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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	October 8th
Cloudcroft 4-H	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area	Last Thursday	October 24th
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds New Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	October 14th
Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ First Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Dr)	1st Sunday	October 6th
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	October 29th
Timberon 4-H	Coming in October, a new 4-H Club is starting in Timberon!	TBA	TBA
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	October 1st

*Because the last Thursday in October is Halloween, the Cloudcroft 4-H meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday in October, the 24th.



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October County 4-H Council Meeting

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

Thursday, October 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!



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.

County 4-H Council Officer Elections

What: 2024 - 2025 Otero County 4-H Council Officer Elections
When: October 17, 2024, 6:30pm
Where: Otero County 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 15, 2024. 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 17th 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.

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 the October 17th deadline.**

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



2024 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

NM 4-H Adult retreat (formerly NM Adult/Leader Forum) is offered to parents, club leaders, project leaders, and other 4-H volunteers wanting to learn more about 4-H. Adults will have an opportunity to meet other 4-H adults and learn from each other about what they know. Workshops, a guest speaker, and a day of fun will be offered during the retreat!

Date: Saturday, November 9th, 2024

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office (Albuquerque, NM)

How: Registration is now available on the [NM 4-H website](#). Website also provides workshop descriptions, schedule, and scholarships available.

Cost: Registration by Oct 15- \$40
Registration Oct 16-31- \$50
T-Shirts: \$20

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.

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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Young people need us now more than ever before.

More than 1/2 of Gen Z reports feeling loneliness and failure.

30% of youth are chronically absent - doubled since the 2018-2019 school year.

The job gap continues to grow. We need to prepare this generation to be ready.

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.

NM 4-H State Essay Contest

Submit your 4-H Recordbook Story about your memories in the current 4-H year for a chance to win a free trip to YGA or SLR for you and a 4-H friend! Use your imagination to type a double-spaced story (3-page max) about the programs you are involved in through 4-H.

On the cover page please write your name, address, county, and the age category you are classified in for the 2024-2025 4-H year. All stories must be received by the State 4-H office no later than November 1st, 2024, at:

State 4-H Office MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003

Call the State 4-H Office at (575) 646-5204 if you have any questions. [Contest Flyer Found here.](#)

Horse Practice

Saturday: October 12, October 26, November 23
10:00 am at the Fairgrounds

Senior Leadership Retreat

Where: Glorieta, NM
When: January 24th through 26th, 2025
More information to come!

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:

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.

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.

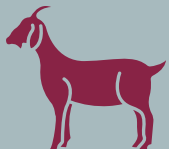
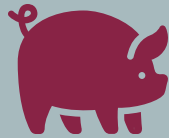
Fair Results

Congratulations to all of the Otero County 4-H members that participated in the NM State Fair and Southern NM State Fair with their indoor 4-H exhibits! These 4-H members were recognized with ribbons and rosettes for their outstanding 4-H project work. We would also like to give a shout-out to our 4-H Cloverbud member for their exhibit entered in the Southern NM State Fair.

Tylan Bragg	Izzy Martin	Adeline Pike
Sadaya Burnett	Jaiden Kapp	Charli Ramsey
Emma Corvin	Megan Lucero	Caleb Ramsey
Peyton Corvin	Johnny Martin	Karis Speegle (Cloverbud)
Abigail Crnkovic	Payton Moore	Charlie Seaman
Gracie Gonzalez	Kymerlee Orr	Macie Seaman
Clayton Hughes	Elias Pike	Cal Wold
Kacie Hughes	Eleanor Pike	



Otero County Fair Junior Livestock Results



Grand Champion Market Beef: Caleb Ramsey

Grand Champion Market Pig: Caleb Ramsey

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Gavin Blankenship

Grand Champion Market Goat: Garrett Gutierrez

Grand Champion Market Rabbit: Robert Trujillo

Grand Champion Market Broiler Pen of 3: Keegan Stagner

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef: Cord Wold

Reserve Grand Champion Market Pig: Bailey Portillo

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Abigail Crnkovic

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat: Hartley Gutierrez

Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit: Epiphany Fleming

Reserve Grand Champion Market Broiler Pen of 3: Kolton Stagner

Congratulations to all of our participating 4-Hers!

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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