

Greetings as spring (summer) arrives and shearing has begun.

You are receiving this email for one of the following reasons:

1. You are a member of the North American Llama Fiber Co-op Group
2. You are wanting to learn more about the Co-op
3. You should be a member of the Co-op but don't know it 😊
4. You just love fiber and enjoy being part of a fun day
5. Having your name on here is a mistake and Please get me off!

At anyrate, if you do not care to get any more emails from me, just let me know and I will delete your name.

Those of you, who have been a part of the day can attest to how rewarding and enjoyable it is. So please plan on attending. "many hands make a task light"

Details:

When: June 9th

Where: Pat McKinney's, 2975 Ashgrove Lane, York, PA 17403 (this does Not work w/ GPS) so be sure to call Pat or print out the attached directions.

Time: 9:00 to ? (when we get finished) come for as long as you are able.

What to bring:

1. Your fiber in separate bags per fleece with the attached ID inside.
2. Something to share for lunch. (we usually have a potluck lunch with everyone bringing something. I will make Beef BBQ so feel free to make or bring something to share) Unless someone wants to take on organizing the food, just respond reply all and say what you are bringing. I do not have time to organize the food and the sort.
3. A Chair
4. Here is what we need in supplies (let me know what you can bring so we do not have 10 of something)
4 to 6 blowers and extension cords
3 sets of saw horses
4 or 5 lightweight laundry baskets
3 blowing cages (I have one so we only need 2)
5. What do I need to do to prepare? If you can, blow your fiber out ahead of time if not we will do it there. Fill out the attached labels and insert in each bag of fiber. Clear bags are best to use.
6. Please pass this onto anyone who you think might be interested in coming or knowing about this.
7. BE sure to sign in and out to get credit for the days work.
8. All you experienced crew-did I forget anything?
9. RSVP please!

Looking forward to a fun day with you all. Any questions please ask!! Hugs and see you soon. Off to shear!!

Carol Reigh

Owner of Buck Hollow Llamas, Inc.

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FB 002
Fleece Preparation at the Farm
Date of Issue:

FLEECE PREPARATION AT THE FARM

PURPOSE

To describe the procedures for preparing animals for shearing, shearing, processing and skirting fleece after shearing, labeling and shipping to the coop.

GENERAL

Preparing fleeces correctly not only provides the coop with a higher quality product, but also reduces waste, shipping costs and time at the various sorting events.

PREPARING THE ANIMAL FOR SHEARING

- Assure the fiber length is between 3 and 6 inches. Any fiber shorter or longer will be rejected by the processor as the machinery cannot handle it. Make sure the fiber is not heavily matted. Matted fibers cannot be processed.
- Pick or brush out any large debris.
- Blow out the fiber as thoroughly as possible. This will result in a cleaner fleece and also save wear and tear on shearing blades.

SHEARING AND FURTHER PROCESSING

- Shear the prime fleece (blanket and hips), taking care to avoid second cuts and the belly wool. Place the prime fleece in a container.
- Next shear the neck wool. If it is useable, bag it separately from the prime fleece.
- Skirt out any remaining matts and soiled portions of the fiber, including belly and leg wool – discard these. Once skirted, if possible blow out the fiber one more time, removing the remaining dust and dirt.
- Bag each fleece separately and label with Farm ID and date of shearing. Please do not mix fiber grades or colors.
- If possible deliver to designated individuals within your region. If fiber cannot be delivered, please contact the Fiber BOD designee on where to ship the fiber.
- If shipping, excess air can be vacuumed out of the bags by applying the vacuum with a nylon hose over the end to the bag before tying closed. This will save on shipping costs and allow fiber to be better compacted.

Prepared By: _____
Debi Garvin

REVISED 6/22/14: Directions to ... 2975 Ashgrove Lane, York, PA 17403

NOTE: DO NOT USE GOOGLE MAPS...IT WILL BRING YOU IN THE LANE RATHER THAN THE HARD ROAD and the lane may be blocked due to construction.

Drive toward York, PA. I-83 can be accessed from 30 East/West or the PA turnpike.

The following are directions once you reach York on I-83 and are traveling SOUTH

Driving south on I 83:

1. **Exit 16A Queen Street** also called **74S** (**You will be crossing over I-83, due to the direction of the exit. If for some reason you are not crossing over I-83, and you do not see the new Hampton Inn to your left, a stop light at Pauline Dr, within ½ mile and a bank on your right- turn around immediately...do not go toward York, rather toward Dallastown/Red Lion**)

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS ARE TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY STREETS LOCATED AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS **DO NOT TURN UNTIL YOU REACH THE SIXTH LIGHT**

2. Continue on Queen Street – 1ST LIGHT Pauline Dr/St. Charles Way **stay on Queen St.**
3. Second light Acco Dr. – **stay on Queen St.**
4. Third light Dewdrop Road – **stay on Queen St.**
5. Fourth light junction with 182 Farm Lane/Leader Heights Rd. – **stay on Queen St.**
6. Fifth light – ShurFine grocery store on the right. At this point the road seems to Y...Queen Street bears to the left / Iron Stone Hill Road is the right– **bear left and stay on Queen St.**
7. *******Sixth light***** – Honey Valley Road - TURN RIGHT**
(This light is approximately ½ mile after the Sheetz gas station.)
8. **Turn RIGHT at the 5th RIGHT onto Spartan Road**
9. **Turn LEFT onto the first street you come to...Exeter Drive South** (literally 3 house lots)
10. **Turn RIGHT onto the first street you come to (2 house lots)...Woodshead Terrace**

Continue to the end of Woodshead Terrace, my farm lane joins Woodshead Terrace, you'll see the llama fence and a row of bushes. Turn off Woodshead Terrace to the LEFT onto the dirt/stone lane. Follow the road, (which is my driveway) We will be using the pull through barn/garage you look at immediately after you turn left. Drop off your fiber and turn into the llama field for parking, an immediate right. If you continue on, the lane circles my house at you will end up where you started.

We will be sharing a lunch, if you would like to bring something, please either call me (717-741-0621) to coordinate what to bring, I will return your call in the evening. Hopefully we won't have all desserts...but it could be worse!



Drive carefully!

If you have any questions...call (717) 741-0621 or 818-9977

Pat McKinney

(Please note: If you are traveling to York, Google maps can get you to I 83 South, if you are traveling to the north, look for the junction of I 83 and 74 south...that is where you need to begin with # 2 above. I hope everyone has safe travels! Please call if you get lost...I'll carry my cell phone with me!)

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