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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	Aug 8
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Livestock Barn behind OCEO	2nd Tuesday	Aug 8
Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ first Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Drive)	1st Sunday	Aug 6
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ Fairgrounds Classroom	Last Tuesday	Aug 29
Sacramento Mountains 4-H	6pm @ Mayhill Volunteer Fire Department	2nd Monday	Aug 14
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	Aug 1
Wildcats 4-H After-School	5:30pm @ Tularosa Public Schools	3rd Tuesday	Aug 15
Holloman 4-H Club	6:00pm @ Soaring Heights Community Center @ Holloman AFB	1st Wednesday	Aug 2



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# 4-H Age Groups for the 2022- 2023 4-H Year

	<b>*Cloverbud</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Grade as of January 1, 2023	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, and 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2023	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, 2022 through September 30, 2023. 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, 2023.

--Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2022 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.



## Jr. Livestock Schedule September 19th-24th

TUESDAY 9/19/23

- Check-in/Weigh/Classify 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Mandatory Exhibitor/Parent Meeting directly following classification

WEDNESDAY 9/20/23

- Pig Show 6:00pm

THURSDAY 9/21/23

- Lamb Show 1:00pm
- Goat Show- 30 minutes after Lamb Show
- Old Fashion Fair Night 6:00pm

FRIDAY 9/22/23

- Poultry Show 12:00pm
- Rabbit Show- 30 minutes after Poultry Show
- Cattle Show 5:00pm
- Disposition forms are due 1 (one) hour after Cattle Show

SATURDAY 9/23/23

- Buyer's Supper 4:00pm
- Bovine Bingo 5:00pm
- Junior Livestock Sale 6:00pm

New Mexico State Fair  
September 7-17

Southern NM State Fair  
September 27- October 1

Eastern NM State Fair  
October 2-7

Achievement Day  
August 19



## 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 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 ('22-'23).

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

## 4-H Achievement Day Schedule:

**Friday, August 11, 2023, 8am – 5pm**

-Submit Completed Registration form to the Otero County Extension Office (4-Her's not submitting registration form by August 11th will be responsible for completing their entry tags upon delivery of exhibits to the Extension Office.)

**Monday, August 14, 2023, 8am – 7pm**

-Deliver 4-H exhibits (except nutrition/baking, classes #1205-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office

**Thursday, August 17, 2023, 8am – 7pm or**

**Friday, August 18, 2023, 7:30am – 10am**

-Deliver Nutrition/Baking 4-H Exhibits (classes #1205-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

4-H Family Night @ Fairgrounds

5pm Building Opens for Viewing of Exhibits

6pm – 8pm Awards Program, Pizza, Tasting of Nutrition/Baking Exhibits, and Dance

## ***Livestock Fair Clean-Up***

Fair clean-up is scheduled for September 16th at 8:00am. It will begin with a mandatory exhibitor meeting in the show ring. Pen assignments will not be given until the entire barn is cleaned. If you are unable to make fair clean-up, please contact the Extension Office at 575-437-0231 or Megan Portillo at least two weeks prior to avoid being charged the fee for missing fair clean-up.

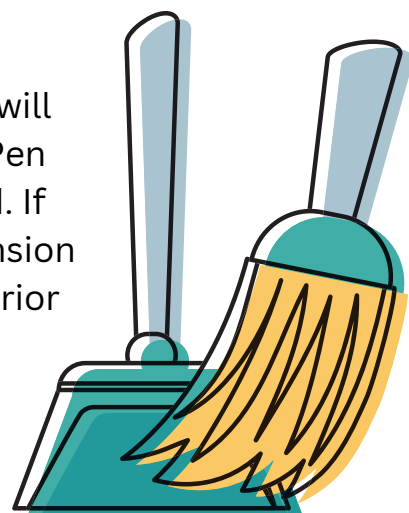
## Delivery Days for Otero County 4-H Achievement Day

Indoor 4-H project exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Monday, August 14, 2023, 8am-7pm, except nutrition/baking exhibits.

Nutrition/baking exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Thursday, August 17th, 8am-7pm, or Friday, August 18th, 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 19th. Viewing will start at 5:00pm, awards will be held at 6:00pm, pizza, tasting of baked good exhibits, and a dance will follow.



# Save the Date New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum 2023



**Theme:**  
*Where in the World  
is Chris Clover?*

**Date:**  
November 11, 2023

**Location:**  
Las Cruces, NM

## August County Council Meeting

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

Thursday, August 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!

# NM State 4-H Food Challenge

Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members are able to participate in the State 4-H Food Challenge at New Mexico State Fair on September 16th in teams of 3-5 per age group. Each team will have at least three and no more than five members. On a senior team, every team member must be senior age. A novice may participate on a junior team, but if even one junior is on a team, the entire team must compete in the junior division. Under no circumstances will a participant be allowed to compete at a lower age level. Cost per team is \$15.00. Transportation, meals, and lodging to and from the NM State Fair are the responsibility of the member's parent.

Please contact Kalie or Kelly in the Extension Office, 575-437-0231, if you are interested no later than August 1st.

## 2023 State 4-H Buckle Orders



Buckles are \$80.00 a piece. Please allow for 4-6 weeks before receiving the buckle for production and shipping. Payment can be made with a check or money order. Make checks or money orders payable to the NM State 4-H Foundation. Please send order form and payment to NM State 4-H Office, PO Box 30003, MSC 3AE, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Profits will benefit the NM State 4-H Leadership Team.

# State Conference

Five Otero County 4-H youth went to State Conference held in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Youth attended contests, workshops and networked with friends from across the State. It was also the centennial celebration of State Conference. Youth were able to meet and interact with past State Officers and Extension Personal. We are so proud of our Otero County group! Here are the results for 2023:

1st Place CDM Individual Jewell Singleton  
2nd Place Favorite Foods Cal Wold  
4th place Horticulture Individual Cal Wold



## 4-H Awards

### Nominations Wanted!

The Meritorious Award and Outstanding 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 15, 2023, 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.

## Save the Date

Otero County 4-H  
Awards Ceremony

Thursday, November  
16th, 2023  
6:30pm  
Exhibit Building  
Otero County Fair  
Grounds

# 4-H FCS Lettermen 2023 State Photography Contest

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. 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 in the form of a plaque. 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](#).

Show off your photography skills in the 2023 state 4-H Photography Contest. The categories for this year are 4-H, Animals, People, Landscapes, Buildings, and Other. For more information, please see the NMSU 4-H page.

Members may submit a total of 3 entries. Each entry must contain name, club, county, name of photograph, category, location of photograph, and contact number/email. Entries can be black or white but not edited or photoshopped pictures. Do not mail matted or framed pictures. Photos will not be returned. If you would like a copy please retain one. Photos must be the work of the 4-H member taken during the current 4-H year. Entries will be submitted via Facebook or by mailing to the State 4-H Office, MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003 by August 1st.

## Livestock Fair Entry Deadlines

New Mexico State  
Fair  
August 1st



Otero County Fair  
August 31st



Southern New  
Mexico State Fair  
September 2nd



Eastern New  
Mexico State Fair  
TBD



# Have a great year!



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