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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



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Cooperative Extension Service - New Mexico State University - U.S. Department of Agriculture

## January 2026



### Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: February 5, 2026 6pm

County Council: February 5, 2026 7pm

Fair Board: February 9, 2026 6pm

Shooting Sports Committee: February 12, 2026 6pm

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## Fair Board Bingo and Dinner

**February 14, 2026**

**Doors open @ 4:30pm 4-H Center**

# **SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEETING**

**Saturday January 17, 2025**  
**4-H CENTER**

**1pm-Poultry**

**2pm-Rabbit**

**2pm-Fiber Sheep**

**3pm-All other small pets**

COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD ON

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

AND THE 3RD SATURDAY-3PM-6PM

January meetings will be on

SATURDAY, January 17, 2026

3PM-6PM

AND

MONDAY, January 19, 2026

5:30PM-8PM

sewing  
ceramics  
crochet  
macrame



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

## County Council February 5, 2026

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

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

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## Horse Council

February 5, 2026

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office

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## Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

**February 12, 2026 at 6pm**

Bernalillo County Extension Office

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## Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board Meeting

**February 9, 2026 at 6pm**

at the Bernalillo County Extension Office

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

# Valentine's BINGO Night & DINNER

February 14

Doors Open: 4:30 PM | Bingo Starts at 5:30 PM

1510 Menaul Blvd NW

12 Bingo  
Games  
**\$20**

Specials  
**\$1.00**

Dinner  
**\$10.00**

## Spaghetti & Lasagna Dinner

- Choice of Spaghetti with Meatballs or Lasagna
- Crisp Fresh Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Drink



## Bingo baskets, goodies & lots of fun!

Bring your Valentine, your friends, and your lucky Bingo charm for a fun-filled night!

## Questions?

**Molly: (505) 554-8338**

**Leslie: (505) 974-9124**

**Camille: (505) 220-9681**

If you are an individual with disabilities and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact the Extension Office at 505.243.1386 by January 30, 2026. NMSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and USDA cooperating.



# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **Bernalillo County 4-H International Night**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**February 28, 2026 @ 4pm**

**Bernalillo County 4-H Center  
1500 Menaul Blvd Ext. NW**

| Club Name             | Country       |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Alvarado Elementary   | Great Britain |
| Be You Crew           | Spain         |
| East Mountain Outlaws | Bangladesh    |
| Elite Livestock       | Greece        |
| Los Ranchos           | Egypt         |
| Mountain Heights      | Japan         |
| Pajarito Volando      | Poland        |
| Ponderosa             | Ireland       |
| Roadrunner            | Germany       |
| Winter Soldiers       | Italy         |



## 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**

**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 or 505.243.1386

| 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) | <b>CLOVERBUDS<br/>ARE NOT<br/>ALLOWED TO<br/>PARTICIPATE<br/>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

|   |                     | CB  | NOVICE | JR | SR | VOL |
|---|---------------------|-----|--------|----|----|-----|
| 4-H Returning Member Enrollment Deadline                    | 1/15/2026           |     |        |    |    |     |
| 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          |     |        |    |    |     |
| 4-H Day at the Roundhouse                                   | 2/9/2026            | X   | X      | X  | X  | X   |
| Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit                     | 3/20/26-3/22/26     |     |        |    | 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   | May-TBD             | X   | X      | X  | X  | X   |
| 4-H Horse School  | June-TBD            | 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                         | 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                                   | 9/19/2026           |     | 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                   | 9/30/26-10/4/26     | X   | X      | X  | X  | X   |
| Eastern New Mexico State Fair                               | TBD                 |     | X      | X  | X  | X   |
| NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals                                   | 10                  | TBD |        | X  | X  | X   |

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

| CLUB NAME             | DAY                                  | TIME   | PLACE   | LEADER NAME                     | LEADER CONTACT  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| BE YOU CREW           | TBD                                  | TBD    | TBD   | ROBYN HILL                      | 310.910.3277 or<br><a href="mailto:neveroverthehills@gmail.com">neveroverthehills@gmail.com</a> |
| 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 APPLEGATE  | <a href="mailto:ELITELIVESTOCK4-H@GMAIL.COM">ELITELIVESTOCK4-H@GMAIL.COM</a>                    |
| LOS RANCHOS           | 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH            | 7PM    | 4-H CENTER  | JODY PEACH                      | <a href="mailto:Losranchos4h@gmail.com">Losranchos4h@gmail.com</a>                              |
| 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<br>505.205.0901   |
| PONDEROSA             | 1st TUESDAY OF THE MONTH             | 6:30PM | COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SANDIAS<br>45 FROST RD<br>SANDIA PARK, NM 87047 | STACY SESNIE & DONNA GILLINGHAM | <a href="mailto:Stacey_sesnie@yahoo.com">Stacey_sesnie@yahoo.com</a>                            |
| ROADRUNNERS           | 1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH              | 5:30PM | LUJAN HOUSE   | NICOLE LUJAN                    | <a href="mailto:Nicoledee@lujan.com">Nicoledee@lujan.com</a>                                    |



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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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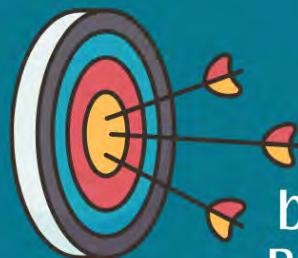
# SHOOTING SPORTS

## 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FAAA623A0F49-61540190-2026>

# Save The Date: FCS SCHOOL



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



## TIP OF THE MONTH

### January

#### **Sign Up for Orientation**

Once you've been admitted, your next step is to register for New Student Orientation. Attending early gives you the best selection of classes and a chance to meet fellow Aggies before the fall.

Learn more at [awo.nmsu.edu](http://awo.nmsu.edu).



Melissa Campos 4-H Ag Agent

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

Email - [camposme@nmsu.edu](mailto:camposme@nmsu.edu)

Brittany Sonntag, Urban 4-H Agent

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.

Email: [palden@nmsu.edu](mailto: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                   |
|---|-----------------------------|
|   |                             |
| <b>4-H FCS National Championship and Conference<br/>San Antonio, TX</b> | <b>January 14-16, 2026</b>  |
| <b>Parliamentary Procedure Contest<br/>State Portfolios Due</b>         | <b>January 23, 2026</b>     |
| <b>Senior Leadership Retreat<br/>Las Cruces, NM</b>                     | <b>January 23-25, 2026</b>  |
| <b>4-H Day at the Roundhouse<br/>Santa Fe, NM</b>                       | <b>February 9, 2025</b>     |
| <b>Shooting Sports Leader Certification<br/>Sierra County</b>           | <b>February 21-22, 2026</b> |
| <b>FCS School<br/>Bernalillo County Extension Office</b>                | <b>March 13-15, 2026</b>    |