Hilary Ware

What do I need to do to get ready for this birth? See how a cria is born. Is this a normal birth? Is this cria normal? What should I do now? Come find out all the answers and more.

Teaching my camelid to accept a pack

Adam Black

Demystifying Fiber: It can be Fun

Niki Kuklenski

Unsure of what kind of fiber you have? Come learn how to assess, skirt, prepare, sort and determine the best use for your fiber and more! Bring your own fiber

History of Llamas in the United States

Jennifer Kingston

Wet Felt a Lama Soap Loofah – (M n T) Bev Vienckowski

Bev will share her tried & true method and tips to create and decorate your own unique llama loofah. Materials will be furnished to make 2. Limit 10

Fireside Chat: Dr. Pamela Walker

4:00-4:15 Break and Shopping

4:15-5:30 SESSION 5

Breeding and Reproduction

Dr. Pamela Walker

Spinose Ear Ticks

Tabbethia Haubold

Yikes! What are they? How do you know your animals have them? What do you do?

Trekking with your llamas for fun or profit

Lindsay Chandler

Northern Vermont Llama Co. started offering commercial treks in 1990. Find out what we have learned through the years.

Tips and Tricks on the Farm

TBA

Come share your tips and tricks for making life more efficient on the farm. Did you know sodium bicarbonate neutralizes the urine odor?

Advanced Knitting: Adding a Latvian Braid to your knitting

Kelly Ralph

Learn how to make a Latvian Braid to enhance your knitting projects. This class is for those comfortable with knit and purl stitch.

6:30

Cocktails/Shopping/Silent Bidding

7:00

Dinner (Attire is casual to fancy) and Auction

Sunday, October 25

7:00-8:00 Breakfast on your own

8:00-8:30 Yard Sale Items to Tabbethia OR Room TBA

8:30-9:45 SESSION 1

Warning Flags to look for when acquiring an animal

Dr. Chris Cebra

Starting the training of a Performance llama or alpaca. (Repeat)

Adam Black

Learn how to navigate obstacles, approach, and trouble shoot.

Wet Felting Leaves 101

Pat McKinney

Learn basic wet felting, incorporating designer wet felt techniques. Each leaf created will be unique to the fiber colors and silks used in the design. Limit 12

9:55-11:15 SESSION 2

The Geriatric Camelid

Dr. Pamela Walker

Recognizing and caring for the special needs of a Geriatric animal.

Pet Partners

Niki Kuklenski

What is it? How do I get certified? Why do it?

Needle Felted 3-D Pumpkin

Susan Higginson

Learn how to create a needle felted pumpkin with stem and curly vines. A variety of fall colors will be available such as orange, purple, and green to make your unique pumpkin.

Fireside Chat: Adam Black

11:30-12:00 7th Annual YARD SALE

12:15 Lunch and Good Byes

Safe Travels!

NOTE: All Registration is online!

Go to <https://galaonline.org/2026-conference>

Any questions or cannot do it online, Call Terry Beal
(207) 549-5774 or (207) 441-1313.

EARLY Registration ends September 30th

