



APRIL 2026



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SHOWERS
bring...**



Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: May 7, 2026 6pm
County Council: May 7, 2026 7pm
Fair Board: April 13, 2026 6pm
Shooting Sports Committee: April 9, 2026 6pm

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If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact the Extension Office at 505.243.1386 two weeks before the event.

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**4-H Enrollment
is
CLOSED
FOR
THE
2025-2026
4-H YEAR**

**If you have started enrollment on
or before April 1, 2026 and would
like to complete the process,
please contact**

Carla Jaramillo at

carlaj65@nmsu.edu or 505.243.1386

Project Enrollment Deadline

You must be enrolled in a project by May 1, 2026 in order to enter it in the Bernalillo County Fair. This includes all Youth Hall , Livestock and Small Animal projects.

**Horse Certificates are due to
Melissa by April 15, 2026**



COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD ON

THE 3RD MONDAY-5:30PM-8PM

THE SATURDAY MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE
4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

APRIL MEETINGS WILL BE ON

MONDAY, APRIL 20 2026

5:30PM-8PM

AND

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

3PM-6PM

sewing
ceramics



baking
leathercraft
and more

Project Leaders Needed

We are in need of Project Leaders! Project leaders are an important part of the 4-H program as they guide youth through the project and help them grow in their skills and understanding.

Here are some project areas that need leaders:

Cake Decorating

Baking

Rocketry

Electronics/Electricity

Interior design

Jewelry Making

Leather Craft

Origami

Scrapbooking

New Mexico Flavor

Food Preservation

Wood Working

If none of these appeal to you please ask for the full list of projects offered .

Please contact Phillip Alden at palden@nmsu.edu if you would like to be a leader or if you would like more information.

County Council

May 7, 2026

7pm

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

Horse Council

May 7, 2026

6pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

May 14, 2026 at 6pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board Meeting

May 11, 2026 at 6pm

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/87009009671>



Its that time of year and Big R is here to support you and your project!

Producing Partners has a new look and process in how they support 4-H & FFA.

Please use the following link or QR code to apply for your free gift card.

<https://qrco.de/bgcyz4>



SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEETING

Saturday April 25, 2026
4-H CENTER

1pm-Poultry

2pm-Rabbit

3pm-All other small pets



New to Small
Animal
All New Turkey Project

Starting 3/21/26 at
1pm

COME JOIN THE FUN!

LOCATED AT THE BERNALILLO COUNTY 4-H
BUILDING



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SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

Saturday May 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office



Address: 1510 Menaul Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM

\$ Registration fee \$65

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Select your track for the school:

School Includes:

Educational Materials

Hands on Learning

Showmanship Practice

Snacks and Lunch

First Aid Kit and Supplies

Toy making supplies

Choose from: rabbit, poultry, or cloverbud



New for this year:

Beginner or intermediate level track selection

BRING YOUR ANIMAL: RABBITS AND CHICKENS ARE WELCOME

Register Below using the link or QR code for the 2026 Small Animal School
<https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr>

[eo6ull/index](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr)



Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the school



Space is limited!

Registration Deadline:

May 8, 2026

Contact Brittany Johnson for more information at

505-867-2582



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF AGE, COLOR, DISABILITY, GENDER, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR VETERAN STATUS. NMSU AND THE USDA COOPERATING. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AND NEED AN AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT SANDOVAL COUNTY EXTENSION AT 505-867-2582 BY MAY 1, 2026.

NM STATE





4-H DOG PROJECT

EVALUATION & TRAINING SCHEDULE

MANDATORY EVALUATION

Sunday, March 8

(Evaluation only – all handlers and dogs should attend)



DOG TRAINING UNIT – MARCH THROUGH JULY

Training will continue **every two weeks** following the evaluation. **No holiday breaks** are scheduled.

Training Dates

- Sunday, **March 22**
- Sunday, **April 5**
- Sunday, **April 19**
- Sunday, **May 3**
- Sunday, **May 17**
- Sunday, **May 31**
- Sunday, **June 14**
- Sunday, **June 28**
- Sunday, **July 12**
- Sunday, **July 26**

Training Focus

- Obedience
- Rally
- Showmanship
- Handling and control

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Attendance is strongly **encouraged**
- Consistent participation helps ensure success for both handler and dog
- Times, locations,** and any adjustments will be discussed during class

Let's show up, stay consistent, and make this a strong and successful 4-H dog project season through July!

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4-H Dog Project

Equipment List & Requirements

Classes Will Cover

- **Obedience Class:** Heel, sit, stay, down, come, finish
- **Rally Class:** Heel, sit, stay, down, come, finish
- **Showmanship:** Grooming, showing, presenting dog
- Dog Project Record Book

Required Equipment

- Six-foot soft leather leash
- Slip chain (choke chain) sized to dog
- 20-foot soft cotton control line
- Showmanship lead
- Treats your dog LOVES (for "Come" command only)
- Dog pouch
- Dog waste bags
- Comfortable chair (for parents)
- Treat pouch
- Dog waste bags
- Dog bowl and water
- Comfortable chair (for parents)

Optional Items:

- Dog muzzle (for aggressive dogs)
- Bitter Apple (for puppies who chew)

Vaccinations (Mandatory)

- All shots must be current
- Rabies required
- Vet certificate must be provided

Schedule

**Every other Sunday
at 3:00 PM**

Locations will be
announced in class.



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COUNTRY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

SPECIES	NAME	EMAIL
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DAIRY HEIFER	Lorie Davis	loriedavis72@gmail.com
DOG	Leslie Gallegos	cowgirlz32009@gmail.com
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MEAT GOAT	Christine Chavez	christine.chavez@aps.com 505.362.0675
POULTRY	Heather Hinde	heatherhinde2020@gmail.com
RABBIT/CAVY/ALL OTHERS	Molly Hayes	mmkchayes@gmail.com 505.554.8338
SWINE	Larry Ashbrook	505.363.1015
YOUTH HALL	Jody Peach	jody.peach.rd@gmail.com
YOUTH HALL		

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

NEW DATE!

**NEW MEXICO
YOUTH RANCH
MANAGEMENT**

★ **RANCH CAMP** ★
JUNE 21-26, 2026
Cimarron, NM

Ages 15-19 • Camp Fees: \$400

- Learn Ranching Skills & Management
- College-Level Instruction
- Real Working Ranch Experience

Only 30 Spots Available!

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Community Service Scholarship Criteria

- Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, Diplomat or participant in a 4-H activity.
- Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

EVENT (Community Service Scholarship Application)	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (2 months before event registration deadline)
Youth Get-Away	February 2, 2026
Horse School	March 16, 2026
4-H Dog School	April 15, 2026
Livestock School	April 15, 2026
State 4-H Conference	April 15 2026
Ambassador/Officer Positions	May 1, 2026

**Bernalillo County
4-H Club
Leader and Meeting Information**

CLUB NAME	DAY	TIME	PLACE	LEADER NAME	LEADER CONTACT
BE YOU CREW	2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	Call or email Robyn for location	ROBYN HILL	310.910.3277 or neveroverthehills@gmail.com
EAST MOUNTAIN OUTLAWS	2nd TUESDAY OR THURSDAY OF THE MONTH		Meeting information sent in club Groupme	RAQUEL WHITE	725.244.0368
ELITE LIVESTOCK	2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	VALLEY VIEW CHURCH EDGEWOOD	MANDI MARTIN & CATHY APPLIGATE	ELITELIVESTOCK4-H@GMAIL.COM
LOS RANCHOS	3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	7PM	4-H CENTER	JODY PEACH	Losranchos4h@gmail.com
MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS	1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH	6:30PM	4-H CENTER	MOLLY HAYES	505.554.8338
PAJARITO VOLANDO	4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	4-H CENTER	MELISSA CAMPOS	TEXT ONLY 505.205.0901
PONDEROSA	1st TUESDAY OF THE MONTH	6:30PM	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SANDIAS 45 FROST RD SANDIA PARK, NM	STACY SESNIE & DONNA GILLINGHAM	Stacy_sesnie@yahoo.com
ROADRUNNERS	1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH	5:30PM	LUJAN HOUSE	NICOLE LUJAN	Nicoledeelujan@gmail.com

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ALL ABOUT
BEEF

RANCH MANAGEMENT CAMP

At the youth ranch camp,
the first day is dedicated
solely to animals and beef.



APPLICATION
DEADLINE

MAY 1st

Open to Anyone Ages 15-19

Cimarron, New Mexico

June 21st - 26th, 2026

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College of ACES



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COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP

DEADLINES

APRIL 15, 2026

MARKET STEER AND BREEDING HEIFER

JUNE 1, 2026

DAIRY HEIFER, GOAT, LAMB AND SWINE

TAG-IN DATES

**Bernalillo County Extension Office
April 25, 2026 7am-12pm**

**Old Mill Edgewood
May 9th, 2026 9am-2pm**

Make-up Day

**Bernalillo County Extension Office
May 30, 2026 7:30am-9:30am**

EVENT	DATE	CB	NOVICE	JR	SR	VOL
Enrollment open for NEW 4-H Year	10/1/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Open House	10/30/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Returning Member Enrollment Deadline	1/15/2026	X	X	X	X	X
New Member Enrollment OPEN	1/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
New Member Enrollment Deadline	4/1/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadlines	1/31/2026		X	X	X	X
Air Rifle, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun	1/31/2026		X	X	X	X
Muzzleloader & Pistol	1/31/2026				X	X
International Night	2/28/26	X	X	X	X	X
County Wide Project Meeting	dates in Cloverleaf	X	X	X	X	X
Poker Ride-County Council Fundraiser	10/19/2025	X	X	X	X	X
County Wide Christmas Dance and Gift Exchange	12/4/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	TBD				X	
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	4/17-4/19/2026		X	X		X
Bernalillo County Shooting Sports District/State Qualifiers	Various		X	X	X	X
Project Enrollment Deadline	5/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	4/30/26-5/3/26				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Speech Contest	5/21/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo 4-H County Fashion Revue & Favorite Foods	5/22/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Livestock & Horse Judging, Bowls and Open Contests	5/23/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Small Animal School	5/16/2026	X	X	X	X	X
4-H Horse School	5/29/26-5/30/26	X	X	X	X	X
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	6/21/26-6/26/26				X	
Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School	6/3/26-6/5/26		X	X	X	X
NW District Shooting Sports Contest	6/12/2026		X	X	X	X
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School	6/19/26-6/20/26		X	X		X
Northern District Contest	6/23/26-6/24/26		X	X		X
National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	6/21/26-6/26/26				X	X
State 4-H Conference	7/14/26-7/17/26				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Fair	7/24/26-8/1/26	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico State Fair	9/ 10-9/20/2026		X	X	X	X
New Mexico Food Challenge	9/19/2026		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Horse Show	TBD		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair	9/30/26-10/4/26		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair-Youth Hall	9/30/26-10/4/26	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern New Mexico State Fair	10/5/26-10/10/26		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals	TBD		X	X	X	X



4-H	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th & 7th	8th & up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October - September)	5, 6, 7- 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, and 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.

4-H Ages for Rodeo

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*		3rd, 4th, 5th	6th & 7th	Does not apply
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October - September)	CLOVERBUDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H RODEO	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, and 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade and 14 year olds (regardless of grade)	Must be 15 years old regardless of grade; 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.

Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.



TIP OF THE MONTH

April

Celebrate Your Decision!

National College Decision Day is May 1, and it's your time to celebrate your choice! If you've decided on NMSU, be sure to confirm your spot and sign up for New Student Orientation. Let the countdown to college begin! Start at awo.nmsu.edu.

Sierra County 4-H RODEO



SIERRA COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE ARENA



APRIL 25-26, 2026

SADDLES TO ALL AROUND

AWARDS FOR EVENT WINNER

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:

APRIL 17, 2026

START TIMES:

10AM SATURDAY/9AM SUNDAY

Stalls and RV Hook Up's limited.

Please call Sierra Co. Extension to Reserve. 575-894-2375



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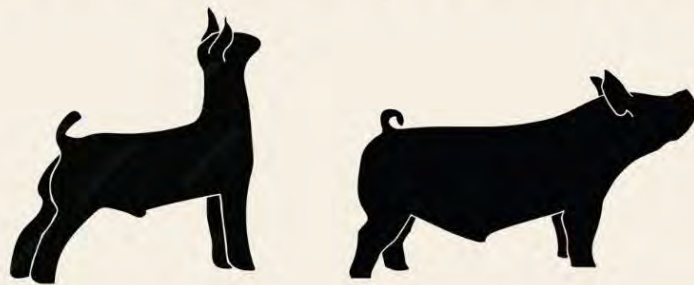
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SOCORRO COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE

**Silent Auction
Cash Only**

Hog Consigners: HD Farms

Goat Consigners: Romero Farms, LR Show Stock,
Riverside Showstock, Maddie Adams



**SOCORRO COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

April 18

**Barn opens at 8 AM
Bidding opens at 10
and closes at 11 AM**

Rachel Towner: 575-322-0993



Melissa Campos 4-H Ag Agent

Lead Agent for: Livestock projects, Shooting Sports, Small Animal Projects

Email - camposme@nmsu.edu

Brittany Sonntag, Urban 4-H Agent

Lead Agent for: School Enrichment, Military Partnership, STEM Projects, After School Clubs, Horse Council

Email - bsonntag@nmsu.edu

Phillip Alden 4-H FCS Agent

Lead agent for all Family and Consumer Science Projects.

Email: palden@nmsu.edu

Find us on Facebook Bernalillo County 4-H

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

Cloverleaf Newsletter is on the Web!

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

Leaderline Newsletter on the Web!

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

Event Calendar

Event	Date/Time
NM State 4-H Land, Pasture/Range & Dairy Judging Contest Las Cruces Area	April 7-10, 2026
National 4-H Conference Arlington, Virginia	April 10-15, 2026
Youth Get-Away Glorieta Adventure Camp	April 17-19, 2026
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Whittington Center, Raton	April 30-May 3, 2026
Small Animal School Albuquerque, NM	May 16, 2026
NM 4-H Horse School NMSU Campus	May 29-30, 2026