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Otero County 4-H

NEWSLETTER



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4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
Alamogordo 4-H	6pm @ New Exhibit building - Fairgrounds	2nd Tuesday	July 9
Cloudcroft 4-H Club	6:00pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	July 25
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds	2nd Monday	July 8
Mescalero 4-H	3pm @ first Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Drive)	1st Sunday	July 7
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	July 30
Tularosa 4-H	Ruidoso Pool (Stay in Contact with Amber and Randa)	1st Tuesday	July 13

Please ensure the 4-H Club you are enrolled in on Zsuites matches the club you are actively attending. If you are enrolled in two ore more clubs you are expected to be in good standing for both clubs.



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4-H Age Groups for the 2023- 2024 4-H Year

	*Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade as of January 1, 2024	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, and 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2024	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; 8 year olds and in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 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, 2023 through September 30, 2024. 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 Cloverbuds program is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbuds 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.

Good Standing

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, 2024.

--Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2023 and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to 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) the Otero County Extension Service. There is no deadline for adding a project to your enrollment during the 4-H program year.

4-H Enrollment Changes and Meeting Attendance

Please contact the Extension Office, 575-437-0231, if you would like to make any changes to your 4-H enrollment. After February 1, 2024, you will not be able to make any changes in the Zsuite enrollment program via the Zsuite website and therefore you will need to contact the Extension Office by phone, 575-437-0231, or email, otero@nmsu.edu, and request changes be made to your enrollment. This includes changing to a different club, adding/dropping 4-H projects, updates to your contact information, etc. Parents/guardians need to check with their organizational 4-H club volunteer leader and confirm their youth are enrolled in the 4-H club they are attending 4-H club meetings for as good standing verification will be sent to the 4-H club youth are enrolled in via the Zsuite enrollment program. 4-H members will only receive credit towards good standing for attending 4-H club meetings for which they are enrolled in via Zsuite. Also, 4-H youth enrolled in multiple 4-H clubs via Zsuite are required to meet the attendance requirements of all clubs they are enrolled in to be considered in good standing.

4-H Volunteer Requirements

To help with 4-H events, adult volunteers will need to

1. Complete a background check

2. Enroll as a Volunteer either paper copy or on Zsutes.

3. Complete the working with minors course on Zsutes:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org> For best results: Use Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox as your internet browser. Complete this training on a laptop or desktop computer. If you are using a tablet device, please note you may need to scroll to have text and interactive elements in this training to appear and/or work properly.
2. Sign-up and register a new household account. If you already have an account skip to #3. (A tip sheet for creating a new household account is available from the ZSuite website.)
3. Log in with your email and password. If you had an account and can't remember your password select "Forgot Password?" to reset.
4. If you open any window in Zsutes and you see the pink "UPDATE READY - CLICK TO RELOAD" – click on the pink update button so that you have the latest updates.
5. Select "Clover Academy" on left menu bar, then select "ENROLL" for the New Mexico – Working with Minors training. You may need to scroll to the bottom of the page to see the training and "ENROLL". Please note, there are additional trainings on this page that are optional.
6. Select "YES" for confirming your enrollment in New Mexico – Working with Minors training.

7. Select "OK" indicating that you have been successfully enrolled in the training

8. Select "LAUNCH" to open the next page of New Mexico – Working with Minors training.

9. Select "New Mexico Working with Minors" to open the next page of New Mexico – Working with Minors training.

10. Select the blue box to begin the training.

11. Select "START EXPLORING" and read each lesson. After you scroll to the end of each lesson, you will see the title of the next lesson at the bottom of the screen. Select the next lesson shown on the bottom of the screen to advance through each lesson. Click on lesson features (such as images, symbols +, etc.) as provided to expand and read additional text.

There are two quizzes (knowledge checks) within the training that you must complete. If you do not score 80% or higher to pass, you will need to retake the quiz. There is a retake button at the end of each quiz.

12. Once you complete all lessons and successfully pass the quizzes, select "Completion Certificate" button in the bottom right corner of the screen.

13. You will be taken to another page where you may view a certificate of completion for successfully completing the New Mexico – Working with Minors training. No additional actions need to be taken on your part. Zsuite will notify the County Extension Office that your annual training is complete. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions, 575-437-0231. Thank you!

NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship

The NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship provides financial assistance to any Novice, Junior, or Senior 4-H member participating in a state 4-H event (examples: 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.



Achievement Day
August 17th



State Conference
July 8-11

July County Council Meeting

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

Thursday, July 18th, at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office

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

Fair Dates

New Mexico State Fair

September 5- 15

Otero County Fair

September 18-22

Southern NM State Fair

September 25-29

State Fair DNA

YQCA Requirement for 2024 New Mexico

State Fair:

The NMSF livestock office will be supplying coupon codes for the exhibitors to take their YQCA required test this year.

Cattle, Pigs, Goats, and Sheep DNA deadline is June 15th. The entry deadline will be August 1st for all species.

County Contest Results



Wildlife

Novice

Michael Lucero, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Senior

Gavin Blankenship, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Caleb Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Junior

Hartley Gutierrez, Cloudcroft 4-H, Red Award

Senior

Garrett Gutierrez, Cloudcroft 4-H, White Award

Sierra Ahidley, Mescalero 4-H, White Award

Gavin Blankenship, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Horticulture

Novice

Michael Lucero, Heritage 4-H, Red Award

Eleanor Pike, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Junior

Grant Wold, Mescalero 4-H, Red Award

Adeline Pike, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Lexi Lucero, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Senior

Sierra Ahidley, Mescalero 4-H, Red Award

Cal Wold, Mescalero 4-H, Blue Award

Presentations

Novice

Charli Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Senior

Caleb Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Archery

Novice

Eleanor Pike, Heritage 4-H, White Ribbon

Jacob Martin, Alamogordo 4-H, White Ribbon

Aaron Secrest, Heritage 4-H, Red Ribbon

Isaiah Speegle, Heritage 4-H, Red Ribbon

Ryatt Satathite, Tularosa 4-H, Blue Ribbon

Logan Hobson, Tularosa 4-H, Blue Ribbon

Junior

Izzy Martin, Alamogordo 4-H, White Ribbon

Elias Pike, Heritage 4-H, White Ribbon

Demi Cereceres, Tularosa 4-H, White Ribbon

Adeline Pike, Heritage 4-H, White Ribbon

John IV Secrest, Heritage 4-H, Red Ribbon

Fashion Review

Novice

Megan Lucero, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

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Eleanor Pike, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Charli Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Junior

Grant Wold, Mescalero 4-H, Blue Award

Adeline Pike, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

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FCS Skill-a-thon

Novice

Megan Lucero, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Michael Lucero, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Charli Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Junior

Hartley Gutierrez, Cloudcroft 4-H, White Award

Lexi Lucero, Heritage 4-H, Red Award

CDM

Novice

Megan Lucero, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Charli Ramsey, Heritage 4-H, Blue Award

Junior

Lexi Lucero, Heritage 4-H, White Award

Senior

Sierra Ahidley, Mescalero 4-H, Blue Award

Favorite Foods

Senior

Cal Wold, Mescalero 4-H, Blue Award

Rifle

Novice

Jacob Martin, Alamogordo 4-H, White Ribbon

Preston White, Cloudcroft 4-H, Red Ribbon

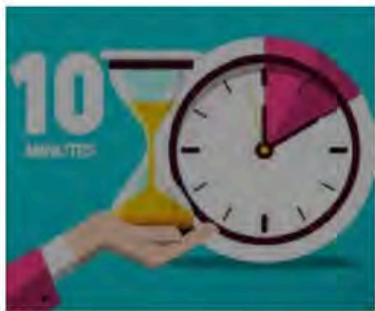
Logan Hobson, Tularosa 4-H, Red Ribbon

Junior

Izzy Martin, Alamogordo 4-H, Red Ribbon



What:
Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom
 An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.



When:
 1st Thursday of the month on the dates below during the lunch hour.

The topics held during the same lunch hour will be separate presentations.

2024 Dates/Topics/Times:	
January 4, 2024 NM 4-H 101- Part 1 (12:15pm) Community Service Plan for the Year (12:30pm)	May 2, 2024 Ranch Camp (12:15pm) Food Challenge(12:30pm) Parliamentary Procedure (12:45pm)
February 1, 2024 Livestock School (12:15pm) Horse School (12:30pm)	October 3, 2024 New Family Information (12:30pm) NM 4-H Adult Forum (12:45pm)
March 7, 2024 Judging Quick Facts (12:30pm)	November 7, 2024 Range School (12:30pm)
April 4, 2024 Dog School (12:30pm)	December 5, 2024 Project Clips (12:30pm)



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 the 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 the [website](#).

4-H members entering indoor 4-H project exhibits at the 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 all 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 ('23-'24).

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, 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 12, 2024, 8am-7pm, except nutrition/baking exhibits. Nutrition/baking exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Thursday, August 15th, 8am-7pm, or Friday, August 16th, 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 project exhibits.

Viewing of Exhibits and 4-H Family Night

Viewing of exhibits and an awards program will be held on Saturday, August 17th. Viewing will start at 5:00pm, awards will be held at 6:00pm, pizza, tasting of baked good exhibits, and a dance will follow.

Project Workshops

A few project workshop opportunities are happening this summer for Novice, Junior and Senior 4-H members. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, kelknight@nmsu.edu. All finished projects may be exhibited in the annual 4-H Achievement Day in August.

Jewelry (bookmarks, earrings, and keychains)

A jewelry making project workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on Tuesday, July 16th, 9:30am – 11:30am. 4-H members will create three items (bookmarks, earrings, and keychains) from the jewelry project. 4-Hers are welcome to bring their own beads, but not required. In addition to beads, the Extension Office will provide tools, wire, and other supplies needed to complete these projects. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the workshop.

Jewelry (bracelets and necklaces)

A jewelry making project workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on Monday, July 29th, 9:30am – 11:30am. 4-H members will create two items (bracelets and necklaces) from the jewelry project. There is no supply fee charge for the workshop, but 4-H members are strongly encouraged to bring their own beads to the workshop as bracelets and necklaces require more beads and the Extension Office will have a limited selection of beads. The Extension Office will provide tools, wire, and clasps for 4-Hers to complete their projects.

Baking

A workshop will be held at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 6th, 1:30pm to 4:30pm for the Baking 4-H project. 4-H members will make two baking recipes and there is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the cost of the ingredients.

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. A member must be enrolled in 4-H for at least two years in their respective age division and FCS projects (and other related projects). The first year a member letters they receive a “clover” letter as you would see on a lettermen 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 did 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 Shooting Sports

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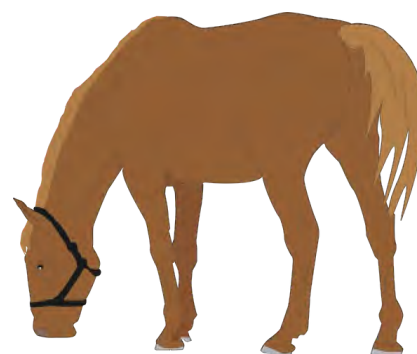
The grant funding Otero County 4-H Shooting Sports has received will help continue the shooting sports 4-H projects of archery, shotgun, and rifle. Our 4-H youth are able to shoot at practices and competitions at no cost because of the funding from the NRA grant.

HELP SUPPORT GRANTS TO THIS PROGRAM AND OTHERS LIKE IT!

Attend a Friends of NRA event to raise funds for The NRA Foundation, America's leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports.

GO TO FRIENDSOFNRA.ORG AND NRAFOUNDATION.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Horse Workshop
Sid Gordon the Agriculture Agent for Otero County works with 4-H youth and their equine to ensure better and safe riding practices. Youth attending must wear a helmet and bring their own horse. The first riding practice will take place at the Otero County Fairgrounds at 10:00am on Saturday, July 27th.





2024 State 4-H Photo Contest

**Show off your
photography skills!**

Enter your photos to have a chance of winning the 2024 State 4-H Photo Contest. Photos in either film or digital can be submitted through mail or Facebook by August 1st. (If picture is placed on Facebook, make sure to include the information below with the post). Photos submitted will then be placed on a link and voted on by the public. The information for the voting link will be made available on August 10th. The first, second and third place in each category will receive a rosette. The first place winner in each category will receive a camera case and his/her photo will automatically be entered in the contest for overall winner. The overall winner will be chosen by a set of judges and will be awarded an overall rosette and a cash prize of a \$100

Categories -

4-H—Must have either correct logo or clover

Animals - Any photo that the main subject is animals

People - Any photo that the main subject is people

Landscapes - Any photo that the main subjects are fields, mountains, sunsets, lakes/rivers etc.

Nature - Any photo that the main subject is vegetation, flowers, trees, insects etc.

Buildings - Any photo that the main subject is buildings

Other -Any photo that doesn't fall in a category, ex: - road signs, mailboxes, business signs, etc.

Entry rules:

- **Members may submit up to a total of three entries. Each entry must have the following information with it—Name, Club, County, Name of Photo, Category, Location of the photo and Contact number/email**
- **Entries can be either color or black and white. Please no edited or photoshopped pictures.**
- **Please, no matted or framed photos if mailed.**
- **Photos will not be returned! If you want to keep your photo, please retain a copy.**
- **Photographs must be the work of the 4-H member taken during the current 4-H program year.**
- **Entries must be in the State 4-H Office or uploaded to Facebook by August 1, 2024Send to State 4-H Office, MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003**

Cloverbud Workshop

Otero County 4-H Council Officers will be hosting a Cloverbud workshop July 18th at 5:00pm at the Extension Office. The cost of the workshop will be \$3.00. Please register with Kalie at 575-437-0231 or kalie17g@nmsu.edu by July 5th.

Livestock

If you have an animal that has a tag fall out, please call or email Kalie at 575-437-0231 or kalie17g@nmsu.edu to get your animal retagged. Please check on tattoos on your sheep and goats to ensure that it is visible.



**2024 New Mexico State 4-H
Buckles will be available for order!**

**Next order will be placed on
July 1, 2024!**

**See details and order form on the
New Mexico State 4-H website**

A decorative banner featuring several slices of citrus fruit (orange, lemon, lime) on either side of the text "Happy Summer!" written in a cursive, orange font.

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2024 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Mescalero 4-H Meeting	8 State Conference Heritage 4-H Meeting	9 Alamogordo 4-H Meeting	10	11	12	13 Tularosa 4-H Meeting
14	15	16 Jewelry Workshop	17	18 Cloverbud Workshop County Council 4-H meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Cloudcroft 4-H Meeting	26	27 Horse Workshop
28	29 Jewelry Workshop	30 Mustangs 4-H Meeting	31			