

September PDM

Tour of LondonDairy Alpaca Ranch

6827 State Hwy 147, Two Rivers, WI 54241

Covered Wagon Restaurant

2013 N. Rapids Road, Manitowoc, WI

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024

TOUR Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

PDM Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Speaker: Kevin Stoer, Owner at LondonDairy

Topic: Tour of LondonDairy Alpaca Ranch



Kevin Stoer is a fourth generation farmer, taking over part of the homestead at 6827 State Highway 147, Two Rivers, that's been in his family since the late 1880's. Kevin started LondonDairy Alpacas in 1996. He knew he didn't want to keep dairy farming. He did a lot of research on other livestock and came across alpacas, which were a new import animal to the USA from South America at that time; primarily Peru, Chile and Bolivia. Alpacas are related to llamas, but have very different characteristics which appealed to Kevin. They don't require a lot of space and are well conditioned for cold weather. He began networking with a few other alpaca owners in Wisconsin and that began what is now called, "LondonDairy Alpacas."

Kevin is a lifelong resident at the farm and worked in all aspects of the farm business in a multi-generational setting. He learned a lot from his ancestors. Kevin started with purchasing eight alpacas imported from Chile and was highly successful with them. At one time, LondonDairy was home to about 125 alpacas. Today about 50 alpacas on average call it home. Fifty seems to be a good, manageable number for the farm, which is now 100% no-kill. About 5-6 babies (called "crias") are born annually, and some adult alpacas are sold to people who meet Kevin's approval standards.

After high school, however, Kevin went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to earn a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education with an emphasis in Animal Science. Additionally, he earned his Master's degree in Educational Child Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He taught Agriculture in both the Mishicot and Green Bay School Districts, grades 6th – 12th grade. Kevin later went on to become a school counselor and Student Services Department Chair at Green Bay West High School. Kevin is also the founder of the 4-H Alpaca/Llama Project for the Manitowoc County and the founder of the Mishicot Marvels 4-H club. He is a former Milkhouse Superintendent for the Wisconsin State Fair, and is the current superintendent for alpacas/llamas and goats at the Manitowoc County Fair. Kevin also judges a variety of livestock and crops at other county fairs in Wisconsin.

About the Tour:

Directions - <https://www.londondairyalpacas.com>

Parking - There are limited visitor parking spaces up front so anywhere else in the parking lot is fine.

Required PPE for Tour:

- ✓ Please refrain from wearing open toe shoes