



Otero County 4-H Newsletter

December 2024

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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	December 10th
*Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	December 19th
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds New Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	December 9th
**Mescalero 4-H	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	December 8th
Mustang 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	December 31st
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	December 3rd

*Cloudcroft meeting changed from December 26th to December 19th.
 **Mescalero meeting changed from December 1st to December 9th.



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December County 4-H Council Meeting

The next County 4-H Council Meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, December 19th, 6:30pm at the Extension Office



Everyone is welcome to attend!

Livestock checks are ready!



If you have not picked up your check for 2024 County Fair yet, they are available at the Extension Office for pick up.

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 exactly what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? 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, 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.

Save the date! 4-H Day at the Roundhouse on February 4th, 2025

4-H Day at the Roundhouse is a time for youth to visit with elected representatives in the New Mexico House and Senate and share how 4-H impacts New Mexico families.

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.

Alamogordo 4-H Club is looking for a new organizational leader!

If you are a parent or volunteer for Alamogordo 4-H and are interested, please let Hannah or Christine know

ASAP! (575)-437-0231

2023 - 2024 County Award Ceremony Winners

Winners were announced and recognized at November 21st, 2024 banquet.

Recognition of 2023/2024 Club Leaders

- Christine Martin – Alamogordo
- Erica Lavin and Dani McNatt – Cloudcroft
- Katie Ramsey – Heritage
- Ruth Wold – Mescalero
- Teddi Cardiel – Mustang
- Amber Carrol & Randa Worley – Tularosa



4-H Leadership Award: Caleb Ramsey



Outstanding Novice 4-H Member: Charli Ramsey



Outstanding Senior 4-H Member: Caleb Ramsey



- ### 2024 - 2025 Council Officers
- President: Caleb Ramsey
 - Vice President: Peyton Corvin
 - Secretary: Charli Ramsey
 - Treasurer: Gavin Blankenship
 - Reporter: Cord Wold
 - Song & Rec: Grant Wold
 - Parlimatarian: Emma Corvin



Meritorious Award Winner: Nathan Daugherty



Outstanding 4-H Leader Award: Dan Virden



December Important Dates:

Shootings Sports:

Rifle: TBA

Shotgun: December 8th

Held at the Roadrunner Trap Club @1pm

Archery: December 5th, December 12th

Held at the Otero County Fairgrounds in the Livestock Barn @ 6PM

Horse Practice:

December 14, January 4, and January 18

Held at the Otero County Fairgrounds

Please contact Sid Gordon for more information.



Cloudcroft 4-H Christmas Party

Meeting moved to December 19th.

Please bring your ornaments for the club ornament gift exchange!



Tularosa 4-H Parade Participation

Tularosa 4-H will have a float in the Village of Tularosa's Christmas Light Parade on Saturday, December 7. Members should meet at the Y at 5:15. The parade starts at 6:00.

Please wear warm, festive attire. Santa costumes are not permitted by parade rules.

We are also not allowed to throw candy or anything from the float. Thank you to Lowes

Hardware, Tractor Supply, and the Moore family for donations of float decorations!

Heritage Club Christmas Party

Heritage December meeting will be on December 9th at 7pm! The club will provide pizza, drinks and paper products. If members could bring a dessert or side to share that would be great!

If Heritage members want to participate in a gift exchange, please feel free to bring a \$5 gift.

We will play some games and decorate cards. If there are any allergies, please let Katie know by December 6th!

Future Dates:

Shooting Sports Certification

Please save the date! The 2025 NM

State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader

Training will tentatively be held

February 7-9, in Roswell, NM.

More information regarding

registration and training schedule will

be shared soon.

Senior Leadership Retreat

If you have signed up for SLR, the

dates are January 24th to 26th in

Glorieta NM.

Event	Date
FCS School	March 7th to 9th 2025
4-H Day at the Roundhouse	February 4th 2025
Youth Get Away	April 11th to 13th 2025
NM State Shooting Contest	May 1st to 4th 2025
State 4-H Conference	July 7th to 10th 2025

Enrollment Instructions

The enrollment deadline for all 4-H members, re-enrolling and new members, is February 1st, 2025.

4-H members must be enrolled on or before February 1, 2025, for 4-H members to be eligible to participate in county, district, and/or state level 4-H competitive events. All 4-H members must re-enroll every year. The Otero County Extension Service will accept enrollment forms after February 1, 2025, however members enrolling after February 1, 2025, are not eligible to participate in county, district and/or state level competitive events and will not meet the policy outlined in the Otero County 4-H Council Bylaws for 4-H members in good standing. Members enrolling after February 1, 2025, may participate in non-competitive events at the club, county, district, and/or state level at the discretion of the 4-H club.

4-H youth members have the option of submitting a paper enrollment or enrolling online via the ZSuite website. Paper enrollment forms are available from the Otero County Extension Office. For members submitting completed paper enrollment forms, they may be submitted to their 4-H Club Organizational Leader or to the Otero County Extension Office. **4-H Club Leaders receiving any completed enrollment forms from 4-H members must submit the forms to the Otero County Extension Office on or before February 1, 2025**, for 4-H members to be eligible to participate in county, district, and/or state level competitive events.

4-H members submitting enrollment forms to their 4-H Club Organizational Leaders or other individual are strongly encouraged to contact the Otero County Extension Office, 575-437-0231, to confirm that the forms have been received in the Extension Office by the deadline. If you would like to enroll via the ZSuite website, the website instructions for re-enrolling members and new members are as follows:

Re-Enrollment

1. Go to [ZSuites](#) online.
2. Log in to your account and select the primary profile.
3. Using the drop-down menu, enroll each applicable member (4-H members, adult volunteers).
4. Complete To Do list ----->
5. Click Submit



Annual Enrollment TO DO: New & Re-enrolled

New Enrollment

1. Go to [ZSuites](#) online.
2. Click the Sign Up link.
3. Fillout the popup to create a new household. This is the Primary Parent account. Write down the pin code you create somewhere safe.
4. The email entered will be used as the family email for all members under the household account.
5. Click the "Let's Go" button when done.
6. On the Dashboard for the primary account, you can create new household accounts (4-H members, adult volunteers) through Household members.
7. Complete To Do list -----> .
8. Click Submit

- Review/Update personal information section.
- Upload your completed NM 4-H Youth Medical & Liability Release/Code of Conduct Contract/Media Release Form 300.A-3 or submit your completed paper form to the Otero County Extension Office.
- Add your 4-H club (Please select only ONE 4-H club. 4-H members selecting multiple clubs will be required to meet the 4-H good standing requirements of all clubs they are enrolled in.)
- Add 4-H projects
- Payment is not required in ZSuite for enrollment in the Otero County 4-H program. (4-H Club membership dues need to be submitted directly to your 4-H club treasurer or organizational club leader.)

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