



## December 2025



### Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: February 5, 2026 6pm-NO JANUARY MEETING  
County Council: February 5, 2026 7pm-NO JANUARY MEETING  
Fair Board: January 12, 2026 6pm  
Shooting Sports Committee: 1/8/26 6pm-VIRTUAL

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**Small Animal meetings will begin in January**

**Extension Office Winter Holiday**

**December 24, 2025-January 2, 2026**

**No Agents in office January 6th-9th -All Agent In-Service**



## **4-H Enrollment Info and Deadlines**

**Returning members must be enrolled by  
Jan. 15, 2026**

**New Member enrollment deadline  
April 1, 2026**

**Members must be fully enrolled in 4-H  
to participate in SHOOTING SPORTS  
practice even when held before the  
Shooting Sports enrollment deadline.**

**[4h.zsuite.org](https://4h.zsuite.org)**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE NM WORKING WITH  
MINOR 25-26 TRAINING IN THE CLOVER ACADEMY THROUGH  
ZSUITE.**

**THIS MUST BE DONE EVERY NEW 4-H YEAR!**

**Please hand sign and date waivers before  
uploading into Zsuite**

Contact Carla with any Zsuite enrollment questions  
[carlaj65@nmsu.edu](mailto:carlaj65@nmsu.edu) or 505.243.1386

COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS  
THE 3RD MONDAY(5:30PM-8PM)  
next meeting  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

## **CORRECTION**

**THE MEETINGS ON THE  
3rd SATURDAY(3pm-6pm)  
OF THE MONTH WILL  
BEGIN IN JANUARY**

CERAMICS

MACRAME



SEWING

LEATHER-  
CRAFT

# 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](mailto:palden@nmsu.edu) if you would like to be a leader or if you would like more information.

**County Council**  
**No January meeting**  
**February 5, 2026**

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732>

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**Horse Council**  
No meeting in January

February 5, 2026

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office

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**Shooting Sports Committee Meeting**

**January 8, 2026 at 6pm**

Virtual

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**Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board Meeting**

**January 12, 2026 at 6pm**

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

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

# SAVE THE DATE

## Bernalillo County 4-H International Night

February 28, 2026 @ 4pm

1500 Menaul Blvd NW

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Please email your 3 country  
Selections (no repeats from previous  
years) to Brittany Sonntag

[bsonntag@nmsu.edu](mailto:bsonntag@nmsu.edu)

by December 22, 2025.

SET-UP Feb. 27, 2026

4pm

<b>4-H</b>	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)	<b>CLOVERBUDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H RODEO</b>	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.



# Event/Participant Calendar

Returning Member Enrollment Deadline	1/15/2026	CB	NOVICE	JR	SR	VOL
New Member Enrollment OPEN	1/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
New Member Enrollment Deadline	4/1/2026	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	4/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadlines	1/30/2026		X	X	X	X
Air Rifle, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun-enrollment deadline	1/30/2026		X	X	X	X
Muzzleloader & Pistol-enrollment deadline	1/30/2026				X	X
International Night	2/28/2026	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					
County Wide Christmas Party and Gift Exchange	12/4/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	TBD				X	
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	4/17/26-4/19/26		X	X		X
Bernalillo County Shooting Sports District/State Qualifiers	TBD		X	X	X	X
Project Enrollment Deadline	5/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	TBD				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Talent Show and Fashion Revue	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo 4-H County Contest	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
Small Animal School	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
4-H Horse School	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	TBD				X	
Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School	TBD		X	X	X	X
NW District Shooting Sports Contest	TBD		X	X	X	X
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School	TBD		X	X		X
Northern District Contest	TBD		X	X		X
National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	TBD				X	X
4-H Dog School	TBD		X	X	X	X
State 4-H Conference	7/14-7/17/2026				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Fair	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico State Fair	9/ 10-9/20/2025		X	X	X	X
New Mexico Food Challenge	TBD		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Horse Show	TBD		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair	TBD		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair-Youth Hall	TBD	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern New Mexico State Fair	TBD		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals	TBD		X	X	X	X



# Bernalillo County

## 4-H Club

### Leader and Meeting Information

CLUB NAME	DAY	TIME	PLACE	LEADER NAME	LEADER CONTACT
EAST MOUNTAIN OUTLAWS	2nd TUESDAY OR THURSDAY OF THE MONTH		Meeting information sent in groupme	RAQUEL WHITE	725.244.0368
ELITE LIVESTOCK	2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	VALLEY VIEW CHURCH EDGEWOOD	MANDI MARTIN AND CATHY APPELEGATE	ELITELIVE-STOCK4H@GMAIL.COM
LOS RANCHOS	3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	7PM	4-H CENTER	JODY PEACH	Losranchos4h@gmail.com 979.574.6658
MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS	1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH	6:30 PM	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	6:30 PM	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SANDIAS 45 FROST RD SANDIA PARK, NM 87047	STACY SESNIE AND DONNA GILLINGHAM	Stacy_sesnie@yahoo.com 505.270.3549



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## Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic

February 14, 2026  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST



### Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2026 horse judging season.

The WTAMU Horse Judging Team members will be leading small groups of youth to help them develop and improve their skills in preparing and presenting oral reasons. Please don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on perfecting these skills.

### Roosevelt County Fairgrounds Portales, New Mexico

The clinic is for youth and coaches of all skill levels. Youth will judge video classes and work on reasons in small groups. Youth should bring their own judging notebooks and pencils. Snacks, lunch, and printed materials will be provided for each youth. Registration fee: **\$50/youth** and **\$15/adult** to cover lunch costs.

**Please register online:** <https://easnr.nmsu.edu/>

**Registration opens 12/15/25 and closes at 5pm on 2/4/26.**

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Adams, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach [cadams@wtamu.edu](mailto:cadams@wtamu.edu)

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu)

### Topics

**Halter/  
Showmanship**

**Rail Classes**

**Ranch Trail**

**Horsemanship/Eq**

**Scoring**

**Reasons**



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# **Save The Date:** **FCS SCHOOL**



**March 13-15th, 2026**  
**Location: ABQ, NM**  
**(Bernalillo CES Office)**  
**Registration: January 2026**





County Wide Christmas Party and Community Service  
December 4, 2025



Mountain Heights 4-H Club Twinkle Light Parade Float December 5, 2025



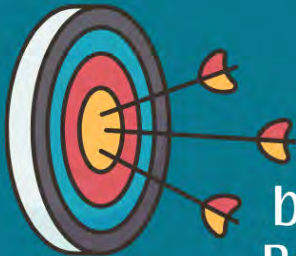
# SHOOTING SPORTS

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE and MANDATORY ORIENTATION MEETING

January 30, 2026 6:30pm  
Bernalillo County 4-H Center



Pistol Practice  
information sent out in  
Pistol Group Me



Novice, and Junior  
Archery Practice  
Tuesdays 6pm  
beginning January 6, 2026  
Bernalillo County 4-H Center

Members must  
be fully enrolled  
in 4-H to par-  
ticipate in any  
Shooting Sports  
practice

## NM 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification

February 20-22, 2026 in T or C, NM  
Registration form and payment due to the  
extension office by February 2, 2026

\$100 per participant  
(does not include hotel or most meals)

for more information contact Melissa Campos at [camposme@nmsu.edu](mailto:camposme@nmsu.edu)

## NM Game & Fish Expo

February 13-15, 2026

Volunteers Needed to run the Air Rifle Booth

Feb 12-SET-UP Feb 13-Noon-6pm-Run Booth

Feb 14-9am-6pm-Run Booth \* Feb 15-10am-5pm-Run Booth



## TIP OF THE MONTH

### December

Your support system is a big part of your college success. NMSU offers resources to help families stay informed and involved throughout your journey. Share **[families.nmsu.edu](https://families.nmsu.edu)** with your loved ones to help them stay connected.



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

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Phillip Alden 4-H FCS Agent

Lead agent for all Family and Consumer Science Projects.

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### 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
4-H FCS National Championship and Conference San Antonio, TX	January 14-16, 2026
Parliamentary Procedure Contest State Portfolios Due	January 23, 2026
Senior Leadership Retreat Las Cruces, NM	January 23-25, 2026
Shooting Sports Leader Certification Sierra County	February 21-22, 2025
4-H Day at the Roundhouse Santa Fe, NM	TBD
FCS School Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 13-15, 2026