



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

## October 2023



### Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: October 24 at 6pm  
County Council: November 2 at 6:30pm  
Shooting Sports Meeting: October 25 at 6pm  
Fair Board Meeting: September 19 at 6pm

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# Happy Fall



# Happy Halloween

# 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

October 21, 2023—Poker Ride at the Sheriff's Posse

October 24, 2023—Horse Council at 6pm

October 25, 2023—Shooting Sports Committee Meeting at 6pm

October 25, 2023—Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Meeting at 6:30pm

October 28, 2023— Mountain Heights Fall Festival

October 28, 2023—Shooting Sports Fundraiser at SCBA

November 1, 2023— 4-H Adult Volunteer/Parent Training Part II

November 2, 2023—County Council Meeting at 6:30pm

November 6, 2023—County Wide Project Meeting

November 13, 2023—Fair Board Meeting Elections at 6pm

November 20, 2023—County Wide Project Meeting

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

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!*

# The 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment opens on October 1, 2023

Zsuite is the enrollment system NM 4-H uses

Website: [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)

\*Note: the site is closed until October 1

To fully participate in 4-H activities youth must be enrolled and have a completed Medical and Liability Release form uploaded into their Zsuite profile.

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## Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board 2023-2024

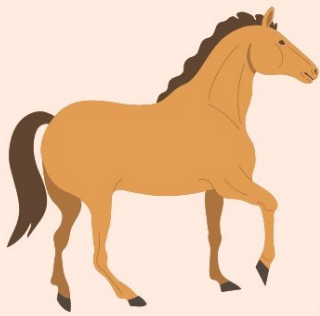
Fair Board will be holding elections on Monday November 13, 2023 at 6pm.

If interested in running for a position please email a letter of intent to Brittany Johnson, [brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu), by November 6, 2023.

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

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# POKER RIDE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

PROCEEDS BENEFIT BERNALILLO COUNTY 4-H

- REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30 AM
- RIDE OUT 9-10:30 AM
- AWARDS- 2:00 PM
- PARTICIPATION \$35
- ADDITIONAL HANDS \$5
- CONCESSION STAND
- TACK SWAP AND VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR \$10
- BAR SL VET SERVICES FOR HORSES AND DOGS
- EVENT PHOTOS BY PAM BISHOP

TRAIL RIDE STARTS AND ENDS AT  
BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE  
10308 2ND ST NW, ALBUQUERQUE

HELMETS REQUIRED FOR MINORS.

CONTACT MANDI MARTIN WITH QUESTIONS AT:  
COWBOYSNANGELSFARM@GMAIL.COM

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



**BE BOLD. Shape the Future.**  
**College of Agricultural, Consumer  
and Environmental Sciences**  
Cooperative Extension Service  
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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# 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 6:30pm and will be held in the 4-H Building.



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)

# 4-H Adult Volunteer and Parent Training

This is a two part training designed for Volunteers and Parents who would like to know more about the foundation and fundamentals of 4-H.

Please plan on attending both trainings.

The trainings will be held at the Extension Office from 6-8pm

Part I will be on October 4, 2023

Part II will be on November 1, 2023



*More information will be provided as the dates get closer*

# 4-H Shooting Sports

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## Volunteers Needed

The Committee will be holding a fundraiser there on October 28, 2023.

Please contact Chyna Westfall at 505-400-3933 if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions.

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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

### Two opportunities to attend:

October 25, 2023 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building

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

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## Senior Archery Practice

Sunday October 22, 2023

1pm-3pm

Sandia Crest Bowhunters Association—92-98 Archery Road, Tijeras, NM

Contact Ross Westfall, 505-903-9384 if you are interested in attending and/or if you do not have a SCBA membership.

**Youth must be fully enrolled and have a Liability and Medical Release form completed in order to participate at practice.**

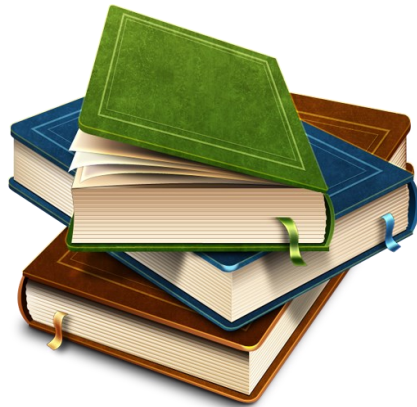


# County Record Books

Record Books from the 2022-2023 4-H year are due to the Extension Office By November 15, 2023

Record Book Forms are found on the State 4-H Office:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html>



## Why Maintain a 4-H Record Book?

Record books are an important part of the 4-H program. It is a cumulative record of a 4-H career, a record of what projects were completed, what activities youth participated in, tracks volunteerism and leadership opportunities.

Youth use record books to track their progress from year to year. This is important to demonstrate their improvement and mastery in a project or project area.

Further, as a senior you can enter your record book at the State Level. Winners are awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia.

# Record Book Story Contest!!!

Submit your 4-H Record Book Story for a chance to win a free trip for you and a 4-H friend.

NM 4-H members write a 4-H story for their record books each year. Here is your opportunity to earn a free trip for something you've already completed.

Submit your 4-H record book story describing your experiences in the current 4-H year. Use your Imagination to create a typed double-spaced story on the exciting program you are involved in....4-H!

Winning stories from each age category will have excerpts in the Leaderline Newsletters in 2024, full stories posted on line and may be used for other 4-H promotions.

Send your 4-H story to:

State 4-H office MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003

## **Get your 4-H Record Book Story in by November 1, 2023 and you could win one of the following trips:**

- \* Novice (ages 9-11) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- \* Junior (ages 12-13) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- \* Senior (ages 14-19) - Free registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat in January 2024!

**On the cover page please write your name, address, county and the age category you are classified in for the 2023-2024 4-H Year**

**4-H STORIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

Call the state office at (575) 646-5204 if you have any questions

# 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>

# 4-H Adult Volunteer Forum

## Online Registration Link

<https://ezregister.com/events/38981/>

The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board has been busy planning the 2023 NM 4-H Adult Forum for Saturday, **November 11 in Las Cruces, NM** at the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. This is a fun day of workshops, networking, speakers and make and take. Please share this information with your 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. Registration completed by October 15 is only \$40. Registration October 16-31 is \$50. The 2023 schedule and workshops are attached. Also available are First Timer and Gerry Copeland scholarships, please encourage volunteers to apply!

For more information about Forum go to our website:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html>

## **New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum: First Timer Registration Scholarships**

Eight, \$20 registration scholarship applications will be available in August for 4-H Leaders attending the Forum for the first time. You must submit a completed 4-H Adult Forum registration form AND payment, along with your completed Scholarship application. If you are selected, you will receive the scholarship funds following the event. Registration materials and the Scholarship Application form will be available in August from the New Mexico 4-H Web site (under the 'Adult Volunteers Leader' tab) or from your County Extension Office. Please consider participating in this year's 4-H Adult Forum where you will meet other adults involved in 4-H, hear a motivational speaker; participate in workshops, a community service project, Make and Take activities, silent auction and more! Come for a full day of fun, networking and education. Registration includes the workshops, speaker, special activities, lunch, and breaks – it is a bargain at \$40 if registered before October 15.

First Timer Scholarship Application (also attached)

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2018-4-h-adult-forum-registration-scholarship-application-form.pdf>

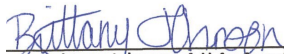
## **Gerry Copeland New Adult Leader Scholarship**

Gerry Copeland was a 4-H leader for several years, but her participation grew in 4-H after her children graduated. She worked as a 4-H volunteer for 30 years by working on committees, working with the county 4-H ambassadors and taking leadership roles with 4-H leader's association events. She believed in the importance of giving 4-H volunteer leaders the professional development they needed to guide 4-Hers. When she died in December 2018, after a brief battle with breast cancer, her friends and family established this award for other 4-H adult leaders in New Mexico, so that they could also grow their skills, confidence, and passion for the 4-H program.

**One scholarship of \$20.00 will be awarded to a volunteer from each county** attending 2023 NM 4-H Adult Forum. To nominate a volunteer, complete the attached form by October 15, 2023.

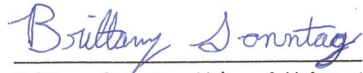
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<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-adult-leader-scholarship-application-gerry-copeland.docx>

  
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**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   |
|---|---|
| <b>Poker Ride—Fundraiser<br/>At the Sheriff's Posse</b> | <b>October 21<br/>Registration begins at 7:30am</b>   |
| <b>Horse Council</b>                                    | <b>October 24 at 6pm</b>  |
| <b>Shooting Sports Committee Meeting</b>                | <b>October 25 at 6pm</b>  |
| <b>Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Meeting</b>   | <b>October 25 at 6:30pm<br/>4-H Center</b>  |
| <b>County Council</b>                                   | <b>November 2 at 6:30pm<br/><a href="https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732">https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732</a></b> |
| <b>Shooting Sports Meeting</b>                          | <b>October 24 at 6pm</b>  |
| <b>Fair Board</b>                                       | <b>November 13 at 6pm</b>   |
| <b>4-H Volunteer/Parent Training Part II</b>            | <b>November 1 at 6pm</b>  |

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