

## Will Work for Fun (and Scholarships)

Other ways to get involved with camelids are community service projects, nursing home and pre-school visits, certified therapy animals and work with individuals with special needs. Help is always needed to assist camelids in re-homing and rescue situations. In addition to collecting new and gently used halters and leads for use in rescue, you can also learn to braid lead ropes to donate to the cause. All of these activities may help in qualifying for community service hours and academic scholarships.



**These are some ideas to get you started on your camelid adventure—you may have others to add to this list. Do you want to own camelids? Do you want to lease a llama or alpaca? Do you want to create fiber products or works of art? The choice is yours—let the adventure begin!**



## Additional information is available at:

[www.icinfo.org](http://www.icinfo.org)  
[www.ariACADEMY.com](http://www.ariACADEMY.com)  
[www.alpacainfo.com](http://www.alpacainfo.com)



**Information is also available from your local or regional alpaca or llama organization or representative:**



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# Alpacas, Llamas and Youth



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**Involvement with alpacas and llamas (camelids) can be a fun and rewarding experience for youth of all ages.**

**Enrich your world while learning all that these wonderful animals have to offer. Visit local alpaca and llama farms to start your camelid adventure!**



### **Camelids on Parade**

Special events such as library reading programs, parades, community festivals, walk-a-thons and fundraisers are a great way to get better acquainted with camelids.



### **Take a Hike**

Take a llama or alpaca on a day hike or camping trip—llamas can carry your gear! Train a camelid to pull a cart, or develop your creative side using camelid fiber—spin, weave, knit, crochet and felt.

### **Be a Show-Off**

...with your alpaca or llama! There are fun local, 4-H and county fair shows along with state, regional and national events. Most shows include performance and showmanship classes. Fleece competitions are a part of many shows, and you can also enter items made of camelid fiber.



### **Learned It, Now Earn It**

Agricultural experience can open doors for you. Career and job opportunities include veterinarian, vet tech/vet assistant, farmer/rancher, groomer, trainer and farm sitter, as well as sales of fiber and fiber products and the textile and fashion industry.



### **Meet New Friends**

...through 4-H, FFA and state, regional and national camelid organizations. Some may offer programs about camelids, and additional information may be found at your local Extension Service ([www.csrees.usda.gov/ext](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/ext)), from high school agriculture teachers and online by entering "alpacas in (your state)" or "llamas in (your state)" into a search engine.

### **Classroom to Pasture**

Existing programs such as "Ag in the Classroom" and FFA "Ag Day" will expand your education. You can apply your new knowledge with hands-on camelid experience during field trips to llama and alpaca farms or fiber mills.

