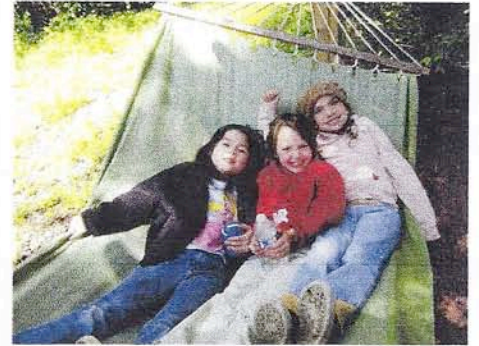
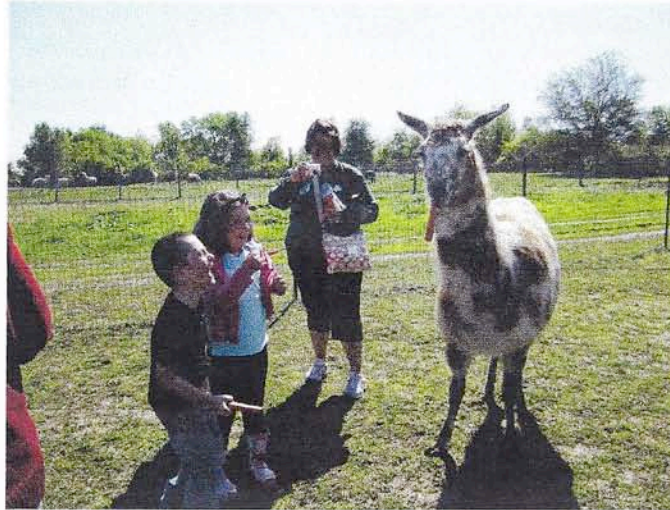


SCHOOL TOURS! VISITING THE FARM



Coming Events

May 24: Illini Elementary, Mrs. Price's farm tour

May 26: St. Teresa kindergarten class farm tour

May 23-26: Shearing Days at Wier World, 8:30-5 p.m. each day. potluck lunch, please bring soft drinks; volunteers welcome. Fleeces for sale for \$10 per pound (except cria).

June 11: 3 Sisters Workshop Beginning Spinning class, 10-3 p.m., Wier World Farm, \$75, potluck lunch

July 22-23: 3 Sisters Workshop "Kids Camp."



In photos: Kids tried on hats; watching Pebbles eat a carrot is lots of fun; kindergartners relax in the hammock; carting with Spotted Fever; students line up in front of the tipi, and around the tree bench; there's always time for playing on the teeter-totter. Doing the beadwork for the walking sticks.



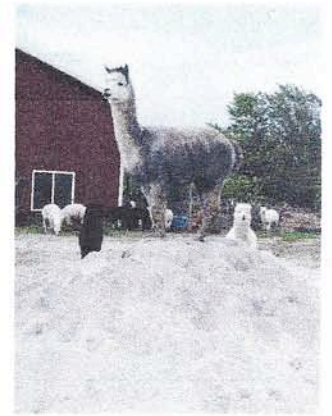
Spring is FARM TOUR season. Kindergarten classes from St. John Neumann in Maryville, and Providence Christian Academy in South County came two days in a row to experience the fleeces, the walking sticks and the farm fun.



3 Sisters Fleece Dyeing workshop was a rousing success. Folks went home with beautifully dyed fleeces -- both dyed alpaca and dyed wool. Thanks to Tammy Duensing for teaching the class!



SPECIAL ON BOYS -- BOTH INTACT AND GELDINGS



ARI registered, prize winning (in VA) Baylor -- intact suri male - \$1000; stunning little llama boy, ILR registered, Paducah, \$600; Whitman, unregistered fiber boy - \$500; Toby, intact appaloosa male, ILR registered - \$500; Tonka, ARI registered GREY herdsire - \$800; Chico, suri gelding, ARI registered - \$500. Please support your local llama farm!

Celebrating unsung virtues of llamas:

May's llama/alpaca attribute is "rumen-to-rumen" transfer. When your llama is sick, or "off feed" gathering fresh rumen juice from a donor animal can be just the answer to get their rumen moving again. I like to keep some "tried and true" spitters in my herd. You put a spit mask on them - and then all you have to do is scratch them on the head, the back, etc and let the spitting begin!



Steve helped me gather "rumen juice" from Savannah. You can always count on her to spit! Next you syringe the rumen juice into the animal that is sick and in a day or two, they can often be back to eating hay.