

Otero County 4-H Newsletter

April 2025



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4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
Alamogordo 4-H	6pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Tuesday	April 8th
Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	April 24th
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	April 14th
Mescalero 4-H	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	April 6th
Mustang 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	April 29th
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	April 1st

Got Something to Share?

We'd love to include your updates, events, or stories in our next newsletter! Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Hannah Wood at hdw@nmsu.edu by the **20th of each month** to be considered for the following month's edition. Please note that all submissions are subject to review and may be edited for length, clarity, and appropriateness. Don't miss the chance to share your news with our 4-H community!



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Calendar - April 2025

DATE	TIME	County Happenings
April 6	10:30am	Senior Shotgun County Contest @ Roadrunner Trap Club
April 9	5:30pm	YGA Pre-Trip Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom / Zoom
April 13	1pm	Senior Rifle County Contest @ Roadrunner Trap Club
April 17	6:30pm	April County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom
June 6		Otero County County 4-H Contest
September 18-21		Otero County Fair 2025
DATE	TIME	County Project Dates
April 10	6pm	Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn 
April 12	8:30am	Shotgun Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club during ATA Shoot 
April 17	5:30pm	Parliamentary Procedure Workshop @ Extension Office 
April 24	6pm	Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn 
April 27	1pm	Shotgun Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club 
DATE	NM State Happenings	
April 11-13	Youth Get Away @ Glorieta Adventure Camp	
May 1-4	NM State Shooting Sports Championship @ Raton	
May 17-18	Small Animal School @ Bernalillo	
June 4-6	Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School @ Capitan	
June 15	NM State Fair DNA and Nomination Deadline	
June 17-19	Southeastern District Contest @ Clovis/Portales	
July 7-10	NM State 4-H Conference @ Las Cruces NMSU	
September 6-14	NM State Fair @ ABQ	
September 24-28	Southern NM State Fair @ Las Cruces SNMF	
September 29 - October 4	Eastern NM State Fair @ Roswell ENMF	

Upcoming Deadlines	Date Due
NM State 4-H State Shooting Sports Registration Deadline	April 14th
Otero County 4-H Member of the Month Monthly Submission Deadline	April 20th
4-H Horse Certificate Form Due to the Extension Office	May 1st
NM State Fair DNA and Nomination Deadline	June 15th

We will be scheduling contest practices this month (April) so please reply to your email with the contest survey filled out with contest you are interested in and when you are available so that we can coordinate practice times.

April County 4-H Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, April 17th, 6:30pm at the
Extension Office

Everyone is welcome to attend, but
be sure to send your club delegates!

The Otero County
Extension Office will
be **CLOSED** April 18th,
2025 for Good Friday.



4-H Age Group for the 2024 - 2025 4-H Year



	Cloverbud*	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade as of January 1, 2025	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2025	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, 2024, through September 30, 2025. 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 what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? If not, please take a moment to look 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, 2025.
- Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2024, and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. Be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of meetings you are required to attend to be in "good standing".
- Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults.

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.



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.



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:

- 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.
- Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and adult [liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
- Complete the annual NM Working with Minors course found on ZSuites. 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.

All 4-H enrollments (Youth & Adult) require a liability waiver to be filled out and signed by hand (wet signature).
No typed signatures will be accepted!

Otero County 4-H Members of the Month

April
2025

Tularosa 4-H



Brylyn Graham

Heritage 4-H



Megan Lucero

Cloudfcroft 4-H



Tylan Bragg



Alamogordo 4-H



Sarina Yazzie

Mescalero 4-H



Mustang 4-H



How to Nominate:

4-H members may nominate themselves or others (from any Otero County 4-H club) for Member of the Month. To nominate, please submit the following information by the 20th of each month:

- The name of the 4-H member you are nominating
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project

Nominations can be sent directly to your 4-H Agent Hannah Wood at hdw@nmsu.edu

SLR 2025 REPORT

The 2025 Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR), held from March 21-23 at The Glorieta Adventure Camp near Santa Fe, brought together youth from across the state for a weekend focused on personal and professional growth. This year's retreat was hosted by the State 4-H Leadership Team under the theme "Dancing Through 4-H." Participants engaged in a variety of workshops and activities designed to enhance their leadership, develop teamwork, and explore career opportunities. Otero County had 9 youth attend this event with the assistance of two volunteer chaperones and the county 4-H agent.



Friends of NRA 2025 Banquet



The Otero County Buckshots were invited to participate at the annual Friends of NRA banquet that was held on March 1st of 2025. We had 13 youth and 9 adult volunteers participate in helping with this event by assisting with event set up and tear down, running game tables, assisting with auctions, and clearing dinner plates from guest tables.



Friends of NRA is a grassroots program that fosters community involvement, raises money, and gives 100% of the net proceeds to qualified local, state, and national programs. In past years, our shooting sports program has received funding from Friends of NRA. 6

Veterinary Science Overnight Camp

May 2nd-4th, 2025 NMSU Campus, Las Cruces NM

The Veterinary Science Camp is designed for underserved students in New Mexico or located within 135 miles of the state line. It is being put on by the Veterinary Science Certificate Program from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

- Hands-on animal experience
 - Tour NMSU College of Agriculture
 - Learn Vet Science Skills
 - Explore Careers in Vet Medicine and Animal Science
- Registration is [here](#) and is limited to 20 students and opens March 1st. The cost is \$75 per student. For more information: aevm.tamu.edu.com or your 4-H Agent.

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.

2025 Indoor Project Revisions

Everyone should have received an email from Kelly on March 27th with indoor project revision information. The following projects have been updated:

Uniquely New Mexico - New Mexico Roundup - Braiding - Scrapbooking - Hobby Crafts (Legos) - Let's Make A T-Shirt - Breads - Pastries & Pies - Understanding Preschool Children

If you would like a copy of the newly revised projects, please contact the Otero County Extension Office (575)437-0231.

2025



Youth Ranch Management Camp

June 8-13, 2025

CS Ranch | Cimarron, New Mexico

Youth Age 15-19 | \$400 Cost

"Educating tomorrow's leaders in ranch management, today."

The registration site opened on February 4th! A total of 30 participants will be invited to this year's camp, with three of those openings for out-of-state youth, age 15-19.

Application site will close April 17, 2025.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the NMYRMC Committee and applicants notified of acceptance by April 22, 2025. The registration fee or payment arrangement is due on or before May 24, 2025. More info can be found [online](#) or by contacting Sid Gordon, sgordon@nmsu.edu, 575-437-0231, or at the Otero County Extension Office.

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



CLINIC DATES

MAY 23-25, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE

ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE

\$250 PER EXHIBITOR

\$400 PER FAMILY

Payment must be received by
April 23, 2025

LOCATION

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

State Road 554 House #122-A, Abiquiu, NM
87510

FULL HOOK-UPS RV PARK

\$10 PER CAMPER,
PER NIGHT

REGISTER NOW!

CONTACT JODI LAW

505-690-6635

OUR CLINIC ITINERARY IS

BEING FINALIZED.

Please stay tuned for updates!





Prepare Your Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits

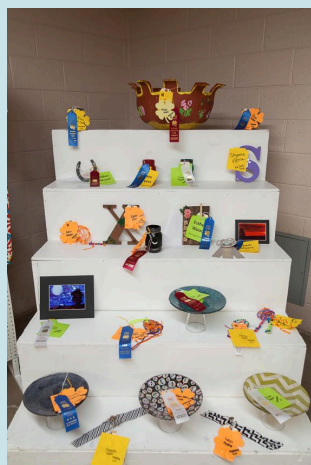


The exhibit classes for indoor 4-H project exhibits have been updated and are now available from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). The date for the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day (viewing of exhibits and awards) will be announced soon. Details regarding entry of exhibits, viewing schedule, and awards presentation will be announced in future newsletters.

There are several updates to the exhibit classes and a complete list of updates can be downloaded from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). 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. 4-H members entering indoor 4-H project exhibits at the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day are eligible to win many awards.



Past Indoor Entries:



Southern Regional Livestock School

Capitan NM

June 4-6, 2025

Registration Window: April 16th to April 30th

Registration Fee: \$150, Registration will be online at:



If you have any issues registering April 16th to April 30th, please contact Hannah Wood at (575)-437-0321 or hdw@nmsu.edu for assistance.

4 Species Tracks Available!

Goat Swine Lamb Beef Cattle

For more information contact:

Emily Bruton: (575)-835-0610

Sara Marta: (575)-894-2375

Teresa Dean: (575)-525-6649

Savannah Daniels: (575)-542-9291

Hannah Wood: (575)-437-0231

If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact Sierra County Extension at (575)-849-2375 by May 15th. New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer and educator.



Heritage 4-H Club March Report

We had a fun 4-H meeting in March. We also talked about 4-H projects. The meeting ended with a Livestock Skill-A-Thon and Wildlife Contest Identification game.



- Heritage Club Reporter, Charli R.



2025 Tag Dates & Information

Pigs, Lambs, & Goats

Thursday, May 29th - 5pm to 7pm

Saturday, June 14th - 8am to 10am

Held at the Otero County Fairgrounds

Cattle

There will be no scheduled tag day for cattle at the fairgrounds. You will be responsible for contacting the 4-H Agent, Hannah Wood, at (575)437-0231 to schedule a farm visit. **Cattle must be tagged and paperwork turned in to Hannah no later than June 11th, 2025.**

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Face Papers with Ear Notches (Pigs ONLY)
3. Scrapies tag if sexually intact(Lamb & Goats ONLY)

Out of State Purchases:

1. Health papers with Vet Inspections (Pig's must have ear notches on them)
2. Bill of Sale

Reminder: If you are unable to make the designated tag days, it is your responsibility to contact Hannah to make arrangements no less than **ONE WEEK** prior to the final tag day to ensure they are tagged by the **NMSF June 15th deadline**. There will be no exceptions/extensions.

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale (birthdate must be on BOS for breeding heifers)
2. Letter from brand owner giving permission to use their brand OR must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA.

Out of State Purchases:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA brand.
3. Health papers with vet inspection.

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