

Dear Alpaca Breeders:

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are enjoying this warm winter we are having. I would like to invite you to the UMA Winter Educational Event February 4th and 5th with Dr. Randy Larson in Vadnais Heights, MN. Dr. Larson will be presenting a neonatal seminar geared to both new and existing breeders.

Dr. Larson, owns and operates Kalmar Kolors Alpacas with his wife Jan. They currently own 40 alpacas, and Dr. Larson has been practicing camelid medicine since 1999. Dr. Larson sits on the Alpaca Research Foundation board and he travels all around the U.S. and Canada speaking and conducting seminars.

The seminar will be limited to 30 participants due to hands on wet lab portion of the event.

The event will start at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning with a class room session on the anatomy and basics of reproduction. The wet lab portion of the seminar will be split into two sessions, one Saturday afternoon and the other Sunday morning. After the Sunday morning wet lab, both groups will get back together for a presentation on Alpaca Health Care and recap of the ARI and ARF sponsored Camelid Genetics Conference that was held in Houston, TX in September.

After Saturday's afternoon wet lab will be the UMA membership meeting at 3:00 p.m. followed by the UMA Winter Social.

The price for the seminar is:

UMA Members: \$125/person or \$200/farm (max two people)

Non-Members: \$150/person or \$250/farm (max two people)

Lunch is included both days.

Because the wet lab is being split into two sessions, the first to sign up will be placed in the first wet lab on Saturday afternoon unless those participants indicate they would rather participate in Sunday's secession.

Please RSVP for the educational event with Dr. Larson by sending your event registration and check made out to UMA to: Leslie Peterson c/o Drummond Farms, 4487 Trading Post Trl S, Afton, MN 55001. To reach Leslie by phone call 612-508-6915 or email drummondfarms@yahoo.com

The event will be held at [Jimmy's Conference Center](#) in Vadnis Heights, MN just north of the Twin Cities. The hotel phone number is (651) 484-2400.

Best regards,

Justin Radloff - UMA President

Leslie Peterson - UMA Educational Committee Chair