Cooperative Extension Service Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Agents

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Welcome to the 2025-2026 4-H Year!!

This newsletter contains important information about 4-H enrollment, projects, dates, deadlines and so much more!!

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4-H is a Positive Youth Development Organization delivered through the Cooperative Extension Agency in each state.

Cooperative Extension is part of the Land Grant University System, the land grant university in New Mexico is New Mexico State University

The NM State 4-H Mission:

The mission of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program, is to provide youth the opportunities to acquire leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

The 4 H's:

Head - Developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills
 Heart - Cultivating compassion,
 responsibility, and a commitment to
 community service.

Hands - Promoting the development of practical skills through hands-on projects **Health** - Encouraging healthy lifestyles, social-emotional wellness, and healthy choices

The NM State 4-H Vision:

To develop all New
Mexico youth to become productive
citizens and leaders for positive
change

4-H Motto:

I pledge my HEAD for clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service,
And my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my country, and my world

4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Process:

Step 1: Join a 4-H club. If you're new and not yet connected with a club, contact Brittany or Madeline at the Extension Office.

Step 2: Visit <u>4h.zsuite.org</u>. Log into your household account, or create one if you're a new family.

Step 3: Create profiles for each participating youth and any adults planning to volunteer.

Step 4: Download the medical and liability release waiver from Zsuite. Complete the form, save it, and upload it to each youth and adult volunteer profile.

Step 5: Select 3–4 projects for each youth for the 2025–2026 4-H year.

Step 6: Check your email for any follow-up requests from the Extension Office or Zsuite about missing information.

Step 7: Confirm that all household enrollments have been approved.

Enrollment Dates

Enrollment Opens:

October 1, 2025

Returning Family Enrollment Deadline:

JANUARY 15, 2026

Project Enrollment Deadline:

March 1, 2025

New Family Enrollment Deadline:

May 1, 2026

For Enrollment Assistance please contact the office at 505-867-2582
OR Email:
Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu
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4-H Adult Volunteers

Adult volunteers are essential to the success of the 4-H program.

They serve in a variety of roles, including club leaders, project leaders, activity coordinators, event planners, and more—providing vital support that helps youth thrive.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like more information please contact Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Volunteer Enrollment Process

Complete enrollment profile on Zsuite, including the medical and liability release waiver - Yearly requirement

Complete Background Check paper work and pay \$10 (make checks payable to Sandoval County Council) - Background checks are good for 5 years

Take "Working with Minors" training on Zsuite under Clover Academy - Yearly requirement



2025 New Mexico Adult Retreat

Saturday November 8, 2025 Albuquerque, NM Bernalillo County Extension Office For more information about the retreat and how to register click the link below:

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







79 Entries Placed

24 Second Place

12 Third Place

43 First Place



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Record Books are due to the office by October 15, 2025

If you have any questions please contact Madeline Gurney - mgurney@nmsu.edu



Sandoval County 4-H Awards Banquet

Please join us at <u>1pm</u> on <u>November 16, 2025</u> at the San Ysidro Community Center to celebrate our 4-H youth on their achievements over the past year!

Families please RSVP by November 1, 2025 Madeline Gurney @ mgurney@nmsu.edu

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

Club	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Club leader	Contact Information (Text Only Please)
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert PublicLibrary	Megan Padget & Gabrielle	505-366-8113
Corralitos	1 st Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales senior meal site	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 rd Monday each month	5:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 nd Thursday each month	5:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Rosanna Garcia	505-379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3 rd Friday each month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Community Center	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo
Placitas Bullsnakes 4-H Club	1 st Sunday each month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Alison Yerkes	placitasbullsnakes@gmail.com
Torreon Wolfpack	2 nd Sunday each month	2:pm	Torreon Mission school	Lee Johnson	505-330-5881
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 st Thursday each month	5:30pm	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@g mail.com

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.

Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

For more information: https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html

EVENT (Community Service Scholarship Application)	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (2 Months before the event registration deadline)		
FCS School	January 15, 2026		
Youth Get-Away	February 2, 2026		
Horse School	March 16, 2026		
Animal School	April 15, 2026		
State 4-H Conference	April 15, 2026		
Ambassador/Officer Position	May 1, 2026		



Event	Date/Deadline		
4-H Enrollment Opens	October 1, 2025		
Record Books Due to Office	October 15, 2025		
Volunteer Adult Retreat Registration Deadline	October 15, 2025		
Sandoval County 4-H Awards Banquet	November 16, 2025 San Ysidro Community Center at 1pm		
County Scholarship for 50% Senior Leadership Retreat Registration	October 28, 2025		
Volunteer Adult Retreat	November 8, 2025		
Senior Leadership Retreat Registration due to Office	November 25, 2025		
Senior Leadership Retreat in Las Cruces	January 23-25, 2026		

For more information about Sandoval County Cooperative Extension contact the Sandoval County Extension Office: Sandoval@nmsu.edu or 505-867-2582

For more information about 4-H contact one of the 4-H Extension Agents:

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