

**AUTUMN COWLEY COUNTY PACK TRIALS
BASIC and ADVANCED LEVELS
December 4 and 5, 2010
Arkansas City, KS**

**Sanctioned by: Pack Llama Trial Association (PLTA)
Certifier: Patti Morgan
Sponsored by: Golden Plains Llama Association (GPLA)**

ENTRY DEADLINE: 1, 2010

Come to Cowley County and experience the fun and adventure of packing with your favorite llama. You will have the opportunity to become more experienced packers, earn official recognition for your accomplishments and have a great time doing it.

The Basic Pack Llama Trial is designed to evaluate the llama's natural ability and to encourage participation by new and aspiring llama packers.

The Advanced Pack Llama Trial is for more mature llamas with prior packing and trail experience.

In both trials, participants do not compete against each other; the performance of each llama is evaluated against a standard. For information about requirements and to understand the PLTA concept, go to www.packllama.org.

TO ENTER:

Fill out the enclosed entry form and send it along with the entry fee to the address at the bottom of the form. HEALTH PAPERS are required for all out-of-state llamas (by the state of Kansas). Note that there is no testing required, just inspection within 30 days.

WEIGHT CERTIFICATION will be done Friday December 3 or early Saturday December 4 at the Morgan's.

PLTA membership applications and Llama Registration forms can be downloaded on the PLTA website. There will be forms available at the trial site.

(Note: we found it easier to have all paperwork as complete as possible before getting to the trial.)

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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Sandy Crofoot 620-674-3662 or scrofoot@emporia.edu**

**AUTUMN COWLEY COUNTY PACK TRIALS
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Morgan's
12120 282nd Rd., Arkansas City, KS
620-442-4996 or 620-441-8830**

Friday, December 3

Begin arriving. Registration and weigh in for those here. Meet at the Morgan's at 12120 282nd Rd., Arkansas City, KS 67005. Call 620-442-4996 for directions.

Saturday, December 4

8:00am to 10:00am: Registration at the Morgan's and weigh in

10:00am: Travel to trial site.

10:30am: Manageability tests before heading to trailhead.

11:30am: HIT THE TRAIL

1:00pm: Lunch on the trail (will be provided)

After Day 1 Trial: Manageability tests for Sunday.

6:30-7:00pm Dinner at the Morgan's.

Sunday, December 5

9:00am: at Morgan's to travel to trial site.

9:30am: HIT THE TRAIL

NOON: Lunch break and awards ceremony.

PLEASE BRING SNACKS/WATER FOR THE HIKE. WATER PROOF BOOTS OR SHOES ARE NEEDED FOR WATER/MUD HAZARDS.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

America's Best Value Inn, 1617 N. Summit 620-442-1400
Super 8, 3228 N. Summit 620-442-8880
RV Park Cherokee Strip Campground, Hwy 77 South 620-442-3250

AUTUMN COWLEY COUNTY PACK TRIALS

ELIGIBILITY: PLTA Trials shall be open to all llamas. One llama per handler or one string per handler is required for these trials. The owner of the llama does not have to be the handler at a trial. All handlers must either be members of PLTA or associate members (\$5 fee). Only those llamas/owners who are current member of the PLTA will have data collected and sent to the PLTA office for future determination of Titles and Certificates. Handlers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, who may also be a participant. There is no requirement for a llama to be registered with any llama registry.

BASIC TRIAL REQUIREMENTS: The llama must successfully complete two Trials in a Basic course. Upon completion of these requirements a llama will be recorded as a Basic Pack Llama (BPL) by the Pack Llama Trial Association, Inc., and, where appropriate, may display the title Basic Pack Llama or the initials BPL after its name.

To enter the Basic level, the llama must be a minimum age of 24 months. Llamas 24 months to 30 months will carry no weight other than the saddle and filled-out packs. Llamas over 30 months of age will carry 10 percent of their body weight including saddle and packs. (Note: To be awarded the BPL Certificate, at least one completion must be achieved after the llama is over 30 months of age and while carrying 10 percent of the body weight).

The tests will start with the following Manageability Tasks: The llama shall have the halter removed and then put back on, be loaded and unloaded from a trailer or vehicle, negotiate a picket line for five (5) minutes, be saddled properly and have the packs attached (the handler may have assistance to saddle and attach the packs). These tasks must all be successfully completed and, if necessary, safety points may be deducted.

Basic level llamas will negotiate a minimum of five (5) obstacles. They must include the following three mandatory obstacles: one water, one jump, and one deadfall. The remaining obstacles used will be determined by the Trial Committee.

Basic level llamas must cover three (3) miles in the prescribed time window with an elevation gain of 250 feet to 500 feet. (Elevation gain can be cumulative; example, if a 100 foot hill is climbed three times that would equal 300 feet)

Basic level llamas meeting all other requirements of these regulations, and having no more than five (5) safety points deducted, will successfully complete the Trial. Llamas that pass this written standard at a PLTA Sanctioned Trial will be awarded one completion toward the two required for award of the Basic Pack Llama (BPL) Certificate.

ADVANCED TRIAL REQUIREMENTS: Llamas in the Advanced level are tested at a more advanced stage of training and against a moderate packing requirement.

To enter the Advanced level, a llama must be a minimum of 36 months of age and carry 15 percent of its body weight including saddle and packs.

The tests will start with the following Manageability Tasks: The llama shall have the halter removed and then put back on, be loaded and unloaded from a trailer or vehicle, negotiate a picket line for five (5) minutes, be saddled properly and have the packs attached (the handler may have assistance to saddle and attach the packs). These tasks must all be successfully completed and, if necessary, safety points may be deducted.

Advanced level llamas will negotiate ten (10) obstacles. They must include the following five (5) mandatory obstacles: two water, one jump, one deadfall, and one rock rubble. The remaining obstacles used will be determined by the Trial Committee.

Advanced level llamas must cover five (5) miles in the prescribed time window with an elevation gain of 750 feet to 1000 feet. Elevation gain can be cumulative as described above.

Advanced level llamas meeting all other requirements of these regulations and having no more than three (3) performance points deducted, will successfully complete the Trial.

Llamas that pass this written standard at a PLTA Sanctioned Trial will be awarded one Advanced completion toward the four required for award of the Advance Pack Llama (APL) Certificate. Llamas that already have a Basic Pack Llama (BPL) Certificate will only require three Advanced completions.

LLAMA STRING REQUIREMENTS: Please see the PLTA website. If you desire a string certification, please inform Patti Morgan and she will have that part of the course ready.

ENTRY FORM (one per llama – please duplicate)

Name of Event: **AUTUMN COWLEY COUNTY PACK TRIALS**

All entries are on a first come-first served basis. (limit 30 llamas).

FULL NAME OF LLAMA: _____

ILR#: _____ PLTA #: _____ SEX: _____ DOB: _____

If this animal HAS NOT BEEN registered with PLTA, please fill out the Registration Form and return it with a one time fee of \$10 payable to PLTA

OWNER NAME: _____ PLTA MEMBER #: _____

RANCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

I certify that all information on this form is correct and appropriate to the llama listed. I also understand that I must be a member of the PLTA in order for my entry to count toward a completion for certification.

Owner/Agent Signature: _____

HANDLER'S NAME: _____

HANDLER'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NAME OF ACCOMPANYING ADULT: _____

Handler Signature: _____ (note) _____

Note: If handler is under 18 years of age, please have custodial parent or guardian sign.

BASIC PACK PERFORMANCE LLAMA

() Minimum age 24 months. 24-30 months carry no weight, but the panniers will be filled out: llamas 30 months of age carry 10% of body weight. Both will cover 3 miles and negotiate at least 5 obstacles.

ADVANCED PACK PERFORMANCE LLAMA

() Minimum age 36 months. Llamas carry 15% of body weight, cover 5 miles and negotiate at least 10 obstacles.

TRIAL ENTRY FEE: \$25 PER ENTRY (includes both days)

Please include all entry forms and fees with a check payable to PATTI MORGAN. Send to 12120 282nd Rd. , Arkansas City , KS 67005 . Fees for membership/llama registration/pack trial can be combined, i.e., membership of \$7.50/llama registration of \$10/pack trial of \$25 and write one check for \$42.50.

PLTA APPLICATIONS MEMBERSHIP & LLAMA REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

Additional children: _____

FARM/RANCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ EMAIL: _____

Check this box if you do NOT want your contact information shared in a PLTA Member Directory

Check this box if you do NOT want your contact information shared with others outside the PLTA membership.

Please Check All Requested Services:

NEW FULL MEMBERSHIP (\$30)*or ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (\$5)

RENEWING FULL MEMBERSHIP as PLTA MEMBER # _____ (\$30)

ROLLING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP # _____ INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP (\$25)

PRIMARY INTEREST (single selection included in Full Membership):

PACK TRIALS or MILEAGE CLUB or BOTH (Add \$10)

LLAMA REGISTRATION FEE _____ llamas @ \$10/ea= \$ _____

TOTAL FEES INCLUDED:\$ _____

FULL MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00 Annual Fee includes up to two adults (18 years & older) plus all children under age 18 living at the same residence. (regardless of whether or not the children own llamas separately from their parents or siblings. If the child's last name is different from the adult's name on the membership, please include that name on this form. Required for owners of llamas participating in PLTA trials and of participants in the PLTA Mileage Club. Indicate your primary interest above - "Pack Trials" will be designated if no interest is selected. All membership benefits are included at this level.

PLTA LLAMA REGISTRATION: \$10.00 One-Time Fee per animal. Required for all llamas participating in PLTA Pack Trials or documented in the PLTA Mileage Club.

FULL NAME OF LLAMA: _____ DOB: _____

ILR # _____ SEX: Male Female Gelding/Altered PLTA Llama # _____

Circle One

For office use

FULL NAME OF LLAMA: _____ DOB: _____

ILR # _____ SEX: Male Female Gelding/Altered PLTA Llama # _____

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FULL Name OF Llama: _____ DOB: _____

ILR # _____ SEX: Male Female Gelding/Altered PLTA Llama # _____

Circle One

For office use

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 Annual Fee includes 1 individual. If an individual does not have a PLTA Full Membership the associate membership is required for insurance purposes of all non-owner handlers of llamas entered in PLTA events including trials and participants in PLTA Packer's Primer training sessions. Note: An Associate Membership may be roolled into a Full Membership within the same calendar year by paying the additional \$25.00.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Full Membership Dues from October 1 to December 31 are \$7.50