

# Pack Llama Trail Association

*The mission of the PLTA is to preserve and promote working llamas, through education of the public, and members of the association as to breeding, raising, training, care, and safe and humane uses of working llamas as companions.*

## **Membership**

The Pack Llama Trail Association is a gathering of people dedicated to the support of the working llama. We invite you to join us. Membership is open to anyone interested in participating in PLTA sanctioned events and/or supporting or learning about the care, breeding and uses of working llamas.



A Membership (\$30 per year) includes two adults (18 years and older) plus children under the age of 18 living at the same residence, regardless of whether or not the children own llamas separately from their parents or siblings. Membership allows you to register your llamas with the PLTA and/or have your llama participate in PLTA sanctioned events and programs. It also provides access to the Event Support, Member Contacts, and Trail Guide sections of this website that are not available to the general public, and provides you with the opportunity to have your contact information displayed publicly on the links page as well as have a link to your ranch or business information included.

## **Llama Registry**

A \$10 fee permanently registers your llama with the PLTA and allows your llama to participate in all Association programs.

## **Programs**

**Pack Trials:** PLTA Pack Trials are standardized tests created by the Association to evaluate pack llamas for their natural ability and acquired level of training and conditioning appropriate to actual packing conditions. These tests are conducted in a realistic packing environment. When a llama successfully completes all the required trials at a given level, it is awarded a certificate and title for that level of achievement. There are four levels of individual achievement available: Basic, Advanced, Master and Elite. These levels are also available for llamas working in a string.

**Challenge:** The PLTA Challenge is a non-competitive hiking and obstacle course designed to provide education, camaraderie, and an introduction to the packing environment using natural obstacles in a natural setting. Llamas earn points for the distance they cover, weight carried, elevation gained and obstacles successfully negotiated. Handlers have the prerogative to choose what and how much their llamas attempt. No one fails a Challenge course. Accomplishments are displayed on the Association website and on an annual certificate awarded to each llama.

**Mileage Program:** The Mileage Program encourages fitness and participation of pack llamas in the PLTA and provides a way to acknowledge the level and extent at which a llama is actually working. Llama's accomplishments are acknowledged on the Association website and with annual certificates.



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**Promoting the Working Llama**  
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