

# Leaderline

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## Creating an Inclusive 4-H Club

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In 2020, nearly 17 percent of New Mexico public school students received special education services (LESC Hearing Brief: August 2020). These services, provided to support youth with physical, emotional, behavioral, or learning-related needs, partnered with an inclusive learning environment, create a place for youth to develop relationships, skills, awareness, understanding, and respect. In an inclusive learning environment, everyone’s uniqueness and diversity is valued. Furthermore, every child feels a sense of belonging, value and safety.



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## Inclusive 4-H Club

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The structure and purpose of 4-H naturally lends itself to the inclusion of all youth, including youth with special needs. It is our responsibility to ensure the 4-H program is open and accommodating to everyone. By doing so, everyone benefits!

Some ideas for creating a more inclusive 4-H club include:

- Connect with every club member's parent(s)/guardian and ask how you can best support their youth. This same conversation should also be had with each youth member. Ask questions and find out interests. These one-on-one conversations demonstrate genuine care and commitment to helping youth succeed.
- Learn about the club member's disability. Some people with disabilities would prefer to discuss their disability rather than have everyone ignore it or pretend not to see it. How this is handled should be determined by consulting the youth and her/his parent(s).
- Be flexible and willing to modify a project or activity to match the ability level of each youth. Review the objectives of the project or activity and work with youth in setting reachable goals to meet those objectives. Avoid steering youth away from a project just because it doesn't seem a possible fit.
- Consult others when determining modifications or accommodations for youth. Your county 4-H agent and State 4-H Department can be great resources, as can other 4-H leaders, the club member, and the member's family.
- Remember the 4-H motto, "Making the Best Better," does not always mean blue ribbons or other awards. Gaining new skills or knowledge, following through with a project, and succeeding in a new challenge are also important accomplishments.
- Talk with youth about disabilities. Help club members learn correct terminology and ways to discuss disabilities. The person's disability should be thought of as a characteristic, not the whole of who the person is. Describing "people first" speech patterns is one way to remember this. For example, one should say, "She is a person with epilepsy" rather than, "she is epileptic."

For more information visit:

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[https://www.canr.msu.edu/inclusive\\_4h/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/inclusive_4h/)

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**From left to right: Board member Marissa Morgan pictured with guest speaker Kevin Belin and his wife Teahonna James.**



# 4-H Leaders' Association Connection

## New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum 2022

*By Cheryl Butterfield  
State 4-H Agent, Volunteer Leadership Development*

The NM 4-H Adult Forum was held November 12 in San Juan County. Volunteers, county agents and parents came together from sixteen counties for workshops, a guest speaker and networking. Workshops included learning about the numerous 4-H contests, windowsill gardening, science projects, animal care, helping youth with disabilities feel included and chocolate therapy. Volunteer scholarships were awarded to 15 participants. Two scholarships were awarded to first time attendees. Thirteen scholarships were in honor of long-time 4-H volunteer, Gerri Copeland, who believed in the professional development for 4-H volunteer leaders. The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board was recognized for their service to 4-H and commitment to volunteer training.

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**Scholarship Winners:**  
**Back Row - Left to Right: Laura Dennis - Chaves County; Cindy Grooms - Doña Ana County; Marissa Morgan - McKinley County; Tammy Lopez - Quay County; Trilby Webster - Union County; Jennifer Halphen - San Juan County; Christina Morris - San Miguel County; Denise Hansel - Los Alamos County; Julie Kay Vigil-Romero - Taos County. Front Row - Left to Right: Deana Tafoya - Rio Arriba County; Leticia Garcia-Gonzales - Rio Arriba County - 1st Timer Scholarship; Melissa Campos - Bernalillo County; Katie Ramsey - Otero County; Karen Page - Santa Fe County; and Michelle Cole - Rio Arriba County - 1st Timer Scholarship.**

# New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum 2022



## New Mexico 4-H Leaders' Association Executive Board:

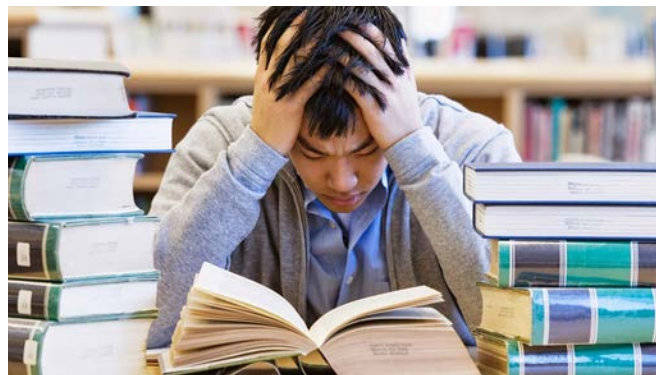
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## Avoiding Spring Semester Slump

*By Newt McCarty  
State 4-H Agent  
Aggie Next Step Program  
4-H and Youth Development*

With spring comes warmer and longer days along with “spring fever”. Youth have worked hard all year in the classroom and with fewer new and exciting things happening at school everyone is looking forward to an exciting and refreshing summer vacation. This is probably the most challenging time to keep your youth motivated as the school year comes to a close.

The “slump” is real, we’ve all experienced it and the difficulty of pulling out of it and staying focused. As real as the slump is, the importance of motivat-



ing youth to keep on top of their work near the end of the school year and finish strong is just a real. For youth in upper grades, the end of school often

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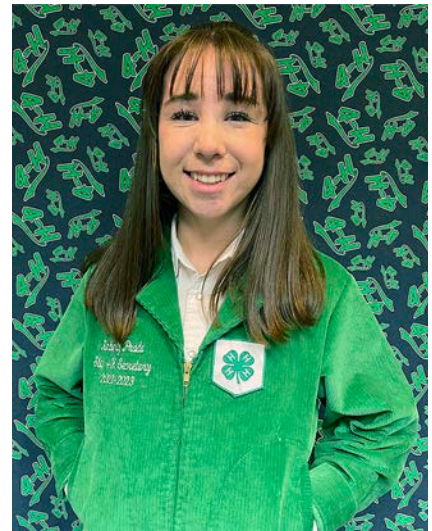
# 2022-2023 State 4-H Leadership Team



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Santa Fe County



**Nealeigh Burrow**  
Roosevelt County



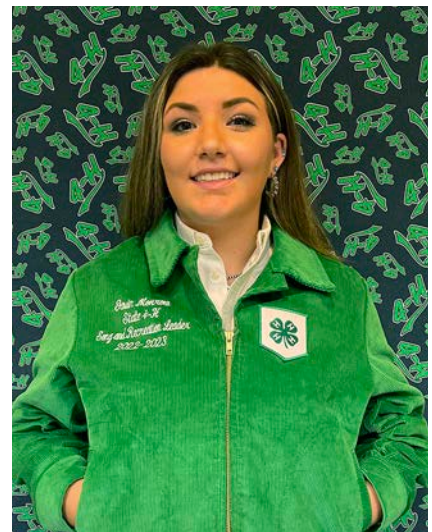
**Kimberly Prada**  
Los Alamos County

## Addison Ullom State 4-H President

My name is Addison Ullom and I am your 2022-2023 New Mexico State 4-H President. My 4-H journey started in Santa Fe county as a senior member. When I joined, there were few members old enough to be leaders, which pushed me into a position of being a leader very early in my 4-H career. I loved it and from that day forward, planned to do as much for the 4-H as possible. I learned very quickly that 4-H is not just a club but a family. The way my 4-H club was organized and inclusive to everyone, encouraged me to be a better leader and show all 4-H and non-4-H kids how to be inclusive and supportive of everyone around them. 4-H has given me so many important tools, to help me choose a career that I can be knowledgeable and skilled in, allowing me to succeed



**Kyleigh Stephenson**  
Roosevelt County



**Gavin Morrow**  
Union County

in any field, so that I can make the best better.

## Nealeigh Burrow State 4-H Vice President

Howdy, my name is Nealeigh Burrow and I am your 2022-2023 New Mexico State 4-H Vice President. 4-H has made me into the person that I am today. My

4-H journey started when I was very young in Roosevelt County. I have been fortunate enough to have been able to show livestock my entire time in 4-H and compete in many different contests. 4-H is not just a club but a family. 4-H has furthered

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# Team

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my leadership skills and showed me the kind of career that I want when I get older. 4-H has taught me essential life skills that I will use every single day of my life to pursue my dreams and help those around me pursue their passion as well. I have been able to do so many things through 4-H and have so many opportunities. Through 4-H, I have decided to make a life in agriculture and decide to judge when I go to college. 4-H has given me the knowledge to be able to succeed and to be courteous to those around me. I have really come out of my comfort zone in 4-H and have been able to become more outgoing and involved with everything that I do. It has given me the tools to be a well-rounded individual and has changed my life for the better. I am so excited to serve you this year and meet all of you.

## **Kimberly Prada** **State 4-H Secretary**

Hello! My name is Kimberly Prada and I am the 2022-23 State 4-H Secretary. I am from Los Alamos County, where 4-H has not only grown within the county, but also through me. 4-H has given me the opportunity to explore my passions, express my true character and allow me to grow and become the leader I've always wanted to be. 4-H has been such a huge part of my development as a well-rounded individual. From travel experiences, to public speaking, 4-H has allowed me to evolve in several areas of my

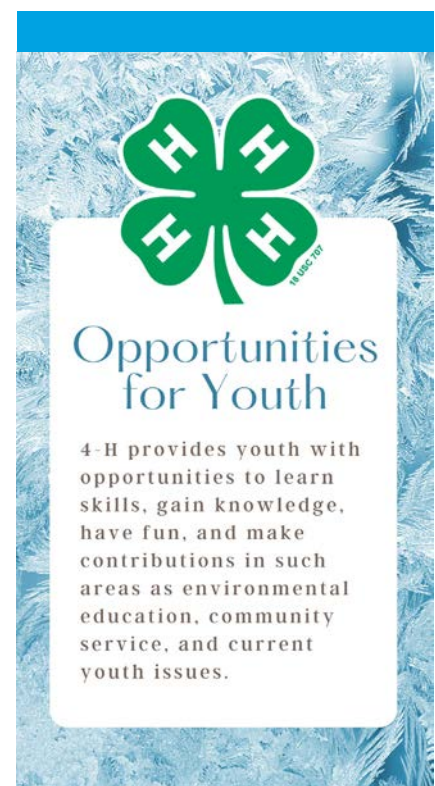
life. I have enjoyed every minute of my 4-H career and I hope to continue to inspire other 4-H members through my example of learning by doing and creating a fun environment where everyone is able to thrive.

## **Kyleigh Stephenson** **State 4-H Reporter**

Hello, I am Kyleigh Stephenson and I am your State 4-H Reporter! 4-H has provided so much to me in my life. Ever since I can remember, my family and I have participated in events sponsored by 4-H. My earliest memory was probably entering some vegetables into the fair that I had grown in my garden when I was a Cloverbud. I have shown large animals since I was 9, and I was showing poultry before that. Soon after, I discovered livestock judging, livestock skillathon and horticulture, and that is when I really started to see how much 4-H could impact my life. This organization has been like a second family to me, and has given me a space to grow and develop my skill set. Through judging livestock in 4-H, I have learned to go with my instinct and how to communicate my thoughts and ideas confidently. Confidence is definitely something that needs very strong development, at least for me, and 4-H was the perfect place for that. I simply could not possibly be the person I am today without all of the things that 4-H has done for me.

## **Gavin Morrow** **State 4-H Song & Rec Leader**

Hello, I am Gavin Morrow, State 4-H Song and Recreation Leader. 4-H has taken me places I have never been before. This past year I went to the east coast for the first time thanks to 4-H. When we went to DC it was a magical experience. I haven't been on a plane in 8 years, and 4-H took me there. 4-H also made me face my fears. I fear losing, and I lost president both years I ran...and that's okay because it has taught me more. It taught me that learning to lose gracefully is better than any win I have ever gotten. I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunities that 4-H has given me!



# Changes Coming to Leaderline July 1, 2023

By Cheryl Butterfield  
State 4-H Agent  
Volunteer Leadership Development



Please complete the survey link or QR Code by May 1, 2023, to provide feedback on Leaderline.  
[https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e5ImlNETyDMk7aK](https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5ImlNETyDMk7aK)

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## Avoiding Spring Semester Slump

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includes finals and large projects which can have a big impact on their grades or goals after graduation. Here are a few tips to help your students stay motivated as the school year ends:

### Keep it Visual

Purchase a large wall or desk calendar and invite your youth to add key end-of-the-year dates. Include the last day of school, test dates, project deadlines, and fun activities like ice cream socials, school carnivals, and dance recitals. Youth are usually more motivated to complete difficult tasks when they can visualize the end goal and see there is a lot of fun stuff mixed in too.

### Provide Incentives

Never underestimate the power incentives. The reward doesn't need to be a toy or new game, but a privilege they can attain such as an extra hour of TV time, a special outing, going out with friends or 30 extra minutes of video game time. Avoid tying your child's academic performance to rewards later in the year or summer, such as paying for grades or even a trip to Disney World. Although there is merit in rewarding students for their grades, research tells us rewards too far in the future or the task is too big, the motivation fades fast.

### Maintain Routines

Longer days and spring activities make it very easy to break our routines, but it is important not to allow this to disrupt your child's school routine. Maintaining consistent times for homework, meals, bedtime, wake-up time, provides your student



the stability to push through and end the school year successfully. Schedule time each day to do homework.

### Acknowledge the Challenge

Spring Fever hits us all, acknowledge to your student you recognize how difficult it is to stay motivated and focused as the season changes and the end of school nears. and that it is difficult to stay focused. Avoid using "lazy" or "unmotivated" when frustration sets in, instead seek opportunities to encourage and praise your child for staying on task or completing work.

### Incorporate Exercise and Play

Spring is a great time to get outside and enjoy

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# Essay Winners 2022

New Mexico 4-H members write a 4-H Story for their record books every year. Essay winners and a friend have the opportunity to earn a free 4-H trip to Senior Leadership Retreat and Youth Get-Away. We had a total of 53 4-H story submissions. Each story describes their experiences in the current 4-H year. 18 Seniors, 14 Juniors and 21 Novices submitted their stories. Here are excerpts from their winning stories from each age category. To read their full stories, go to <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/essay-contest.html>



## James Tucker

Santa Fe County

Edgewood Chaparrals 4-H Club

Novice Essay Winner

### Part I

My name is James Tucker. I am 11 years old. I like science, math, experiments, and animals. I joined 4-H in November of 2016. I am a third year Novice this year. I joined 4-H because I wanted to show animals and learn something new. I have been showing lambs for six years and Steers for three. This year's projects for me were market beef, rodeo, Basics of Welding, shooting sports (Archery and Rifle), and Market Lamb.

### Part II

I learned in 4-H about working lambs and steers. This helped me in my everyday life because it takes a lot of time and hard work to get them ready to show. I also learned that with time and patience you can be successful in your project. This helped me with my schoolwork because new things are always hard at the beginning but get easier. Things get easier when I practice more and work harder. Some situations I encountered this year is when I couldn't catch my steer when I first got him. So, I had to take a bucket of feed out there and wait until he came up to the feed bucket and slip the halter on before he pulled his head away and walk him to the fence so I could tie him up to eat. I did this for about a week and then I could just go right up to him and catch and walk him to the fence without help at

all. Another challenge I encountered is one of my sheep did not want to brace so we backed him up to the side of the trailer and if he backed up or stepped back his leg would fall off the trailer, and he eventually learned that he should brace and not suck back and pull away from me.

## Kyle Wood

Curry County

Grady 4-H Club

Junior Essay Winner

Learning as much as I can about the beef industry is important to me because I have started my own herd. A couple years ago, I sold one of my show steers in exchange for a heifer. This year that heifer saw a bull for the first time and I look forward to the calf that it will have this February. I chose the NMYBFC because of the workshops it offered. I knew it would keep me busy but the different areas it was covering in the beef industry was what I was looking for. I really enjoying getting to meet other youth from across the state that had the same interest that I did in learning. A part of this contest outside of having the feeder steer was writing a speech to give at the end. I had attended a workshop for the contest at the New Mexico Cattle Growers Convention. There I was visiting with Dr. Winslow from NMSU on some of the hot topics in the beef industry. He suggested that I write my speech on Cattle Growth Implants. He told me

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# Kyle's Essay

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they are not used very often in the cattle industry because of the lack of knowledge. I took this home and began researching information on the topic, and then I asked a teacher and one FFA adviser to help me perfect my speech. I worked many hours putting it together and practicing it for the contest as well as District FFA and 4-H County and District contests. I am very grateful to Dr. Winslow in spending the time to talk with me and because of this; I learned something completely new within the beef industry that is actually very interesting and profitable.

## Jaryn Bruce

Curry County

Melrose 4-H Club

Senior Essay Winner

During my 4-H career, I have learned many skills from working with other youth. I have learned communication skills, leadership skills, and working with other youth who may have a different background than mine. The four main skills that I would like to highlight from my 4-H career are Giving, Thinking, Being and Caring. Each of these skills is very important to me. The skill of Giving

has allowed me the opportunity to use my Hands to larger service. I have been provided opportunities to obtain and improve my leadership skills through participation in 4-H. My leadership skills have been honed by the many offices I have held including president of my local club and county council. By being actively involved in community and county wide service projects, I have been able to develop citizenship skills. The skill of Thinking has allowed me the opportunity to use my Head to clearer thinking. Critical Thinking is a skill I have gained through the many projects I have been involved through 4-H. Some of the projects that I have been involved in that require critical thinking include baking, clothing, and welding. These projects require independent thought and planning for completion. The skill of Being has allowed me to use my Health for better living. Participating in 4-H has allowed me to develop the skill of self-discipline. Competing for the indoor 4-H Project Sweepstakes at my local county fair required the skill of self-discipline to accomplish this goal. The skill of Caring has allowed me to utilize my Heart to greater loyalty. Animal care is a skill that is very important to me because I enjoy animals and taking care of them. This skill is something I have learned from raising chickens and beef.

## New Mexico 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational Contest

By Amy Zemler

State 4-H Activities Specialist

The NM 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational will be January (January 20, 2023), in Albuquerque, NM. The contest will begin at 1 PM. Teams will be notified of their prep time prior to arriving in Las Cruces in order to plan accordingly. There will be a \$15 fee per team. The

winning team will be eligible to represent New Mexico at the Western National 4-H Roundup competition in the following year.

Team members will not be required to attend SLR, however, if they choose to, they will need to complete a separate registration for that event. Please contact your County Extension Office at <https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/> if you have additional questions.



# Melvin Adams

## Keynote Speaker at Senior Leadership Retreat 2023



**Melvin Adams knows firsthand how to achieve great things despite challenging circumstances**

As an underdog who went on to become a professional basketball player, Melvin asks audiences, “Imagine what you can do?” Today, he encourages and entertains audiences and demonstrates how they can achieve their dreams no matter the circumstances they face. Melvin Adams equips audiences with ideas that took him to the top despite his circumstances. He also encourages audiences to always aim for more by giving them practical ideas on making circumstances better.

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3B30JZG>

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physical activities and fresh air. Everyone is different, but for some youth, a half-hour after school to disconnect, grab a snack, relax and refresh before they start their homework makes a huge difference. As appealing as hitting the couch and playing a video game may be, try to encourage some outdoor free play, the openness and fresh air are important.

### **Finish Strong**

Very few athletes beat their personal record by easing up or slowing down as they reach the finish line.

Think of this as the last leg of a race and just like a race the last quarter of the school year can have a huge impact of the final outcome, finish strong!

### **References:**

Rise and Shine, the Children’s National Hospital, May 7th, 2018

Scholars, June 16, 2020

Edmentum Inc., Friday, May 12, 2017

Educational Connections, April 4, 2022



## Senior Leadership Retreat 2023

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) 2023 is almost here. We have great workshops on learning about careers and leadership, plus community service and a keynote speaker just for you. SLR's theme for 2023 is *Welcome to Fabulous 4-H*.

The event is scheduled for Albuquerque on January 20-22. Friday fun night will be workshops and a dance. Saturday workshops will have two tracks of workshops (you will attend both tracks and tours). They will explore careers from business management to natural sciences to name a few.

This year's community service is to collect dog toys. The county who collects the most get to "pic in the face" a State 4-H Leadership Team member.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE Scholarship Applications

New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship applications are due to the State 4-H Office for the events below. Community Service Scholarship Criteria are available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or participant in a 4-H activity. Members must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>. Community Service Scholarship applications are due two (2) months before the event registration deadline:

- FCS School - Due January 15, 2023
- Youth Get-Away - Due February 15, 2023
- Horse School - Due March 15, 2023
- 4-H Dog School - Due April 15, 2023
- Livestock School - Due April 15, 2023
- State 4-H Conference - Due April 15, 2023
- New Mexico 4-H Leadership Positions: Officers and Ambassadors - Due April 1, 2023

## Save the Date: 15th Annual NM 4-H FCS School

**When:**  
March 10-12, 2023

**Where:**  
Bernalillo Office

Tracts announced in  
Winter 2023



**Leadership is the ability to bring  
a vision to fruition**

# Youth Get-Away

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

Youth Get-Away is planned for April 21-23 at Glorieta. Look out for registration information in February.

4-H'ers attending Youth Get-Away will participate in a variety of projects/workshops, community service and dances.

Senior age youth can apply to serve as a counselor or counselor in training. Applications can be found in February on the website.

Contact your County Extension Office for more information.



## Reminders



### 4-H Rodeo

Do you or any registered volunteer in your county have an interest in the State Rodeo Board? The Board is taking applications for members and the applications are due by January 1, 2023. The application can be found on the State 4-H website at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/rodeo.html>. Contact your 4-H Agent for more information.

### NM State 4-H Portfolios

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

The State 4-H Portfolio will allow youth to better show growth and create a resume that may be used for other venues. Forms and formatting instructions are available on the general website under forms.

The State 4-H Portfolio is due in January at Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) – Friday, January 20, 2023. The portfolio must be delivered to SLR or turned in to the State 4-H Office the week prior. **The top ranked portfolios will receive a trip to National 4-H Congress with awards presented during SLR.**

### Save the Date: New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports

#### Tentative Dates:

- 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit - March 24-26 (tentative), NRA Whittington Center - Raton, NM
- 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships - May 4-7 (tentative), NRA Whittington Center - Raton, NM

# National 4-H Congress 2022 Attendees



## National 4-H Congress 2022 Attendees in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Top row (left to right):** Newt McCarty, State 4-H Agent; Jaryn Bruce, Curry County; AlaraLynn Gunderson, Santa Fe County; Erik Wiebe, Doña Ana County; Augusta Ahlm, San Juan County Agent. **Bottom Row (left to right):** Chantal Bibeault, Rio Arriba County; Rilee Priest, Curry County; Andie Grooms, Doña Ana County; Colette Bibeault, Rio Arriba County; Kimberly Prada, Los Alamos County.

*By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist*

Eight New Mexico 4-H youth were selected to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a Flagship event for our state portfolio winners. The program is a mix of educational, service and recreational opportunities.

Their schedule included:

- workshops designed to develop leadership skills,
- sessions with guest speakers and entertainers,
- a service-learning experience,
- and tours.

This New Mexico delegation did a great job representing our state.

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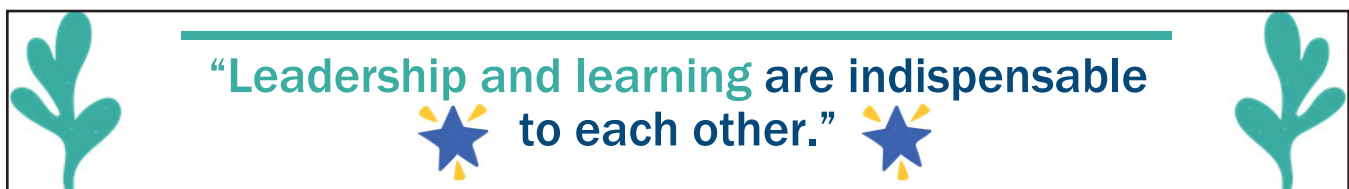


## National 4-H Congress



# NM State 4-H Calendar of Events 2022-2023

Events	Dates
<b>Winter holiday.</b> The State 4-H Office will be closed.	<b>Dec. 23, '22- Jan. 2, '23</b>
<b>State 4-H Rodeo Board Applications due</b>	<b>Jan. 1, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for FCS School</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 15, '23</b>
<b>State 4-H Portfolios are due at Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) or delivered to State 4-H Office the week prior to SLR.</b> Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 20, '23</b>
<b>*New Mexico 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational Contest (Albuquerque, NM).</b> Contact your County Extension Office for more information	<b>Jan. 20, '23</b>
<b>*Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) 2023.</b> (Albuquerque, NM). Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 20-22, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for Youth Get-Away</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Feb. 15, '23</b>
<b>*4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training</b> (location TBA).	<b>Feb. 17-19, '23</b>
<b>*Youth Get-Away Registration Deadline.</b>	<b>Mar. TBA???</b>
<b>15th Annual New Mexico 4-H FSC School</b> (Bernalillo County Office)	<b>Mar. 10-12, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for Horse School</b> are due to the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204	<b>Mar. 15, '23</b>
<b>Aggie Next Step</b> (Dona Ana Branch Career Exploration Academy). Newt McCarty, 575-646-1166.	<b>Mar. 22, '23</b>
<b>*2023 Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit</b> (NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM).	<b>Tentative: Mar. 24-26, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for Officer and Ambassador Positions</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Apr. 1, '23</b>
<b>National 4-H Conference</b> (Arlington, VA)	<b>Apr. 14-19, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for State 4-H Conference</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Apr. 15, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for State 4-H Dog School</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Apr. 15, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for Livestock School</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Apr. 15, '23</b>
<b>*Youth Get-Away (YGA).</b> (Glorieta, NM). Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Apr. 21-23, '23</b>
<b>*State Healthy Living Summit</b> (location TBA).	<b>Apr. 21-23, '23</b>
<b>National Youth Summit On Healthy Living.</b> (Washington, D.C.).	<b>Apr. TBA, '23</b>
<b>Aggie Next Step College Experience</b> (location TBA). Newt McCarty, 575-646-1166.	<b>Apr. TBA</b>
<b>*2023 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships</b> (NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM).	<b>May 4-7, '23 Tentative</b>
<b>*Contact your County Extension Office for information, application and registration deadline.</b>	<b>-----</b>



# Reminder - Save the Date: 2023 National 4-H Conference in Arlington, VA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is excited to announce dates for 2023 National 4-H Conference, which will be held April 14-19, 2023, in-person at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, and online. More specific details will be announced this fall.

NIFA has administered the National 4-H Conference on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, DC, since 1927. Deemed “the Secretary’s Conference,” this Conference is the

flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future focused. The Conference brings together youth, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United



States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.



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