



Weekend On The Ranch

“Weekend on the Ranch” is a full weekend seminar designed to provide an abundance of information and experiences to help you learn what raising alpacas is all about.

Stargazer has been hosting this class for the past five years. Class attendees and ranch clients have become some of the most successful and prominent new breeders and 4-H leaders in the country. This is not a sales event. This weekend is for you to learn, ask questions and, *hopefully*, decide to raise alpacas. If you are thinking about alpacas as a business enterprise you will have enough information to help you with your next step. *(Past participant comments below.)*

Class is 16 hours of “NBA” (Nothing But Alpacas). The weekend agenda is made up of a combination of presentations, interactive discussions and hands-on learning. Not only is the class informative, but it is also like “group therapy” to help you learn from others who are exploring their way into an alpaca adventure.

Participants will learn about the following and more:

- Industry history, present happenings and future goals.
- How alpacas compare with other livestock.
- Facility set-up, fencing and pasture/feed requirements.
- Veterinary care, handling, nutrition, breeding, birthing, cria care and recordkeeping.
- Alpaca Fiber characteristics what makes it so special and processing considerations.
- Opportunity for learning about fiber processingSorting, Skirting, Carding, Spinning and Weaving.
- Hands on opportunity for alpaca handling and breeding behavior.
- What to look for and how to select alpacas that will meet your needs.
- Evaluating alpacas through show results and scientific data.
- Business issues such as insurance, tax considerations and business plans.

Class starts at 8am and finishes by 5pm ... Saturday and Sunday
Advance registration is required. Class fee is \$175 per couple; \$100 for single registration.
Fee includes all materials, continental breakfast, catered lunch and beverages.
Payment can be made by check or credit card.

This is not a sales seminar. We don't have time set aside during class schedule to promote or sell. If you are interested in purchasing alpacas or products, please arrange time outside of the class schedule.

Past Participant Comments

“Exceeded our expectations and improved our in-depth understanding”. D H

“It is the best money I've ever spent on a class. Thanks for your generosity of time and information.” L L

You aren't charging enough money. This class was way more than what I expected.” A M

“This (class) made us feel a lot more knowledgeable and comfortable with our decision to raise alpacas.” M S

“Exceeded our expectations. We got so much out of this. Thank you so much.” T B

You pay for an education.... but it doesn't cost as much as ignorance.

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