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September 2023



Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: September 26, 2023 at 6pm

County Council: October 5, 2023 at 6:30pm

Shooting Sports Meeting: October 25 at 6pm

Fair Board Meeting: September 19 at 6pm

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**The 2023-2024 4-H Year Begins
October 1!**

The 2023-2024 4-H Year Starts October 1, 2023

Mark Your Calendars

Important Enrollment Dates and Deadlines

October 1, 2023—Enrollment Opens

January 15, 2024—Returning Family Enrollment Deadline

January 31, 2024—Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadline

April 1, 2024 — New Family Enrollment Deadline

May 1, 2024—Project Enrollment Deadline

Important upcoming dates to get on your calendars now

September 19, 2023—Fair Board Committee Meeting (open to everyone)

September 26, 2023—Horse Council Meeting

September 30, 2023—4-H Building Clean-up (All hands on deck needed!!)

October 2, 2023—Bernalillo County 4-H Open House

October 4, 2023—4-H Adult Volunteer/Parent Training Part I

October 5, 2023—County Council — Elections and Pizza Party

October 16, 2023 — County Wide Project Meeting

November 1, 2023— 4-H Adult Volunteer/Parent Training Part II

November 6, 2023—County Wide Project Meeting

November 20, 2023—County Wide Project Meeting

January 19-21, 2024 — Senior Leadership Retreat

Details and more information to come.

Make sure to read the newsletter every month so you don't miss anything!

The 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment opens on October 1, 2023

Zsuite is the enrollment system NM 4-H uses

Website: 4h.zsuite.org

*Note: the site is closed until October 1

To fully participate in 4-H activities youth must be enrolled and have a completed Medical and Liability Release form uploaded into their Zsuite profile.

4-H Building Clean-Up



Please help us clean our 4-H Building

Bernalillo County 4-H is fortunate to have access to an auditorium and kitchen space for meetings, events and holding fundraisers. We need your help to keep our space clean and available for use.

September 30, 2023

Starting at 9am

*Please bring money to put towards pizza

BERNALILLO COUNTY EXTENSION PRESENTS

4-H



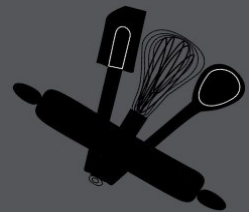
OPEN HOUSE

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

COME AND LEARN ALL ABOUT 4-H



OCTOBER 2, 2023



5:30PM

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BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences
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Extension 4-H Youth Development

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County Wide Project Meetings for the Upcoming 2023-2024 4-H Year

County wide project meetings will be on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of the month** at the 4-H Center (building next to the Extension Office), meetings will start at 6:30pm.

First Project Meeting of the New 4-H Year: October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm

October, November and December Project meetings will focus on the following project areas:

Public Speaking

Photography

Ceramics

Leather Craft

Entomology

Wood working



*Youth are expected to bring their own project book and materials to project meetings.

Volunteers needed to help lead projects!

Especially public speaking and photography

For more information about the Project Meetings OR Becoming a Volunteer please contact Brittany Johnson at brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Save the Dates: 4-H Adult Volunteer and Parent Training

This is a two part training designed for Volunteers and Parents who would like to know more about the foundation and fundamentals of 4-H.

Please plan on attending both trainings.
The trainings will be held at the Extension Office
from 6-8pm

Part I will be on October 4, 2023
Part II will be on November 1, 2023



More information will be provided as the dates get closer

4-H Shooting Sports



Volunteers Needed

The Shooting Sports Committee needs help cleaning the Kitchen at Sandia Crest Bow Association in Tijeras on September 23, 2023.

The Committee will be holding a fundraiser there on October 28, 2023.

Please contact Chyna Westfall at 505-400-3933 if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions.

Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Meeting

Safety is the number one priority in the 4-H shooting sports program.

Therefore, in order to participate in the shooting sports program in 2023-2024, both new and returning members, must attend one of the orientation and safety meetings

Two opportunities to attend:

October 25, 2023 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building

January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building

County Record Books

Record Books from the 2022-2023 4-H year are due to the Extension Office By November 15, 2023

Record Book Forms are found on the State 4-H Office:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html>



Why Maintain a 4-H Record Book?

Record books are an important part of the 4-H program. It is a cumulative record of a 4-H career, a record of what projects were completed, what activities youth participated in, tracks volunteerism and leadership opportunities.

Youth use record books to track their progress from year to year. This is important to demonstrate their improvement and mastery in a project or project area.

Further, as a senior you can enter your record book at the State Level. Winners are awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia.

Record Book Story Contest!!!

Submit your 4-H Record Book Story for a chance to win a free trip for you and a 4-H friend.

NM 4-H members write a 4-H story for their record books each year. Here is your opportunity to earn a free trip for something you've already completed.

Submit your 4-H record book story describing your experiences in the current 4-H year. Use your Imagination to create a typed double-spaced story on the exciting program you are involved in....4-H!

Winning stories from each age category will have excerpts in the Leaderline Newsletters in 2024, full stories posted on line and may be used for other 4-H promotions.

Send your 4-H story to:

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

Get your 4-H Record Book Story in by November 1, 2023 and you could win one of the following trips:

- * Novice (ages 9-11) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- * Junior (ages 12-13) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- * Senior (ages 14-19) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat in January 2024!

On the cover page please write your name, address, county and the age category you are classified in for the 2023-2024 4-H Year

4-H STORIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

Call the state office at (575) 646-5204 if you have any questions

4-H Contests

In addition to projects youth members can participate in a variety of contests. These contests occur at the County level, District level (Novice and Juniors), State level (Seniors) and some even go on to the National Level.

We will be offering the contests at the county level through out the year, starting in February.

Below is a list of contests available as well as the County Contest schedule.

Links to resources to both the District level contests and State level contests are included below.

**In order to participate in contests at the District or State level youth MUST participate in a contest at the County level. Some contests limit participation past the county level. Priority for participation in contests at the District and State levels will be given to those that competed in the contest at the county level.*

County Contest Schedule:

February 3, 2024

Favorite Food Contest

February 23, 2024 at 6pm

Speaking Contests

March 23, 2024

Fashion Revue and Talent Show

April 27, 2024

All other Contests:

Judging

Open Contests

Bowl Contests

Open Contests:

FCS Skill-a-thon

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Wildlife

Horticulture

Entomology

Hippology

Consumer Decision Making

Speaking Contests:

Presentations

Poetry

Prepared Speech

Impromptu Speaking

All Other Contests:

Fashion Revue

Favorite Food Show

Horse Bowl

FCS Bowl*

Livestock Judging

Horse Judging

Talent Review

Meat Judging

Northern District Contest Handbook:

<https://4hcontestsnorth.nmsu.edu/documents/2020-northern-district-handbook.pdf>

Meat Judging:

<https://4hcontestsnorth.nmsu.edu/documents/2021-meats-identification-contest.pdf>

*This contest is not offered at the District Level only at the State Level.

HOWEVER, at the **county level** we will allow for Novice and Juniors teams.

For more information on State Contests:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/tuesday.html>

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/wednesday.html>

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/thursday.html>

4-H Adult Volunteer Forum

Online Registration Link

<https://ezregister.com/events/38981/>

The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board has been busy planning the 2023 NM 4-H Adult Forum for Saturday, **November 11 in Las Cruces, NM** at the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. This is a fun day of workshops, networking, speakers and make and take. Please share this information with your 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. Registration completed by October 15 is only \$40. Registration October 16-31 is \$50. The 2023 schedule and workshops are attached. Also available are First Timer and Gerry Copeland scholarships, please encourage volunteers to apply!

For more information about Forum go to our website:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html>

New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum: First Timer Registration Scholarships

Eight, \$20 registration scholarship applications will be available in August for 4-H Leaders attending the Forum for the first time. You must submit a completed 4-H Adult Forum registration form AND payment, along with your completed Scholarship application. If you are selected, you will receive the scholarship funds following the event. Registration materials and the Scholarship Application form will be available in August from the New Mexico 4-H Web site (under the 'Adult Volunteers Leader' tab) or from your County Extension Office. Please consider participating in this year's 4-H Adult Forum where you will meet other adults involved in 4-H, hear a motivational speaker; participate in workshops, a community service project, Make and Take activities, silent auction and more! Come for a full day of fun, networking and education. Registration includes the workshops, speaker, special activities, lunch, and breaks – it is a bargain at \$40 if registered before October 15.

First Timer Scholarship Application (also attached)

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2018-4-h-adult-forum-registration-scholarship-application-form.pdf>

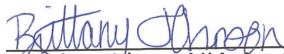
Gerry Copeland New Adult Leader Scholarship

Gerry Copeland was a 4-H leader for several years, but her participation grew in 4-H after her children graduated. She worked as a 4-H volunteer for 30 years by working on committees, working with the county 4-H ambassadors and taking leadership roles with 4-H leader's association events. She believed in the importance of giving 4-H volunteer leaders the professional development they needed to guide 4-Hers. When she died in December 2018, after a brief battle with breast cancer, her friends and family established this award for other 4-H adult leaders in New Mexico, so that they could also grow their skills, confidence, and passion for the 4-H program.

One scholarship of \$20.00 will be awarded to a volunteer from each county attending 2023 NM 4-H Adult Forum. To nominate a volunteer, complete the attached form by October 15, 2023.


Gerry Copeland Scholarship (also attached)

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-adult-leader-scholarship-application-gerry-copeland.docx>


Brittany Johnson, 4-H Ag Agent

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bernalillo-County-4-H/121216911232489>

Cloverleaf Newsletter is on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/bernalillo/4hyouth/cloverleafnews.html>

Leaderline Newsletter on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/newsletters.html>

County Calendar

Event	Date/Time
Horse Council	September 26 at 6pm
County Council	October 5 at 6:30pm https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732
Shooting Sports Meeting	October 24 at 6pm
Fair Board	September 19 at 6pm
4-H Building Clean-up	September 30 at 9am
New 4-H Year/Enrollment Opens	October 1, 2023
4-H Open House	October 2 at 5:30pm
4-H Volunteer/Parent Training Part I	October 4 at 6pm

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