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Eight-year-oldproved here excellence in Junior Llama Obstacle Course at the North American Livestock Exposition

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LOUISVILLE, KY - NOVEMBER 8, 2014 – The Junior Llama Obstacle Course at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) involved guiding a llama through various obstacles and completing different tasks. These tasks included jumping, changing walking pace to a trot, weaving in and out of various objects, backing up, and walking up a ramp. Children between the ages of seven and eleven are allowed to compete in this division. Judges scored entries on how well the animal behaved and completed the obstacle course. The handler’s loose grip on the lead rope, the animal walking behind its handler, and the animal adapting quickly to obstacles are indications of a high score.

Peyton Webster of Michigantown, Indiana showed for Sweet Joy Farms at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Peyton is the eight-year-old daughter of Brian and Sarah Webster. This was not Peyton’s first exposition, she has been showing llamas since she was two years of age.

Sarah Webster said they did a great deal of preparation before the NAILE. Peyton practiced a lot and especially focused on backing up during the obstacle course. She trained the llama by feeding her grain as a treat when she would back up correctly. The day of the show, Peyton and her family blow dried the llama and gave her a proper grooming.

Peyton and her family listened with anticipation as placings were announced. The arena was silent as the Webster family tuned into the results. Peyton’s hard work paid off. She was awarded first place for the Junior Llama Obstacle Course competition. She also placed third in the Junior Llama Showmanship competition. When asked if Peyton will want to show llamas in the future, her mother laughed and said she is sure that Peyton definitely wants to continue to do what she loves.

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Caption: Peyton Webster, resident of Michigantown, Indiana, is relaxing after competing in the Junior Llama Obstacle Course at the North American Livestock Expo. Peyton, daughter of Sarah Webster and Brian Webster, has been showing for six years.