

THE CHALLENGE ADVENTURES LLAMAS

DON DIEGO is the **herd leader** of the Challenge Adventures llamas. The job of the herd leader is to be alert for danger. He warns everyone if there is something dangerous around. He then gets between everyone and the danger. Don Diego was born near Hillsborough, NC. He is just five years old. That is young to be a herd leader. He is a little stubborn, but is always ready to take care of everyone when he has to.

DAVY is Don Diego's half brother. They have never been away from each other. They were born just two days apart. Davy is learning to be the **herd scientist**. The herd scientist is very interested in every thing around him. He is always looking for something new to show everyone. It might be a new flower or a bird or a pile of poop on the ground.

SPECKLES is from central Georgia and is eleven years old. He used to be the herd leader. But he decided to quit that job and become the **spiritual leader when the old spiritual leader retired**. He makes sure the other llamas follow llama rituals. When a llama dies, it is Maestro who brings all the other llamas over to the body. He has everyone sit in a circle around the dead llama for awhile. They then get up and one by one lean down and breathe into the dead llama's nose before leaving him. He also makes sure the llamas take turns staying awake at night to watch out for one another and the humans.

BRITT is Speckles half brother. He is also eleven years old. They were raised together in Georgia. They came to live with the Challenge Adventure llamas when they were three years old. Britt is the **trail leader**. The trail leader is the llama who the other llamas trust to be in the very front. The trail leader remembers how to get places. He has to have a good memory and know how to go across streams and over and around obstacles like logs and rocks.

MCGINNIS is a rescue llama. He was left in a barn with no food or water. But he escaped. He was taken in by the Challenge Adventures humans and llamas. He is 18 years old now. He is the herd **best boy**. He keeps an eye on everyone and makes sure they are OK. You can hear him asking in llama talk, "Is everybody OK?" When another llama gets sick, McGinnis will stay with them and watch over them until they are better.

FLATT is the newest llama to the herd. He is 12 years old. He is from Waynesville, NC. Flatt was a rough llama when he was younger. He has a torn ear from having been in fights. But he got better and is very nice now. He is a rescue llama like McGinnis. He and his friend Scruggs were neglected and left in a field for a long time. Mr. George offered some money to the owner to take them to live with the Challenge Adventures llamas. Flatt hasn't decided what his job is going to be yet.

SCRUGGS is Flatt's friend. He is also 12 years old. This is his first year of packing. He is just deciding what his job will be in the herd. Scruggs is a lot like Flatt. He has a torn ear also. It took him awhile to catch on to the idea of carrying a pack.

SHADOW comes on some trips when there are bear alerts on. Shadow is very good at chasing away bears. Shadow is from the mountains of North Carolina, and is ten years old. He is a little headstrong, and wants to do things his way. But when you need somebody to protect you from wild animals, he's the guy to have around.