

# August 2026

## Otero County 4-H Newsletter



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### 4-H Meeting Schedule

| 4-H Club                | Time/<br>Location                           | Monthly<br>Meeting       | Next<br>Meeting         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alamogordo              | 6:30pm@ Fairgrounds<br>New Exhibit Building | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  | August 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cloudcroft              | 6pm @ Cloudcroft<br>Middle School           | Last<br>Thursday         | August 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Heritage                | 7pm @ Fairgrounds<br>New Exhibit Building   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday   | August 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mescalero               | 6pm @ Empowerment<br>Building               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday   | August 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Mustangs                | 6pm @ Otero County<br>Extension Classroom   | Last Tuesday             | August 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sacramento<br>Mountains | 5pm @ Weed<br>Volunteer Fire<br>Department  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday | August 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Tularosa                | 7pm @ Carroll Family<br>Home                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday  | August 4 <sup>th</sup>  |



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# County 4-H Council Meeting

The next County 4-H Council Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Extension Office

Everyone is welcome to attend...but, please be especially sure to send your County 4-H Council club voting representatives!



## 4-H Age Groups for the 2025-2026 4-H Year

|                             | Cloverbud*                                                                          | Novice                                                                                                         | Junior                                                                                             | Senior                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grade as of January 1, 2026 | Kinder, 1st, 2nd                                                                    | 3rd, 4th, 5th                                                                                                  | 6th, 7th                                                                                           | 8th and up                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Age as of January 1, 2026   | 5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; and 8 year olds in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade | 8 year olds in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; 11 year olds in the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | 11 year olds in the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | 13 year olds in the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. |

The current 4-H program year is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Rodeo age requirements vary slightly from other 4-H programs and can be found in the NM 4-H Rodeo [Rule Book on the NM 4-H Website](#).

\*While the [4-H Cloverbud program](#) is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbud members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to programs and policies.

## 4-H Good Standing Requirements

Members, parents, and leaders, do you know exactly what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? Do you know what the "good standing" requirements are? If not, please take a moment to check these out now. Don't wait until before the fair (or other events/activities) when you may not have enough time to meet the requirements.

Remember, a 4-H member in good standing is one who has met the following requirements:

--Enrolls in a 4-H Club by February 1, 2026

--Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2025 and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members attend at least 50% of club meetings. so, be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of club meetings you are required to attend to be considered in "good standing"

--Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults

## **4-H Project Materials**

In 4-H, there are numerous projects available to members. Projects include animal science, gardening, photography, foods, clothing, public speaking, creative arts, Cloverbuds and more. A complete list of projects is available on the [NM 4-H website](#). Project materials are available for each 4-H project which include manuals and record forms. Members receive materials by enrolling in the project and requesting materials from the Otero County Extension Service. Leaders may also request project materials to facilitate 4-H project meetings.

Many of the 4-H project materials are available as a digital file (free of charge). In Otero County, the first three printed project materials are provided free of charge to 4-H members and any additional projects cost \$4.00 each. If you would like to request digital or printed project materials, please call: 575-437-0231 or email: [otero@nmsu.edu](mailto:otero@nmsu.edu) at the Otero County Extension Service. There is no deadline for adding a project to your enrollment during the 4-H program year.

## **LEATHERCRAFT PROJECT - ALAMOGORDO 4-H**



**July was full of hands-on fun for the Alamogordo 4-H Club! Members enjoyed learning leather stamping and creating their own unique projects. A big thank you to Representative Harlen Vincent for his generous donation that made this experience possible!**

# 4-H INDOOR PROJECT EXHIBIT UPDATE

## Prepare Your Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits

All 4-H members who enrolled by February 1st of this year are eligible to enter exhibits in the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day at Otero County Fairgrounds. As you prepare your 4-H exhibits for the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day, be sure to follow the standards outlined in your 4-H project books and the Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits Rules and Class Descriptions. The rules and class descriptions are available from the Extension Office or can be downloaded from <https://oteroextension.nmsu.edu/4-h/contests.html>.

4-H members entering indoor 4-H project exhibits at Otero County 4-H Achievement Day are eligible to win many awards including ribbons, rosettes, and plaques. In addition, a belt buckle and duffle bag will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitors in each age division: Novice, Junior, and Senior.

Remember: posters, display boards, vertical displays, project specific boards, and photography exhibits will have specific size rules that can be found in the Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits Rules and Class Descriptions. A 4-H member must be in good standing with their 4-H Club to be eligible to enter indoor 4-H exhibits. Also, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the respective projects for exhibits entered. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and completed during the current 4-H year ('25-'26).

4-H members are strongly encouraged to pre-register their exhibits and a registration form is now posted on the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). 4-H members not pre-registering exhibits will be responsible for completing their entry tags upon delivery of exhibits to the Extension Office. If you have any questions regarding indoor 4-H exhibits, contact Kelly in the Extension Office at: 575-437-0231.

## Delivery Days for Otero County 4-H Achievement Day

Indoor 4-H project exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 7pm, except nutrition/baking exhibits. Nutrition/baking exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-7pm, or on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30am-10am. If the scheduled delivery days do not work for you, please contact Kelly in the Extension Office to make other arrangements for early delivery of your 4-H exhibits.

## Viewing of Exhibits and 4-H Family Night

Viewing of exhibits and an awards program will be held on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Viewing will start at 5:00pm, awards will be held at 6:00pm, pizza and tasting of baked goods exhibits will follow.



## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY SCHEDULE

### **Friday, August 14, 2026, 8am - 5pm**

Submit Completed Registration form to the Otero County Extension Office (4-Hers not submitting registration form by August 14<sup>th</sup> will be responsible for completing their entry tags upon delivery of exhibits to the Extension Office).

### **Monday, August 17, 2026, 8am - 7pm**

Deliver 4-H exhibits (except nutrition/baking, classes #1217-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office.

### **Thursday, August 20, 2026, 8am - 7pm or Friday, August 21, 2026, 7:30am - 10am**

Deliver Nutrition/Baking 4-H Exhibits (classes #1217-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office.

### **Saturday, August 22, 2026**

4-H Family Night @ Fairgrounds

5pm Building Opens for Viewing of Exhibits

6pm Awards Program, Pizza, and Tasting of Nutrition/Baking Exhibits

## 4-H FCS LETTERMEN

Any 4-H member who is active in Family and Consumer Sciences Projects may “letter” in Family and Consumer Sciences. All that is necessary to “letter” is to complete the requirements in their age level and submit the appropriate forms to the Otero County Extension Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A member must be enrolled in 4-H for at least two years before they can letter (regardless of age). The first year a member letters they receive a “clover” letter as you would see on a letterman jacket. Bronze, Silver, and Gold pins in the shape of the letter “H” are awarded in the respective age levels. A member can “letter” at any time, even if they do not begin as a Novice, but they will receive the pin for the appropriate age level.

In addition, two platinum letters will be awarded each year. The platinum letters are based on overall achievement and may be received at any age level. Platinum awards are selected from all applications submitted in that 4-H program year. For information on how to “letter” and appropriate application forms, refer to the [NM 4-H website](#).



## OTERO COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOKS

Record keeping is an important life skill and all 4-H members are encouraged to keep written records of their 4-H Club year. These records are turned into the Extension Office each year and evaluated. Each member receives helpful feedback and may receive an award for their effort and achievement. County 4-H record book guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the [Otero County Extension website](#). The guidelines and forms have everything you need to know about assembling your 4-H Record Book and submitting it for judging. Be sure you are working on your record book in order to have it ready to turn in to the Extension Office by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.



## Seeking NM State Fair 4-H Youth Officials!

The State 4-H Office is seeking Senior 4-H members to serve as Youth Officials and assist with indoor 4-H exhibits at the New Mexico State Fair on September 9, 2026, in Albuquerque, NM. Youth Officials will help check in indoor 4-H exhibit entries from counties across the state, organize displays, and assist adult superintendents. If you are interested in applying to be a Youth Official, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office for an application: 575-437-0231 or [kelknigh@nmsu.edu](mailto:kelknigh@nmsu.edu). Completed applications must be received in the Otero County Extension Office no later than August 17, 2026. Please note that parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation and lodging for any youth selected to serve as a Youth Official during the NM State Fair.





## **Congratulations Seniors Attending State 4-H Conference!**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Horse Judging Team**

Garrett Gutierrez  
Alyssa Singer  
Peyton Corvin  
Hartley Gutierrez

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place Horse Judging Individual**

Hartley Gutierrez

### **5<sup>th</sup> Place Horse Judging Individual**

Tristyn Housler

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Favorite Foods Individual**

Cord Wold

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place General Presentations Individual**

Sierra Ahidley

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Choreographed Routine Talent Team**

Siena Cass  
Charlie Seaman  
Macie Seaman  
Cord Wold

### **5<sup>th</sup> Place FCS Skill-a-thon Individual**

Sierra Ahidley

### **5<sup>th</sup> Place Prepared Public Speaking Individual**

Caleb Ramsey

## **Enrollment Changes and Meeting Attendance**

Please contact the Extension Office at (575) 437-0231, if you would like to make a change to your 4-H enrollment. This includes changing to a different club, adding/dropping 4-H projects, updates to your contact information, etc. 4-H members will only receive credit for attending 4-H meetings via the club they're enrolled in through Zsuites. 4-H youth enrolled in multiple 4-H clubs must meet the attendance requirements of all clubs they are enrolled in to be considered in good standing.

## **NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship**

The NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship provides financial assistance to any Novice, Junior, or Senior 4-H members participating in a state 4-H event (i.e. Senior Leadership Retreat or Youth Get-Away). The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for the state 4-H event. In addition, the scholarship also provides \$250 of the team fees for Senior 4-H members serving as a State 4-H officer or Ambassador. A complete description of the scholarship criteria and an application form can be obtained from the [NM 4-H website](#). A list of scholarship application deadline dates is also included on the website.



## NM 4-H Rodeos

NM 4-H Rodeo Finals: September 4th - 6th  
McGee Park in Farmington, NM

Rodeo Rule Book, entry forms, and more may be found on the [NM 4-H website](#).

## NM 4-H Horse Shows

San Juan County: August 29th  
NMSF State 4-H Horse Show: September 12th

More information about 4-H Horse Shows may be found on the [State 4-H website](#).



## Mark Your 2026 Calendars!

August 1<sup>st</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

October 15<sup>th</sup>

NM Photography Contest Deadline

Otero County 4-H Achievement Day

FCS Letterman Contest Deadline

New Mexico State Fair @ Albuquerque, NM

New Mexico Food Challenge (location coming soon)

Otero County Fair @ Otero County Fairgrounds

Southern New Mexico State Fair @ Las Cruces, NM

Eastern New Mexico State Fair @ Roswell, NM

Otero County 4-H Record Books Deadline



# Livestock Entries Now Open on FairEntry!

Link: <https://oteroountyfairlivestock.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23563>

August 1–31, 2026



**No Late Entries Accepted –  
Don't Wait!**



## **2026 Fairgrounds Clean Up**

**Saturday, September 19, 2026  
at 8:00 AM**

- Upon arrival, the exhibitor and parent will be required to sign in.
- Pen assignments will not be given until entire barn clean up has been completed and approved by superintendents.
- According to Exhibitor Requirement Rule #5, if you do not attend, you will be charged \$100 per exhibitor, per species penalty.



## **Junior Livestock 2026 Schedule**

### **Tuesday 9/22/26**

**Check In - 3:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**MANDATORY exhibitor & parent meeting - 6:30 PM**  
**Weigh&Classify directlyfollowingmeeting**

### **Wednesday 9/23/26**

**Pig Show - 6:00PM**

### **Thursday 9/24/26**

**Lamb Show - 2:00PM**

**Goat Show - 6:00PM**

### **Friday 9/25/26**

**Rabbit Show - 12:00PM**

**Poultry Show- 2:00PM**

**Cattle Show - 6:00PM**

### **Saturday 9/26/26**

**Buyer's Supper - 4:00PM**

**Bovine Bingo - 5:00PM**

**JuniorLivestock Sale-6:00PM**

### **Sunday 9/27/26**

**Packer- 7:00AM**

**Clean up immediately following packer**



## Fair Week Club/Chapter CleanUp Schedule

### Wednesday after Pig Show

Heritage 4-H

Mustang 4-H

### Thursday after Goat Show

Cloudcroft 4-H

Tularosa FFA

### Thursday after Lamb Show

Mescalero 4-H

Alamogordo FFA

### Friday after Poultry Show

Alamogordo 4-H

Mescalero FFA

### Friday after Beef Show

Tularosa 4-H

Sacramento 4-H

# Otero County Fair

## 2026 YQCA Certification Requirement

FOR ALL 4-H / FFA MARKET  
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

### Important Notice

All 4-H and FFA Market Livestock Exhibitors must complete the YQCA Certification in order to submit entries for the Otero County Fair via FairEntry. This requirement applies to ALL Market Livestock Exhibitors. This is NOT required for Open Show Exhibitors.

**YQCA Website Link:** <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

### New User Steps

1. Register / Sign in
2. Register new account
3. Select date of birth for parent/guardian
4. Fill in parent/guardian information
5. Validate registration (follow steps sent to your email from YQCA)
6. Add child (repeat for each child)
7. Select YQCA Courses
8. Scroll down and click "Add to Cart" for each child's age division - select Web-Based Training (\$12)
9. Click Cart and complete checkout
10. After completing course and passing, each exhibitor will receive a certificate with a certification number - enter this number in FairEntry for validation.

### Returning User Steps

1. Click Register / Sign in
2. Go to YQCA Courses
3. Select "Add to Cart" for each child's age division - select Web-Based Training (\$12)
4. Click Cart and complete checkout
5. After completing course and passing, each exhibitor will receive a certificate with a certification number - enter this number in FairEntry for validation.

**\*\*\*COUPON CODE NOTICE:** If you are on the exhibitor list who pulled DNA for State Fair during Tag Days, you will receive a code from Kelly with the Extension Office so do not register for courses until you have this code.



# OTERO COUNTY FAIR

## RABBIT & POULTRY

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ENTERING



## REQUIRED PAPERWORK



### RABBITS

Animals must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to the show.



### POULTRY

Proof of Purchase must be dated on or before the current year's entry deadline (**August 31**).



### FAIRENTRY REQUIREMENT (BOTH SPECIES)

When submitting your FairEntry registration, you must upload:

- Bill of Sale (BOS) for Rabbits
- Proof of Purchase for Poultry



## RABBIT EXHIBITORS

### 1 IDENTIFICATION

Each rabbit must have:

- A permanent identification mark with an ID number or
- A tattoo in the left ear

If your rabbit does not have permanent identification, please indicate that in your FairEntry registration. Arrangements will be made after entries close to tattoo your rabbit prior to the fair.

### 2 RULES & CLASSES

Please refer to **Page 10** of the Otero County Fair Junior Livestock Rules for complete rabbit rules, classes, and exhibitor guidelines.



## POULTRY EXHIBITORS

### 1 IDENTIFICATION

All poultry will be banded with numbered identification at the time of weigh-in.

### 2 RULES & CLASSES

Please refer to **Page 9** of the Otero County Fair Junior Livestock Rules for complete poultry rules, classes, and exhibitor guidelines.



## QUESTIONS?

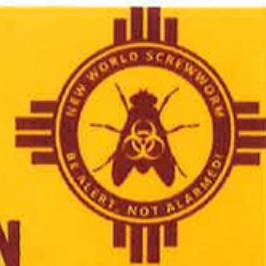
If you have any additional questions or need clarification, please feel free to reach out to the committee at:



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# NEW WORLD SCREWORM AWARENESS FOR 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS



## PROTECT YOUR ANIMALS THROUGH DAILY OBSERVATION

### WHAT IS NEW WORLD SCREWORM?

The New World Screwworm (NWS) is a serious pest that affects warm-blooded animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, pets, wildlife, and occasionally people. Unlike common maggots that feed on dead tissue, screwworm larvae feed on living flesh, causing painful wounds that can rapidly worsen if left untreated.

Early detection is critical to protecting your animals and preventing the spread of this pest.

### Signs of Possible Screwworm Infestation

Contact your veterinarian immediately if you observe:

- Maggots present in a wound
- A wound that appears larger each day
- Bloody or foul-smelling discharge
- Deep pockets within a wound
- Animals showing signs of pain or discomfort around a wound
- Wounds that are not healing normally

**Do not assume all maggots are screwworms.**  
**Proper identification is essential!**

### DAILY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors should inspect their animals every day, especially during the summer months and before, during, and after livestock shows.

Check for:

- ✓ Open cuts, scrapes, or wounds
- ✓ Areas around the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, navel, and tail
- ✓ Unusual swelling or irritation
- ✓ Foul-smelling wounds
- ✓ Visible maggots in a wound
- ✓ Animals that seem restless, depressed, or are repeatedly biting, licking, or rubbing a specific area



### REMEMBER! →

**DAILY OBSERVATION IS YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. EARLY DETECTION AND REPORTING HELP PROTECT YOUR ANIMALS, NEIGHBORING LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS, LIVESTOCK EXHIBITIONS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.**

### IF YOU SUSPECT NEW WORLD SCREWORM



1. Isolate the animal if possible.
2. Contact your veterinarian immediately.
3. Notify your local County Extension Office.
4. Collect a sample for identification if instructed by your veterinarian or animal health officials.
5. Treat the wound as directed by your veterinarian.



- ✗ Dispose of larvae before a sample is collected.
- ✗ Move the animal to another location, exhibition, or sale.
- ✗ Share equipment with other animals until properly cleaned and disinfected.
- ✗ Delay reporting suspicious wounds.
- ✗ Discard larvae in the soil.

**SHOW SMART. INSPECT DAILY. REPORT EARLY.**

By practicing good animal husbandry, treating wounds promptly, and conducting daily inspections, 4-H and FFA exhibitors can help protect their animals, fellow exhibitors, and New Mexico's livestock

## TREAT WOUNDS PROMPTLY

**Proper wound care is one of the best ways to reduce the risk of screwworm infestation.**

If an animal has a cut, scrape, surgical site, or other wound:

- ✓ Clean the wound promptly.
- ✓ Follow your veterinarian's recommendations for wound treatment.
- ✓ Apply approved wound care products as directed.
  - <https://screwwormnm.org/screwworm-resources.html> → Animal Drugs for New World Screwworm
- ✓ Monitor the wound daily for signs of infection or unusual healing.
- ✓ Continue checking the wound until it is completely healed.
- ✓ Record any treatments administered.

**Fresh wounds attract flies, making daily observation and prompt treatment is especially important.**

## LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT AND EXHIBITIONS

At this time, livestock movement restrictions apply only to designated infested zones. No additional movement restrictions are currently in place.

4-H and FFA members may continue to:

- Attend jackpot shows
- Participate in livestock exhibitions
- Transport animals to shows and events
- Buy and sell livestock as normal

However, exhibitors are strongly encouraged to:

- ✓ Inspect animals before leaving home.
- ✓ Inspect animals daily while at shows.
- ✓ Check animals again when returning home.
- ✓ Report any suspicious wounds or maggots immediately.

As conditions can change, always stay informed through your veterinarian, County Extension Office, livestock officials, and state animal health authorities.

## PREVENTION TIPS

- Inspect animals daily.
- Treat wounds promptly.
- Keep animal housing and facilities clean.
- Use approved fly-control practices.
- Monitor animals closely after tagging, shearing, castration, dehorning, or other procedures that create wounds.
- Report suspicious cases immediately!

*NM Awareness*



*Reporting Form*



## SAMPLE COLLECTION KITS AVAILABLE

County Extension Offices have screwworm sample collection kits available for livestock producers, and 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

These kits include materials and instructions for collecting and submitting suspect larvae for identification by animal health officials.

Contact your local County Extension Office to:

- Obtain a sample collection kit
- Receive guidance on sample collection
- Learn proper reporting procedures
- Access additional educational resources



# Otero County 4-H Member of the Month

August 2026



Jurnie Bird  
Tularosa 4-H



Kymberlee Orr  
Alamogordo 4-H

## How to Nominate:

Any 4-H member, leader, parent/guardian, or volunteer may submit a 4-H member (Cloverbuds are not eligible) from any Otero 4-H club for Otero County 4-H Members of the Month. To nominate, submit the following information to Kelly at: [kelknigh@nmsu.edu](mailto:kelknigh@nmsu.edu) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month: 1) name of the 4-H member being nominated. 2) a recent photo of the nominee. 3) a brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project.

## How to Become a 4-H Volunteer!

This is a friendly reminder for adults interested in serving as a 4-H Volunteer. The following requirements for enrollment must be met:

1. Complete volunteer background check/screening process. Forms (2) may be downloaded from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). Submit completed forms and \$10.00 to the Otero County Extension Office.
2. Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and [adult liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office. The liability waiver must be signed by hand (live signature), no typed signatures will be accepted.
3. Complete the annual *NM Working with Minors* training found on [ZSuite](#). Contact the Extension Office at: 575-437-0231 or [otero@nmsu.edu](mailto:otero@nmsu.edu) for a detailed set of instructions for completing this online training course. Once you have completed the training, an email will be sent to you stating that you have completed the NM Working with Minors course. In addition, the Otero County Extension Service will be able to access your completion date of the training via ZSuite.

Please make the completion of the above requirements a priority as adult volunteers may not engage in 4-H activities nor register for events until they have met the requirements. Also, adult volunteers must submit a new background check/screening process every five years.

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