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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	May 14
Cloudcroft 4-H Club	6:00pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	May 30
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds	2nd Monday	No Meeting
Mescalero 4-H	3pm @ first Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Drive)	1st Sunday	May 5
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	May 28
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	May 7

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.



State Shooting Sports
Championship 
Raton, NM
May 2-5

 Horse School
Farmington, NM
June 3-6

County Contest 
June 7th

 Achievement Day
August 17th

District Contest 
June 17-19

May County Council Meeting

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

Thursday, May 16th, 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!

Southern Regional Livestock School

June 12th-14th, 2024

Luna Co. Fairgrounds
Deming, NM

2024 Instructors



Tracy Drummond-NM
Max of 15 participants



Kenny Word-OK
Max of 30 participants



Johnny Perrea-NM
Max of 30 participants



Luther Dunlap-NM
Max of 30 participants

Check-In

9AM- 11PM Wednesday
1PM Instruction Begins

Schedule

1PM- 5:30PM Wednesday
8AM- 7PM Thursday
8-4 Friday

Activities

Pool Party/Cook Out-Wednesday
Dance- Thursday
Livestock Jackpot- Friday/
Saturday

Registration

Opens May 1, 2024

\$150 (covers all meals except breakfast)
\$30 meal band available for non participants

REGISTER ONLINE <https://livestockschool24.ezregister.com>

For More Information Contact: Sara Marta (575) 894-2375; Savannah Graves (575) 915-5840; Teresa Dean (575) 525-6649 or Emily Bruton (575) 835-0610

If you are an individual with a disability please contact Sierra CES at (575) 894-2375 by June 10th.



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Shooting Sports

A minimum of four (4) practices must be attended prior to Otero County shooting sports contest during the current 4-H program year in that said discipline. 4-H members must attend at least one practice session between October 1st and March 1st in that said discipline to be eligible to participate in additional practice sessions scheduled during the 4-H program year. 4-H shooting sports members are responsible for signing in at each practice they attend. There will be a shooting sports meeting May 9th at the Fairgrounds at 5:30. We will also be picking up the barn prior to beginning of archery practice. Novice and junior county contest registration forms are due May 10th. Even if you are unsure if you would like to compete at District Contest, you can still participate in county contest.

Archery Practices: 6:00 At the Fairgrounds

May 2

May 9

May 30

County Contest May 23rd

Please show up early!

Rifle Practices: 1:00pm at
the Roadrunner Trap Club

May 5

County Contest May 19th

Please show up early!

Pig Clinic



Clinician: Cody Trimble Garden City, Texas

May 11th

8:00am-11:00am

Otero County Fair Grounds

Must RSVP by May 1st.

You do not have to bring live animals however, if there is an animal that you would like to work with you may bring it for hands on learning.



If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact Kalie Gillespie at 575-437-0231 2 weeks prior to the event.

Rocketry

Rocketry will be starting back up in the 2024 year. If you are interested in participating in the rocketry workshop please RSVP with Christine Martin at alamogordo4H@gmail.com.

Members must attend at least 3 of the 4 workshops offered.



May 18th @ 10 am

All workshops will take place at the Extension Office.

State 4-H Leadership Team Application

Senior 4-H members run for ambassador or state office position to serve on the State 4-H leadership team. To apply members must:

- Any mature, devoted New Mexico senior 4-H'er, who will remain an eligible 4-H member during the year of service, being July 2024 through July 2025. The candidate must be an active 4-H member in good standing with his or her club and council.
- The Member must have attended one of the following state-wide 4-H events in order to run. (State 4-H Conference, Youth Get-Away, Senior Leadership Retreat)
- If a NM State 4-H Leadership Team member is of high school age, he/she is expected to remain in good academic standing with his/her school while serving in that capacity. Due to absences involved, candidates must be able to maintain good grades and positive relationships with school administrators and instructors.
- All NM State 4-H Leadership Team members must abide by the New Mexico State 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Willingness to still perform the role of NM State 4-H Leadership Team member after his/her term is complete upon request of the State 4-H Office or a particular county.
- NM State 4-H Leadership Team Members are permitted to participate in one competitive event during State 4-H Conference if it does not conflict with any other responsibilities.
- Any NM State 4-H Leadership Team Member that has been removed from a NM State 4-H Leadership Team, is not eligible to apply to serve on any NM State 4-H Leadership Team in the future.

Applications are available now on the 4-H website and must be turned in no later than May 24th

FCS Contest Practice Session

Consumer Decision Making & FCS Skill-a-thon

Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 3:30pm

Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 3:30pm

Otero County Extension Office

All 4-Hers welcome!



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) is **August 17, 2024**. Details regarding entry of exhibits, viewing schedule, and awards presentation will be announced in future newsletters.

There are many 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.



Save the date

SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

May 18, 2024

Bernalillo County Extension Office

Albuquerque, NM

Join us for a small animal school in Albuquerque!
This school will include rabbits, cavy, and poultry

You do not have to bring your own animal in order to participate in this school!!

Stay tuned for more information



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Rabbit Workshop in Sierra County

Come and join us June 1st at 10:00 am, in the Quonset hut at the fairgrounds in T or C.

This year we'll have some wonderful guest speakers, and they might bring some rabbits and cavies (guinea pigs) for sale to help 4H kids with this year's projects.

A FUN SHOW for youth will happen after the guests have finished talking and demos.

We will also have a raffle for a rabbit donated by Erin Roy tickets are 5.00 a piece

The Desert Flowers 4H group will have drinks and snacks for sale

For more information, please contact

Kendra Ahlquist or Crystal Walton

575-740-7612

575-740-7826





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)



2024 Tag Days

Location: Otero County Fairgrounds

Cattle

Thursday April 18, 5-7pm
 Saturday April 20, 8-10am

Required Documents:

In state Purchases:

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 4H/FFA brand

Out of State Purchases:

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

Pigs, Lambs & Goats

Thursday June 6, 5-7pm
 Saturday June 8, 8-10am

Required Documents:

In State Purchases:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Face Papers with Ear notches (Pigs ONLY)
3. Scrapies tag for females (Lambs & Goats ONLY)

Out of State Purchases:

1. Health papers with Vet inspection (pigs' must have ear notches on them)
2. Bill of Sale

If you have scheduling conflicts with these dates, please contact Kalie at the Otero County Extension Office at 575-437-0231 to schedule a time to bring livestock to be tagged at least two weeks prior to these dates.

DONATIONS FOR SERVICE HEART CASA

*Together we can make a
difference!*



We're Accepting :

- Drawstring Backpacks
- New Socks
- New Stuffed Animals
- Hygiene Items
 - Shampoo
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Body Wash
 - etc...

You can drop items off at the Otero County Extension Office located at the address below.

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Fair Dates

New Mexico State Fair
August 5- 15

Otero County Fair
September 18-22

Southern NM State Fair
September 25-29

State Fair DNA

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

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.

Wildlife Practice

Monday, May 20, 2024 @
3:30pm
Otero County Extension Office
All 4-Hers welcome!



County 4-H Contests

4-H Contest Areas

Below is a list of contests 4-H members can participate in. To find the rules, guidelines, and resource materials, see the following websites:

Southeast District Contests (Novice/Juniors)
State 4-H Conference (Seniors)

If you have questions regarding contests or need additional assistance preparing for a 4-H contests, call Kelly or Kalie, 575-437-0231, at the Extension Office.

Agronomy
Clothing/Fashion Revue
Consumer Decision Making
Entomology
Family & Consumer Sciences Bowl
Family & Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon
Favorite Food Show
Hippology (Senior Only)
Horse Bowl
Horse Judging
Horticulture
Livestock Judging
Livestock Skill-a-thon
Meats Judging
Poetry (Novice/Junior Only)
Presentations (Demonstrations)
Public Speaking, Impromptu (Senior Only)
Public Speaking, Prepared
Range Management (Senior Only)
Shooting Sports (Novice/Junior District Level)
Talent Show (Senior Only)
Wildlife

If you are interested in Horse Judging contact Sid at 575-437-0231 asap.

June 7th, 2024

Otero County Extension Office

All Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members who enrolled by February 1st of this year are eligible to compete in County 4-H Contests. Below is the schedule of County 4-H Contests that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the Otero County Extension Office. RSVP is required for county contests!

Friday, June 7th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm, **Open Contests:

Wildlife

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Horticulture

FCS Skill-a-thon

Consumer Decision Making

Favorite Foods

9:00am, *Closed Contests:

Prepared Speech

Presentations

Impromptu Speaking (Seniors Only)

Poetry (Novice and Juniors Only)

Fashion Review Judging (show @ 1:00pm)

*Closed contests require the 4-H'er to be present at the scheduled start time. **Open contests allow for flexibility in starting time but 4-H'ers must complete the contest in the allotted time frame. All 4-H members wanting to attend 4-H Southeast District Contests or State 4-H Conference must qualify in at least one contest area at County Contests to be eligible. If the contest you are interested in is not offered during county 4-H contests on June 7th, please contact Kelly or Kalie in the Extension Office, 575-437-0231, prior to June 7th.

Livestock Judging

If you are interested in livestock judging please get in contact with Katie Ramsey or Kalie at 575-437-0231 or kalie17g@nmsu.edu no later than May 10th.

Southeast District Contest

Southeast District Contest is being hosted by Lea County in Lovington and Hobbs, NM. All contests other than shooting sports will be in Lovington and shooting sports will be in Hobbs. Shooting Sports will be held on June 19th and all other contests will be held June 17-18th. Updates will be made on the 4-H Contests - Southeast District Home (nmsu.edu) website. The registration deadline for district contest will be June 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Kalie at 575-437-0231 or kalie17g@nmsu.edu.

State Conference

State Conference will be held July 8-11, 2024, at NMSU Main Campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The theme for this year will be Step into the Spotlight. Registration deadline will be June 11th by 5pm. Updates will be made on the 4-H State Conference - 4-H Youth Home page (nmsu.edu) website. If you have any questions please contact Kalie at 575-437-0231 or kalie17g@nmsu.edu.



Happy Memorial Day!

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2024 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Archery Practice	3	4
5 Rifle Practice Mescalero 4-H Meeting	6 FCS Practice	7 Tularosa 4-H Meeting	8	9 Archery Practice	10	11 Pig Clinic
12	13	14 Alamogordo 4-H Meeting	15	16 County Council	17	18
19 Novice and Junior Rifle County Contest	20 Wildlife Practice	21	22	23 Novice and Junior Archery County Contest	24	25
26	27	28 Mustangs 4-H Meeting	29	30 Archery Practice Cloudcroft 4-H Meeting	31	