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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 @ Extension Office Classroom	2nd Tuesday	September 10th
Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	September 26th
Heritage 4-H *	7pm @ Fairgrounds New Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	No September Meeting
Mescalero 4-H **	3pm @ First Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Dr)	1st Sunday	No September Meeting
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	September 24th
Tularosa 4-H ***	7pm @ Carroll Family Home (Fairgrounds in Sept)	1st Tuesday (2nd Sat in Sept)	September 14th

* Heritage 4-H will have no September meeting.

** Mescalero 4-H will have no September meeting.

*** Tularosa 4-H meeting will be at Fairgrounds cleanup day, September 14th, 8AM.



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October County 4-H Council Meeting

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

Thursday, October 17th, 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!

Shooting Sports

Next meeting: September 5th @ 6pm
Otero County Fairgrounds
All 4-Hers, parents, and leaders welcome.



Save the Date!

Otero County 4-H
Awards Ceremony

Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:30 pm
Exhibit Building,
Otero County Fairgrounds

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, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2024	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; and 8 year olds 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.

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 event/activity) 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.

County 4-H Council Officer Elections

What: 2023-2024 Otero County 4-H Council Officer Elections
When: October 17, 2024, 6:30pm
Where: Otero County Extension Office, 401 Fairgrounds Rd, Alamogordo
Who: Otero County 4-H members, all 4-H clubs may have four (4) voting delegates



Who can run for office:

1. Any active Otero county 4-H member who is a Novice, Junior, or Senior at the time of the elections may submit an application.
2. Candidates must turn in an application to the Extension Office by October 15, 2024. Application forms are available from the Extension Office or the [Otero County Extension website](#). You may either mail the form, bring it by the office, or fax it into the office (fax #575-437-6134). We will not take phone applications. The form requires signatures of 4-H applicant, parent, and 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
3. The applicant may specify up to three (3) office choices he or she wishes to run for.
4. All candidates will be required to present a brief speech, no more than 3 minutes in length, prior to the election of officers during the October 17th Council Meeting. Candidate speeches should include information about why you want to become an Otero County 4-H Council Officer, experiences you have had that will make you an effective council officer, and any other information you feel is relevant.
5. If elected as an officer, you are expected to perform all office duties to the best of your ability and according to the bylaws.

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. Record Book judges will select 4-H members for the following awards:

- Outstanding Novice 4-H Member
- Outstanding Junior 4-H Member
- Outstanding Senior 4-H Member
- Leadership Award (Senior 4-H Members Eligible)
- Novice 4-H Member Project Awards
- Junior 4-H Member Project Awards
- Senior 4-H Member Project Awards

County 4-H Record Book [forms](#) and [guidelines](#) may be downloaded from the Otero County Extension website. The website has 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 17th deadline.

Don't wait! Work on your 4-H Record Book today!

4-H Awards Nominations Wanted!

The Meritorious Award and Outstanding 4-H Leader Award will be awarded through a nomination process. Later this year, during the annual 4-H Awards Ceremony, Otero County 4-H Council will provide the following awards:

- [Outstanding 4-H Leader Award](#)- an adult volunteer that is an enrolled 4-H Leader in Otero County and has demonstrated outstanding service and contribution to the Otero County 4-H Program.
- [Meritorious 4-H Award](#)- an Otero County group, organization, business, or individual, **outside** of 4-H, who throughout the years has donated significantly of their time and effort to the Otero County 4-H Program.

We need 4-H members, leaders, and parents to submit nominations for these awards. Nomination forms are due in the Extension Office by September 16, 2024, and can be obtained from the Extension Office or the [Otero County Extension Service website](#).

Nominations received by the deadline will be reviewed by Otero County 4-H Council prior to the annual 4-H Awards Ceremony.

Enrollment Changes and Meeting

Attendance

Please contact the Extension Office, (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.

FCS Lettermen

(Deadline Extended to September 27th)

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 27th**. 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](#).

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 (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.

Heritage 4-H Report

Heritage 4-H has had a great year! Our members have learned new skills in many different types of projects. Many members competed in 4-H contests and met new friends. We are excited for the fair season to begin. Our club will begin the new 4-H year in October!

Respectfully submitted,
Charli Ramsey,
Heritage 4-H Secretary

NM 4-H State Essay Contest

Submit your 4-H Recordbook Story about your memories in the current 4-H year for a chance to win a free trip to YGA or SLR for you and a 4-H friend! Use your imagination to type a double-spaced story (3 page max) about the programs you are involved in through 4-H.

On the cover page please write your name, address, county, and the age category you are classified in for the 2024-2025 4-H year. All stories must be received by the State 4-H office no later than November 1st, 2024 at:

State 4-H Office MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003

Call the State 4-H Office at (575) 646-5204 if you have any questions. [Contest Flyer Found here.](#)

**NEW MEXICO 4-H
ADULT RETREAT**
(FORMERLY THE NM ADULT/LEADER FORUM)
SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2024
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
FOR DETAILS CLICK ON OUR WEBSITE
[HTTPS://NM4H.NMSU.EDU/VOLUNTEER/ADULT.HTML](https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html)



2024 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

NM 4-H Adult retreat (formerly NM Adult/Leader Forum) is offered to parents, club leaders, project leaders, and other 4-H volunteers wanting to learn more about 4-H. Adults will have an opportunity to meet other 4-H adults and learn from each other about what they know. Workshops, a guest speaker, and a day of fun will be offered during the retreat!

Date: Saturday, November 9th, 2024

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office
(Albuquerque, NM)

How: Registration is now available on the NM 4-H [website](#). Website also provides workshop descriptions, schedule, and scholarships available.

Cost: Registration by Oct 15- \$40
Registration Oct 16-31- \$50
T-Shirts: \$20

Champion Exhibitors

Novice- Charli Ramsey
Junior- Adeline Pike
Senior- Gracie Gonzalez

Ag & Natural Science

Champion:
Caleb Ramsey
Reserve Champion:
Charli Ramsey

Home & Family

Champion:
Payton Moore
Reserve Champion:
Gracie Gonzalez,
Izzy Martin, & Kymberle Orr

2024 4-H Achievement Day Awards



Reserve Champion Exhibitors

Novice- Eleanor Pike
Junior- Elias Pike
Senior- Payton Moore

Sewing & Clothing

Champion:
Adeline Pike
Reserve Champion:
Megan Lucero

Sliver Shears

Novice: Megan Lucero
Junior: Adeline Pike
Senior: Gracie Gonzalez

Creative Arts

Champion:
Gracie Gonzalez
Reserve Champion:
Charli Ramsey

Foods

Champion:
Charli Ramsey
Reserve Champion:
Adeline Pike

STEM

Champion:
Elias Pike
Reserve Champion:
Caleb Ramsey



Thank You 4-H Achievement Day Sponsors!

We are grateful for your generosity and support!



Alamogordo 4-H club
Casa Creations
GS Tower Services
Heritage 4-H Club
La Luz Cart-Away
Ande & Becky McFarland
Misti Orr
Otero County Master Gardeners
Tom Simpson
Frank & Dori Webb



*****POULTRY CHANGES*****

Due to the Avian Influenza (HPAI) situation in New Mexico, the Junior Livestock Committee will be taking precautions to prevent the transmission of HPAI, and ensure the safety of all animals.

POULTRY SHOW moved to Saturday, September 14, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

***Market Poultry ONLY**

***NO Open Poultry**

This will be a "Show and Go" type show. Poultry will be judged and then leave the facility following the completion of the show. Check in for Poultry Exhibitors will be from 3pm-4pm, in order to get weighed and placed in classes.

Please ensure you bring birds in a carrier/cage to help prevent transmission of virus.

The exhibitors who win Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry will not be allowed to bring their birds back to the sale, however, will still be guaranteed their sale slots. Families and spectators are welcomed and encouraged!

4-H Exhibits at Otero County Fair

4-H exhibits entered in the annual 4-H Achievement Day will be on display for viewing during the Otero County Fair in the exhibit building of the Fairgrounds.

To display all exhibits, assistance is needed on **Tuesday, September 17th**, with arranging displays of 4-H exhibits.

4-H adult volunteers, parents, and/or youth (preferably older youth) are welcome to assist on September 17th (daytime or evening) with set up of the 4-H exhibit displays. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office, 575-437-0231.



Fairgrounds Clean Up

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 8:00 AM

- Upon arrival at the exhibitor meeting, the exhibitor and parent will sign in.
- Junior Livestock will explain their expectations and give clean up assignments.
- Upon completion of the assigned duties, you will have your "proof of contribution" signed by supervising superintendent and receive your pen assignments.
- According to Exhibitor Requirement Rule #5, if you do not attend, you will be charged \$100 per exhibitor, per species penalty.
- If you can not make it to the scheduled clean up day, it is your responsibility to contact Megan at 575-921-9094 to make arrangements to contribute, no later than 9/7/24.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Buyer's Supper: 8-10 parents
Show Ring Maintenance: 8 parents
Sale: 8 parents

We are looking for parent volunteers to help assist us with the events listed above. This list is subject to change. Please contact Megan at (575) 921-9094 or megportillo@yahoo.com to be added to the volunteer list. Details for duties will be given at a later date.

The Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo



Annual OTERO COUNTY FAIR

KICK-OFF BREAKFAST



Pancakes • Ham • Juice • Coffee or Milk

Delivery Available On Orders Of 5 Or More

Benefiting The JR. Livestock Exhibitors

Friday, September 20, 2024

6AM - 10AM | TICKETS: \$8.00

@ Immaculate Conception Church (ICC)
705 DELAWARE AVENUE



4-H Volunteer Leader Enrollment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder for adult volunteers interested in serving as 4-H volunteer leaders with Otero County 4-H, 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 to the Otero County Extension Office.
2. Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and [adult liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
3. Complete the annual *NM Working with Minors* course. Contact the Extension Office, 575-437-0231 or 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 *NM Working with Minors* training via Zsuite.

Please make 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.

2024 Otero County Fair Updates for Junior Livestock Exhibitors

The [2024 New Mexico Guide for Livestock Exhibitors](#) is available at the New Mexico Livestock Board website.

Junior Livestock Exhibitors:

We are so excited to welcome you all for the 2024 Otero County Fair and Junior Livestock Shows! We look forward to seeing you at check-in on Tuesday, September 17th starting at 3 PM. Remember the process can take some time as the vet inspects your animals and we check your paperwork and to plan accordingly. Our Exhibitor Meeting is at 6:30 PM and all exhibitors and at least one parent/guardian needs to be in attendance. We will begin weighing and classifying animals on Tuesday evening at 7 PM, you will need to be there with your animal in order to weigh them.

4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are responsible for cleaning up after each show, the show / cleanup schedule is as follows:

Wednesday September 18
6:00 PM- Swine (Heritage & Mustang 4-H)

Thursday September 19
2:00 PM - Sheep (Mescalero 4-H & FFA)
6:00 PM - Goats (Cloudcroft 4-H & FFA)

Friday September 20
12:00 PM - Rabbits (Alamogordo 4-H & FFA)
6:00 PM- Cattle show (Tularosa 4-H & FFA)

Disposition forms due 1 hour after completion of the beef show

Saturday September 21
4:00 PM - Buyer's Supper
5:00 PM - Bovine Bingo in Barn
6:00 PM - Junior Livestock Sale

New Mexico Fair Dates:

New Mexico State Fair - September 5th to 15th
Otero County Fair - September 19th to 22nd
Southern NM State Fair - September 25th to 29th
Eastern NM State Fair - September 30th to October 5th

Southern New Mexico State Fair will be requiring all exhibitors to complete the YQCA. Visit [Southern NM Junior Livestock page](#) for YQCA Certification information.

If you are planning on attending New Mexico State Fair, Southern New Mexico State Fair, or Eastern New Mexico State Fair, please contact Sid at the Extension Office at 575-437-0231 to notify him.

Superintendents
Cattle: Cody Carrell
Goats: Danielle Fleming
Poultry: Amalia Montoya
Rabbits: Megan Portillo
Sheep: Misti Orr
Swine: Alejandro Cardiel



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