



Double 8 Education Series

Are you excited to learn about potentially owning and caring for your own alpacas? Join us for our Education Series and learn everything there is to know about caring for your new fuzzy herd! Each topic will be taught on our farm with half of the time indoors and the other half out on the farm and will run a total of 1.5 hours for each session. The cost is \$75 per person or \$135 for a couple. Please be sure to call and register to ensure a space.

- **Selection and Conformation.** In this session, you will learn what is an alpaca, what are the differences between the two breed types and the differences between llamas and alpacas. You will learn about the varying colors and how to carefully select healthy and conformationally correct alpacas.
- **Infrastructure of Your Farm.** In this session you will learn about the varying barns and fencing options. You will also learn about pasture and how to maintain it.
- **Nutrition.** In this session, you will learn about the nutritional needs of the alpacas and llamas.
- **Herd Health.** In this session you will learn how to care for your alpacas. We will cover First Aid for the Alpaca - eyes, toenails, skin issues, and medications for the alpaca. We will also show how we weigh or body score to check weights and conduct Meningeal Infection Prevention.
- **Parasitology.** In this session we will discuss parasites and dewormers. We will show how a fecal sample is collected and how we complete the forms for our lab to conduct a fecal analysis. We will review examples of fecal results.
- **Alpaca Fiber.** In this session we will learn how to identify a fleece for show and/or processing. We will learn the different techniques for preparing a fleece for a show versus for processing. Additional sessions may be offered to help you prepare your fiber for show or mill.
- **Reproduction/Neonatal Care.** In this session you will learn about the reproduction of the alpaca and how to care for the dam and newborn cria
- **Halter Training.** In this session, you will learn about the proper fit of a halter and how to gently handle and train your alpacas. We also provide this service at your farm.