

6th Annual Northwest Llama Drive In

May 23 -26, 2008

Overview (changes from last year are in bold)

Anyone interested in driving or learning more about driving is welcome to attend this event. We gather each year for some informal sharing of driving tips and tricks and to socialize with others who are passionate about driving llamas.

Location—Drive 24 miles north of Coeur d'Alene on Hwy 95. Turn east on Hwy 54 at Athol. Go four more miles to entrance of Farragut State Park. From the entrance, take the first left at North Road, then the next right. Drive past the water tower on your left and the model air field on your right. Take the next right into Thimbleberry. Park anywhere in the meadow.

When You Arrive—If arriving before 3:00 p.m., stop at the kiosk to tell them you are with the llama group camping the Thimbleberry. You will be required to purchase a vehicle pass (\$4 for each day in the park for the first motorized vehicle, and \$5 per day for a second vehicle, if any). If you get there after 3:00 p.m., but before 7:00 p.m., stop at the Visitor Center to buy a vehicle pass. If you arrive at the park entrance after 7:00 p.m., drive directly to Thimbleberry Campground, and you can get your vehicle pass in the morning at 9:00 a.m. by going back to the visitor center.

Each participant is responsible for their own vehicle passes which must be displayed on the driver side of the windshield. Rangers will be coming around checking for them.

Cost— Total cost for the weekend is \$25 per adult, and \$5 for spouse and kids over 7. Kids 7 and under are free. This includes camping fees, access to all demonstrations, and participation in all events. It does not include the vehicle passes, see paragraph above.

What to Bring—Camping equipment, food, potluck dishes, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, appropriate clothing. Food, water buckets, tethers or pens for the llamas, BBQ grills will be available for everyone to grill your own meat at each meal. All evening meals will be potluck as we gather at the center of the meadow to socialize.

Facilities—Thimbleberry has a large meadow to park in and tether llamas. The ground is extremely hard, so you may want to set up a corral, or tether to your trailer. Heavy duty stakes and tethers will be available for purchase from Llama Hardware. You are welcome to camp in the meadow next to your llamas, or there are campsites in the trees, some with fire pits and picnic tables. There are large modern restrooms with cold running water and flush toilets. Showers are available in a nearby campground. There are two outside water spigots for the llamas. Please scatter any pellets and bits of hay before you leave and deposit all garbage in the cans. A convenience store and fast food are about four miles away for those who don't want to prepare their own meals. The weather is likely to be in the 60's and 70's with sunshine, clouds, rain, or wind, so come prepared. Nights may dip into the 40's. Farragut State Park used to be a naval base in WWII and has miles of paved roads with little traffic. Many footpaths through the trees are also available which we will be sharing with the occasional hiker or horseman. The hills are gentle and most of the terrain is flat.

Dogs—We all love our dogs, and Farragut welcomes them ON A LEASH. Please respect the rules; keep them tied up and pick up after them. Dogs caught running loose may subject their owners to a \$68 fine.

Activities—Saturday at 9:00 a.m. there will be a short meeting to go over the park rules and explain how to read the map. A brown bag lunch drive is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. The eight-mile trail that the rangers have built for us will be explored. **Those who want to take a shorter drive will have the option of following a different path. Improved maps will be given out to each participant, and an effort will be made by the park to increase signage at trail intersections to make the maps easier to follow.** The potluck will be around 7:00 p.m. each evening (Fri, Sat, Sun). On Sunday around 9:00 a.m., we will tack up and pose for a group photo, then begin the Treasure Hunt. There will be prizes!

NEW THIS YEAR! Any participant who has llama-related stuff to sell is welcome to bring a table to display and sell their wares. There is no charge for this.

The entry form is on a separate page. There is also another page for ordering t-shirts, totes, **sweatshirts, and vests** with the event logo.