



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

## November 2023



### Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: November 28 at 6:30pm  
County Council: December 7 at 6:30pm  
Shooting Sports Meeting: January 24 at 6pm  
Fair Board Meeting: December 11 at 6pm

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# Happy Thanksgiving

# The 2023-2024 4-H Year Has Begun!

## Mark Your Calendars

### Important Enrollment Dates and Deadlines

**October 1, 2023—Enrollment Opened**

**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

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## Calendar at a Glance

November 18—Mountain Heights Fundraiser Turkey Bingo

November 20, 2023—County Wide Project Meeting

November 28, 2023 — Horse Council Holiday Party

December 7, 2023 — County Council Holiday Party

December 8, 2023 — Clean-up and preparation for International Celebration

December 9, 2023—International Holiday Celebration Fundraiser (see flyer)

December 11, 2023 — Fair Board 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!*

**Senior Leadership Retreat  
January 19-21, 2024  
in Las Cruces, NM**

SLR is for Senior aged 4-H members 13-18 years old.

Registration Fee is \$130

(this does not include lodging; the cost with lodging will be about \$260)

Registration forms and fees are due to the Extension office by December 4, 2023

**For registration forms or more information please contact Brittany Johnson, [brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu) or Phillip Alden, [palden@nmsu.edu](mailto:palden@nmsu.edu)**



# Horse Council

## Horse Council will have a Holiday Party!!!

Any 4-H member that is enrolled in the horse project OR interested in being in the horse project are welcome to attend

Please bring your favorite side or dessert to share, the council will provide the main dishes.

White Elephant Gift Exchange—if you are interested in participating please bring a gift that is no more than \$15

**When: November 28, 2023 at 6:30pm**

**Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office**

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# County Council

County Council will be hosting a Holiday Party at their next meeting on **December 7, 2023 at 6:30pm**

Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share!!

There will be a **GAG** gift white elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate please bring a **GAG** gift of at least \$5 but no more than \$10.

# Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board 2023-2024



Fair Board has added 4 Adult Member at Large Positions.

They will be electing these positions at the next Fair Board Meeting on

**December 11, 2023 at 6pm**

If you are interested in being a member at large please email a letter of intent to Brittany Johnson, [brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu)

If there is a topic you would like to add to the agenda contact Molly Hayes [mmkxhayes@q.com](mailto:mmkxhayes@q.com)

*Molly will be providing dinner at the upcoming Fair Board Meeting*

Reminder: to serve on this board you must be fully enrolled in zsuites as an adult volunteer or youth member

Please contact Carla at the office, 505-243-1386, with any questions about enrollment



# Turkey Basket BINGO

**MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS 4-H CLUB BINGO  
FUNDRAISER**

NOV  
**18**

5:00 PM DOORS  
OPEN

**\$20.00  
TO  
PLAY**

*Bernalillo County 4-H 1510 Menaul*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

# INTERNATIONAL Holiday Celebration

DECEMBER 9 | 4:30PM-9PM

4-H Building 1500 Menaul BLVD NW

HOSTED BY BERNALILLO COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL

Come and join us as our youth explore their world! Each club has chosen a country to research and represent. They will be preparing food, decorations and costumes from an important holiday in their chosen country

Tickets are \$1 - tickets are used to purchase food from club booths as well as beverages from County Council or for the various games



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Extension 4-H Youth Development

If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact the Extension Office at 505-243-1386 by November 20, 2023.

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# GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD

This award is taking the place of the "Top Hand" Award

## **Award Guidelines:**

- ◇ Open to any senior 4-H Member: 13 years old and in the 8th grade, thru 19 years old\*
- ◇ Please fill in bullet or paragraph style describing how the 4-H member meets each qualification and mark the corresponding box
- ◇ 4-H Member must have at least one project entered in current Fair
- ◇ This award may only be won once in the 4-H member's 4-H career
- ◇ Nominations may be made by any enrolled adult volunteer or enrolled 4-H member
- ◇ One nomination per person, no anonymous nominations.
- ◇ This award will be voted on by the Fair Board to include youth members

Click [HERE](#) for the Nomination Form

Email completed forms to Brittany Johnson,  
brittmjo@nmsu.edu, by December 15, 2023

The first Golden Clover Award will be announced in early 2024. Moving forward this Award will be presented at the Bernalillo County 4-H Fair



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

Calling all 4-Hers if you are planning to do Photography, entomology, speech, Favorite food show or wood working make sure come to our Project Meetings 6 and 20 November are our next 2 meetings We have fantastic volunteers waiting to help you learn, have fun and gain these skills. They will help you complete your record sheet on these projects and take you through the materials so you can create and have fun, Don't miss out make it a priority on your calendar!!!

County wide project meetings are the **1st** and **3rd Mondays** of the Month.

Meetings start at 5:30pm and will be held in the 4-H Building.

## **First January Project Meeting will be January 2, 2024**

11am-5pm at the 4-H Center

11-12 Lunch (bring \$5)

12-1pm Favorite Food contest prep

1-2pm Speech

2-5pm Project Meeting

*\*If you need to drop off your youth early please contact Molly Hayes at 505-554-8338*

**Volunteers needed to help lead projects!**

Click [Here](#) to fill out the volunteer interest form!

For more information about the Project Meetings OR Becoming a Volunteer please contact Brittany Johnson at [brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu)

# 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:

Babysitting

Cake Decorating

Baking

Rocketry

Electronics/Electricity

Interior design

Jewelry Making

Leather Craft

Origami

Scrapbooking

New Mexico Flavor

Food Preservation

*If none of these appeal to you please look through the full list of projects offered [HERE](#).*

Please contact Brittany Johnson, [brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu), if you would like to be a leader or if you would like more information

**OR** fill out the Volunteer interest form found below



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# 4-H Shooting Sports

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## 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

### **Last opportunity to attend:**

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

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## Archery Practice for Novice and Juniors

Tuesdays at the 4-H Building

6:30pm

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## Pistol Practice

**Senior 4-H Members Only**—Must be enrolled in the Zsuite and in the Pistol Project to participate

November 25, 2023

1pm

At the Zia Shooting Range

# 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.

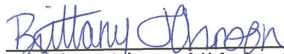
HOWEVER, at the **county level** we will allow for Novice and Juniors teams.

## **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>

  
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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/cloverleafnews.html>

**Leaderline Newsletter on the Web!**

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

## County Calendar

Event	Date/Time
Horse Council	November 28 at 6:30pm
County Council	December 7 at 6:30pm <a href="https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732">https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732</a>
Fair Board	December 11 at 6pm
Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	January 24 at 6pm
Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Meeting	January 24 at 6:30pm 4-H Center

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