

**PAWPRINT
BADGES**

Alpaca Challenge



Ready for an adventure? Alpaca my bags!

Get ready to jump into this fun filled challenge pack with 40+ activity ideas to help you learn all about these fluffy, friendly animals!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Alpaca' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK - solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

Age 3 - 5						
Age 5 - 7		Craft	Food	Games	Other	PICK
Age 7 - 11	+					
Age 11 - 14	+					
Age 14 - 18	+					
Age 18+	+					

Leaders, Teachers & Parents
Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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Craft

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- 🐾 Peru currently has the largest population of alpacas, with over 3.7 million living in the Peruvian Andes highlands. Build a papier mâché model of a Peruvian landmark.
- 🐾 Complete an alpaca themed mindfulness colouring using our free resource.
- 🐾 Create some brown paper bag alpaca puppets.

How?

For this craft you will need brown paper bags, white and brown card stock, glue, scissors and marker pens. Firstly, draw out your alpaca head on the card and cut it out, making sure the head is around the same size as the bottom of the paper bag. Leave your paper bag flat on a table and glue the alpaca head on the bottom of the bag. Leave to dry and decorate however you like. Once you have finished, pop your hand in the bag and you have yourself a homemade alpaca puppet! Why not put on a puppet show for your family, friends or group?

- 🐾 Alpacas can survive just about anywhere as long as they have grass, space and company. Draw a picture of what you think an ideal home would be for an alpaca.
- 🐾 Sew, knit or crochet your own alpaca toy.
- 🐾 Paint a picture of the Royal Family.

Why?

During the Incan Empire, alpaca fleece was worth a lot of money and was only worn by royalty. It was known as the 'Fibre of the Gods' due to its soft and lavish feel.

- 🐾 Sculpt an alpaca using clay or plasticine.
- 🐾 Design a colourful tassel outfit for an alpaca to wear to a parade or festival.
- 🐾 Craft an alpaca out of card and cut four holes in the bottom of the body - big enough to fit four of your fingers. Have fun walking your alpaca around as your fingers act as its legs.

Here's an idea!

Why not use cotton wool balls or pom poms to decorate your alpaca and give it a realistic, textured finish?

- 🐾 Learn how to draw an alpaca.



Food

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- 🐾 Alpacas are herbivores which means they only eat plants. Make a vegan dish.
- 🐾 Decorate cupcakes to look like a herd of alpacas - you could use shredded coconut to represent their fleece.
- 🐾 Put together an alpaca themed grazing platter. You could arrange fruits and vegetables to resemble an alpaca's face.
- 🐾 Try a recipe that includes salt such as salted caramel brownies, salt and pepper chips or salted tomato salad.

Why?

It is important for alpacas to consume enough minerals, so they are given salt or mineral blocks which they lick throughout the day to balance their diet.

- 🐾 Grass and hay are some of the most important part of an alpaca's diet. Arrange breadsticks or pretzel sticks to look like bundles of hay.
- 🐾 Whip up some tacos to look like alpaca saddles. You could decorate the shells or 'saddles' using sauces and chopped vegetables such as peppers and cucumber.
- 🐾 Make a recipe that contain foods with fibre such as beans, oats, lentils, wholemeal bread or potatoes.

Why?

The hair of an alpaca is actually known as 'fiber' rather than fur or wool.

- 🐾 Bake and decorate some biscuits to look like alpacas. You could use candy floss to add a realistic alpaca texture.
- 🐾 Alpacas originate from Peru in South America. Try some traditional Peruvian dishes such as Ceviche, Causa or Suspiro a la Limeña.
- 🐾 Host an alpaca themed buffet.
- 🐾 Bake bread in the shape of an alpaca.
- 🐾 Fix up some sandwiches with herbivore friendly fillings.
- 🐾 Arrange meringues to look like the Andes mountain range - an area where many alpacas are currently living.



Games

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- Alpacas are extremely social animals and live in herds. Get socialising and play a game to get to know your friends or family better such as Two Truths and a Lie or Never Have I Ever.
- Take a twist on a traditional game swapping 'Duck, duck, goose' for 'Alpaca, alpaca, camel'. This game works the same but instead of running around the circle, take turns pronking.

What?

Alpacas like to 'pronk' which is when they leap into the air and skip around. They do this when they are feeling particularly happy or playful.

- Alpacas can spit up to ten feet when they get annoyed. Measure 10ft from where you are standing and leave a mark to remember where it is - then throw or roll and ball to see how close to 10ft you can get.
- Play a game of Hum That Tune.

Why?

Alpacas make a humming sound when communicating with one another. They hum to show they are happy as well as angry or in distress. This kind of communication begins as early as birth where a mother and baby (cria) spend hours of their day humming together.

- Reaching speeds of up to 35 miles per hour, alpacas have evolved into fast runners. Take part in some racing competitions to see how fast you can run - who knows, you might even break a record!
- Due to the position of their teeth, alpacas are natural lawnmowers - when they eat grass, they nibble the top softly instead of ripping it out of the ground by its roots. Set up and have fun playing with a grass sensory activity.

How?

Precook some spaghetti and leave it to cool before placing it into a tray. Once cooled, mix in some green food colouring, making sure to cover all of the pieces. Have fun trimming the grass using scissors. If you are with other players, see who can cut the most strands of grass in one minute.

- Pin the tail on the alpaca (a photo/drawing, not the real thing!) How close can you get?
- Complete an alpaca themed quiz.



Other

- 🐾 Find out the difference between a llama and an alpaca.
- 🐾 Enjoy an alpaca walking experience.

Did you know?

Spending time with alpacas has been shown to lower heart rate, reduce blood pressure and manage stress and anxiety.

- 🐾 Read one of Matt Cosgrove's books about alpacas such as *Alpacas with Maracas*, *A Stack of Alpacas* or *Macca's Christmas Crackers*.
- 🐾 Write your own song about alpacas and perform it in front of your family, friends or members of your group.
- 🐾 Debate: should alpaca fur be used in fashion?
- 🐾 Come up with your own acrostic poem using the word ALPACA.
- 🐾 Discover how many different breeds of alpaca there are.
- 🐾 Find and watch an educational documentary about alpacas to find out some interesting facts for yourself.
- 🐾 Host or attend an alpaca themed party. Why not celebrate National Alpaca Day on 26th September?
- 🐾 Each alpaca's hair grows differently, making each one unique. Add your own funky hairstyle to an alpaca using the free resource on our website.
- 🐾 Alpacas carry their babies for 11 to 12 months. How many other animals have the same gestation period?
- 🐾 Watch some videos of alpaca parades online.

Did you know?

The largest alpaca parade included 1,048 alpacas and was achieved by Comite Fegasur in Peru on the 14th of June 2019.

- 🐾 Spend some time researching online to find some alpaca related World Records.
- 🐾 Visit a library to find out more about alpacas.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Alpaca Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



Personalise it!

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