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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	November 12th
*Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	November 21st
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds New Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	November 11th
**Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ Empowerment Complex, Conference room	1st Sunday	November 3rd
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	November 26th
Timberon 4-H	Coming soon, a new 4-H Club is starting in Timberon!	TBA	TBA
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	November 5th

*Cloudcroft meeting falls on Thanksgiving and will be moved to November 21st.

**Changed location for Mescalero 4-H club meeting space, will be held at empowerment complex.



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November County 4-H Council Meeting

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

Thursday, November 21st, 6:30 pm
during the County Awards Ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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 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"? 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, 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. 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.

Shooting Sports Projects

The new 4-H year has started and with this in mind 4-H shooting sports practice sessions will begin soon. Shooting sports projects include archery, rifle and shotgun. If you think you might be interested in participating in a shooting sports project, please be aware that all 4-H members must complete a hunter education class before they are eligible to participate in practices and contests.

4-H members participating in practices and contests need to submit a copy of their hunter education card after completing the class and a signed county plan for the new 4-H year (2024-2025) to the Extension Office. The New Mexico Game and Fish website has information regarding hunter education classes including an online course. California also offers an online hunter education class with no minimum age requirement.

On **November 7th, 6:00 pm at the Extension Office** a **4-H shooting sports kickoff meeting** will be held.

Any 4-H member interested in participating in a shooting sports project is encouraged to attend.

Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. This meeting will answer any questions you may have about 4-H shooting sports projects and the requirements for participation.

Note: Juniors and Seniors may participate in rifle, shotgun, and archery. Novice may participate in rifle and archery.

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.

Wanted! 4-H Shooting Sports Youth



November 7 | 6PM

Otero County Extension Service

If you're interested in joining 4-H shooting sports, please plan on attending our annual meeting on the 7th of November at the Otero County Extension Service, 401 Fairgrounds Rd, Alamogordo, NM.

If you have any questions regarding 4-H and/or 4-H shooting sports, please contact Kelly Knight, 575-437-0231 or kelknight@nmsu.edu.



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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.

Racing into 4-H!

You're invited to this year's Otero County 4-H Awards Ceremony!



When: November 21st @ 6:30pm

Where: Otero Co. Fairgrounds in Exhibitor Building

What to bring: It's a potluck! Bring your best dish 😊

Agenda: County Awards, Leader Recognition, County Council Officer Installation, Potluck, & Fun!

For more information, allergy concerns, or disability accessibility, please contact the Otero County Extension Office (575-437-0231) or your 4-H agent (hdw@nmsu.edu)

Senior Leadership Retreat

Senior Leadership Retreat registration is open! 4-H SLR is a three-day event that offers workshops, activities, and networking opportunities for senior 4-H youth. This year SLR will be at the **Glorieta Adventure Camp in Glorieta, NM, from January 24th-26th.**

Depending on the amount of youth interest, we will need Adult Volunteer Leaders to serve as chaperones for this trip. This would include taking kids to and from Glorieta, chaperoning our group for meals, workshops, dance, or other activities. If you are interested in being a chaperon, please let your 4-H agent know.

Youth and Adult SLR Registration Packets have been sent to your family email and are also available at the Otero County Extension Office. **Registration forms, fees and signed waivers need to be turned into the Extension office no later than November 21, 2024.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 575- 437-0231, email hdw@nmsu.edu, or stop on by the extension office.

Horse Practice

Saturday, November 23

10:00 am at the Fairgrounds

Contact Sid Gordon for more information.

Tularosa 4-H Elections

At the November 5th meeting, new club officers will be elected. Please contact Amber if you are interested in running for an office or have any questions!

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.

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.

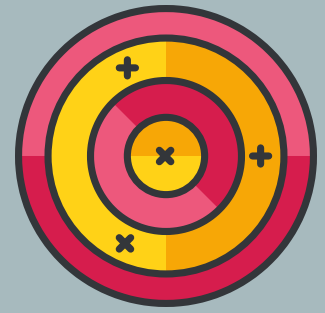
Upcoming Shooting Sports Practices

Rifle: November 17th

Held at the Roadrunner Trap Club @ 1PM

Archery: November 14th, December 5th, December 12th

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



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.

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.

Mescalero 4-H Club membership Drive!

Mescalero 4-H will be holding a membership drive at the new Empowerment Complex in Mescalero on Sunday, November 3rd during their monthly meeting at 6pm. If you know anyone who is interested in joining 4-H in the area, please invite them or get in touch with Ruth Wold!

Retiring County Council Officers
Thank you to our 2023 - 2024 officer team!

President: Cal Wold
Vice President: Caleb Ramsey
Secretary: Gavin Blankenship
Treasurer: Alyssa Singer
Reporter: Charli Ramsey
Song & Rec: Grant Wold
Parlimatarians: Cord Wold



Soon to be inducted County Council Officers
Good luck to our 2024 - 2025 officer team!

President: Caleb Ramsey
Vice President: Peyton Corvin
Secretary: Charli Ramsey
Treasurer: Gavin Blankenship
Reporter: Cord Wold
Song & Rec: Grant Wold
Parlimatarians: Emma Corvin



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

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

Annual Enrollment TO DO: New & Re-enrolled

- 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.*)

The 2024-2025 4-H Program Year enrollment deadline of February 1, 2025, is a firm deadline!
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

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