

Otero County 4-H Newsletter

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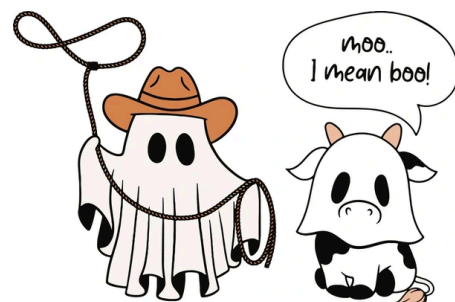
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4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
*Alamogordo 4-H	6:30pm @ Fairgrounds Wade Building	2nd Tuesday	October 14th
Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	October 30th
*Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds Wade Building	2nd Monday	October 13th
Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	October 5th
Mustang 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	October 28th
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	October 7th

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 - October 2025

Date	Time	Happening
October 9th	6pm	Shooting Sports LEADER Meeting @ RSVP with Ext. Office
October 16th	6:30pm	2024-25 Recordbooks/sheets DUE to the Otero Ext. Office
October 16th	6:30pm	Otero County 4-H Council meeting @ Ext. Classroom
October 27th	6pm	Jr Livestock Meeting @ Ext. Classroom
November 20th	6:30pm	Annual 4-H Awards Ceremony @ Otero County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building

The new year **member 4-H shootings sports** meeting will be scheduled soon, please keep an eye out for shooting sports emails later this month if you're interested.

Hannah will be making her way to your club meetings this month with all the enrollment paperwork. Get your enrollment done early & fast, come to your club meeting this month with your insurance number for your liability forms, send those enrollment forms back with Hannah!

Awards & Fun!

YOU'RE INVITED!



Otero County 4-H Annual Awards Ceremony **November 20th, 2025 - 6:30pm - Otero County Fairgrounds**

Please join us for our annual awards celebration where Otero County 4-H members, volunteers, and supporting organizations are recognized for their hard work and dedication in the 2024-25 4-H year.

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

November 4-H County Council Meeting

The November County Council meeting will be our Annual Otero County 4-H Awards Ceremony. Please join us on November 20th @6:30pm in the Otero County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building to celebrate the 4-H year.

Welcome to the new 4-H year!
4-H's program year is October 1st to September 30th of the following year. See the last page for enrollment instructions.



4-H Age Group for the 2025 - 2026 4-H Year



	Cloverbud*	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade as of January 1, 2026	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2026	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, 2025, through September 30, 2026. 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, 2026.
- Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2025, 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.

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.



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.

How to become a volunteer!

This is a friendly reminder for adults interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, the following requirements for volunteer enrollment must be met:

1. 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.
2. Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and adult [liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
3. 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

October 2025

Tularosa 4-H



Laurel B

Heritage 4-H



Charli R

Cloudcroft 4-H



Gianna L

Alamogordo 4-H



Montana S

Mescalero 4-H



Aliyah C

Mustang 4-H



How to Nominate:

Any 4-H member, Leader, Parent/Guardian, or Volunteer may submit a 4-H member (Cloverbuds not included) from any Otero club for Member of the Month. To nominate, submit the following info to Hannah at hdw@nmsu.edu by the 20th of each month:

- Name of the 4-H member being nominated
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project



Channing Cass	Mckenzie Day	Macie Seaman
Clayton Hughes	Tony Montes	Peyton Corvin
Finley Seaman	Charlcey Ramsey	Siena Cass
Gianna Leffew	Caleb Ramsey	Tristyn Housler
Hartley Gutierrez	Gavin Blankenship	Evie Seaman
Huxley Seaman	Brinley Fleming	Emma Corvin
Jaxon Smith	Andres Cardiel	Aubrey Carroll
Kacie Hughes	Angelica Olivarria	Mattison Melton
Paxton Bragg	Jace Louie	Sarina Yazzie
Abigail Crnkovic	Macie Krause	Mable Rosga
Bailey Portillo	Miguel Olivarria	Loralei McNatt
Brayden Coca	Megan Lucero	Jurnie Bird
Cacey Singleton	Payton Moore	Kailyn Stewart
Charly Mullen	Abby Crnkovic	Kolton Stagner
Clifford Phillips	Adeline Pike	Laurel Burling
Emma Corvin	Aliyah Coriz	Livia Quick
Jace Swager	Chasen Richards	Trey Childress
Kathryn Coca	Cody Phillips	Foye Neudorf
Kendryck Baker	Cord Wold	Jacob Martin
Lelan Quick	Edward Misquez	Charlie Johnson
Natalee Lavin	Eleanor Pike	Kymberlee Orr
Violet Coca	Elias Pike	Montana Saenz
Grace Housler	Grant Wold	Ava McNatt
Mackenzie Hurley	Kiera Neudorf	Braieleigh T. Green
Brayden Schofield	Leah Phillips	Brayden Herring Green
Brooklyn Graham	Morningstar Richards	Brieleigh S. Green
Brylyn Graham	Sierra Ahidley	Skoodie (Grant) Greene
Caydan Riley	Charlie Seaman	Xander Blaylock
Cody Harris		
Conner Riley		
Hector Maes		
Jasper Vanlandingham		
Keegan Stagner		
Kole Martin		
Macey Sebring		
Rillinger Allen		

We're proud of all our Otero County 4-H indoor & livestock exhibitors, please join us in congratulating all of their hard work!



Otero County Fair Jr. Livestock Winners

Grand Champion Beef: Brylyn Graham
Reserve Grand Champion Beef: Charli Ramsey

Grand Champion Swine: Caleb Ramsey
Reserve Grand Champion Swine: Bailey Portillo

Grand Champion Lamb: Gavin Blankenship
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb: Gavin Blankenship

Grand Champion Goat: Hartley Gutierrez
Reserve Grand Champion Goat: Hartley Gutierrez

Grand Champion Rabbit: Brinley Fleming
Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit: Brinley Fleming

Grand Champion Poultry: Leah Phillips
Reserve Grand Champion Poultry: Leah Phillips



Shout-out to our Cloverbud participants who exhibited at Otero County Fair and SNMSF:

Hadlie Hale	Alena Coyle	Kendal Viriden
Harper Hale	Alice Pike	Memphis Hooper
Annie Seaman	Autymn Coyle	Sebastian Dawson
Remington Green	Bristol Fleming	Tabitha Rosga
Brodee Portillo	Brooklyn Jensen	Lillian Vanlandingham
Carley Riley	Thomas Montes	Oaklee Smith
	Weston Day	

Otero County 4-H Record Books

Record keeping is an important life skill, and all 4-H members are encouraged to keep written records of their 4-H club year. These records are turned into the Extension Office each year and evaluated. Each member receives helpful feedback and may receive an award for their effort and achievement. Record Book judges will select 4-H members for the following awards:

- Outstanding Novice 4-H Member
- Outstanding Junior 4-H Member
- Outstanding Senior 4-H Member
- Leadership Award (Senior 4-H Members Eligible)
- Novice 4-H Member Project Awards
- Junior 4-H Member Project Awards
- Senior 4-H Member Project Awards

County 4-H Record Book forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the Otero County Extension website. The website has everything you need to know about assembling your 4-H Record Book and submitting it for judging. **Be sure you are working on your record book in order to have it ready to turn into the Extension Office by October 16th!**

Don't wait!, work on your 4-H Record Book today!



**Alamogordo
4-H had fun
making tie-
dye shirts at
their meeting,
what a fun
club activity!**



ATTENTION:

4-H Leaders and Adult Volunteers

This retreat is a great opportunity for 4-H volunteer leaders, parents, and agents to learn, network, and get energized. Numerous workshops are provided covering 4-H projects, 4-H clubs, working with youth, and more.

When: Saturday, November 8

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Theme: Smile - Adults are Beyond Ready

Registration Deadline: Oct. 31

[Registration Open Now!](#)

Registration Scholarships, Schedule, Workshop Summary and other info can be found [here](#).

Registration & Fees: Online registration available. Pay with credit card, P-Card, or by mailing your check.

Lunch is provided with registration.

- Early Registration: \$40 (Now - Oct. 15)
- Late Registration: \$50 (Oct. 16 - 31)
- T-Shirt Purchase: \$20 (Now - Oct. 15)
 - NOTE: T-Shirts are unisex, so please select accordingly

County 4-H Council Officer Elections

What: 2025-2026 Otero County 4-H Council Officer Elections

When: October 16, 2025, 6:30pm

Where: Otero Co. Extension Office, 401 Fairgrounds Rd, Alamogordo

Who: Otero County 4-H members, all 4-H clubs may have four (4) voting delegates

Who can run for office:

1. Any active Otero County 4-H member who is a Novice, Junior, or Senior at the time of the elections may submit an application.
2. Candidates must turn in an application to the Extension Office by October 14, 2025. Application forms are available from the Extension Office or the [Otero County Extension website](#). You may either mail the form, bring it by the office, or fax it into the office (fax #575-437-6134). We will not take phone applications. The form requires signatures of 4-H applicant, parent, and 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
3. The applicant may specify up to three (3) office choices he or she wishes to run for.
4. All candidates will be required to present a brief speech, no more than 3 minutes in length, prior to the election of officers during the October 16th Council Meeting. Candidate speeches should include information about why you want to become an Otero County 4-H Council Officer, experiences you have had that will make you an effective council officer, and any other information you feel is relevant.
5. If elected as an officer, you are expected to perform all office duties to the best of your ability and according to the bylaws.

Enrollment Instructions

The Otero County enrollment deadline for all 4-H members, re-enrolling and new members, is February 1st, 2026.

4-H members must be enrolled on or before February 1, 2026, 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, 2026, however members enrolling after February 1, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026.** 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 youth, adult volunteers).
4. Complete To Do list ----->
5. Click Submit



New Enrollment

1. Go to [ZSuites](#) online.
2. Click the Sign Up link.
3. Fill out 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 youth, 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 Otero County Extension Office, hand signed.
- 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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