

LAMA TO LUXURY CONTEST

Show Name: _____

sponsored by: _____

Show Address: _____

Show Date: _____

Contest Time: _____ - _____ Shawl Auction begins: _____

Team Entry Fee: \$ _____ Deadline: _____ Ribbons to each member of top ___ teams

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to weave a shawl of 100% lama fiber in a four hour time limit.

FLEECE: Natural colored lama (llama and/or alpaca) fiber should be washed and picked of debris and guard hair. Each team should provide their own fiber, but if a team can't obtain fiber, _____ (show sponsor) can provide lama fiber (although you may not have a choice of colors or quality). It will take approximately two (2) pounds of raw lama fiber to have ample for warp and weft, yet allow for picking. During the contest, the fiber can be prepared for spinning by flicking, teasing, combing or hand carding. The fiber cannot be pre-carded.

EQUIPMENT: Team members may use flick or hand carders only. Any foot or hand powered spinning equipment may be used. A standard harness table or floor loom whose major functions, including operation, selection and sequencing, are manually controlled are permitted. A maximum of four (4) harnesses may be used and either direct tie up or combination tie up is permitted. No dobbie or fly shuttle permitted. Design, color and pattern of shawl will be determined by each team.

WARP: The warp will consist of washed, single or two-ply natural color handspun 100% lama fiber. The loom should be pre-warped before the start of the contest.

WEFT: The weft will consist of washed, single or two-ply natural color handspun 100% lama fiber, to be spun by team members during the time limits of the contest.

SIZE: The shawl woven area will be 20-22 inches wide and 76-78 inches long. A point will be deducted for each inch over or under.

FRINGE: In addition to the woven area, the shawl must have appropriate fringe/finish to be created during the time limits of the contest.

TEAM: A team will consist of no more than six (6) members. One member may be a spokesperson for the team to describe to the public what the team is doing during the contest. The team members may rotate being spokesperson. Having a spokesperson is not mandatory.

POINTS: Team Identification – 5 pts Spinning – 35 pts Weaving – 30 pts Design – 30 pts

There shall be no substitution of team members after the contest has started. Judges and team captains only will meet at _____ o'clock for clarification. Teams must be set up by _____ o'clock for inspection of fiber and equipment by the judge. _____ (show sponsor) will pay the 10% commission on the sale of the first place shawl only. The money from the sale of the shawl goes to the team. All other shawls auctioned must pay the 10% commission to the _____ (auctioneer). The decision of the judge is final. Any infraction of these rules will result in disqualification of the team.