

CLOVERLEAF

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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 4h.zsuite.org. 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, 2026

New Family Enrollment

Deadline:

May 1, 2026

For Enrollment Assistance
please contact the office at

505-867-2582

OR Email:

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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



Shooting Sports Leaders Needed!

**Shooting Sports Leader
Certification Training**
February 20-22, 2026
Tentative location: T or C

**For more information or if
you are interested in
becoming a shooting sports
leader please contact
Brittany Johnson**

4-H Volunteer Roles

Would you like to be an Adult 4-H Volunteer but don't know what a volunteer does or what it means?

Below is a list of different 4-H volunteer roles and descriptions of what each role does.

Club/Organizational Leaders:

Assumes the primary responsibility for a 4-H club

Assistant Organizational Leaders:

Is responsible for identified activities and assumes the organizational leader's duties and responsibilities in their absence.

Project Leaders:

Leads a specific project or curriculum within a club or county wide

Activity Leaders:

Gives leadership to an event or activity within a club, may also provide leadership for a county wide event or activity

Special Interest Volunteer:

Provide leadership in a special area of interest or a short-term project or volunteers for a specific job.

School Enrichment Volunteer:

Teach or assist with teaching 4-H curriculum in the classroom during school hours



JANUARY

Bernalillo Bandits

Zia M.

Olive P.

Corrales Corralitos

Iris M.

Cuba Coyotes

Josephine R.

Placitas Bullsnakes

Eva R.

Rose R.

Ponderosa Desert Wranglers

Cassie L.

Raylon S.



COMING SOON



EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the 20th of the month prior to their assigned month.

Information to include: Club projects, community service, highlight a 4-H family, highlight a 4-H member, highlight special events, submit one or two pictures.

Club Name	Highlight Month	Info. Due to Office
Placitas Bullsnakes	February	Jan 20, 2026
Jemez Red Rockers	March	Feb 20, 2026
Jemez Mountain Stallions	April	Mar 20, 2026
Cuba Coyotes	May	Apr 20, 2026
Corrales Corralitos	June	May 20, 2026
Bernalillo Bandits	July	Jun 20, 2026

PONDEROSA DESERT WRANGLERS



Club Highlights

Club Activities

Goat and Lamb Clinic
Worm Farming (vermicomposting)
Participants in small and large
animal livestock school
Made the banner for the 4-H
banquet



Club Officers

Marcus T. - President
Caden L. - Vice President
Annalysisa T. - Secretary
Mariana T. - Treasurer
Jason M. - Historian
Jenna L. - Reporter
Alaura T. - Parliamentarian



Community Service

Sewing pillowcases for local shelters
Fair ground clean up



Lending Library

Jason Madrid Jr., former President of the Ponderosa Desert Wranglers, is promoting literacy within his community. He has set up a Lending Library for young readers to donate and borrow books. He himself loves to read and he is hoping to inspire young minds!



Livestock Projects

Animal Ear Tagging - 2026

Tentative Tag-in Days:

Friday May 29 at Office 4-6pm

Saturday May 30 Fairgrounds 9am-1pm

NEW Ear Tag Fee!

**Starting this 4-H year each ear tag will cost
\$5***

**This is separate from the animal inspection fee*

4-H Horse and 4-H Rodeo

Horse Certificates

https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-horse-certificate_form-1001-2_r-2021_accessible.pdf

DUE to the Office by May 1, 2026

Rodeo Consent and Assumption of Risk Form

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-rodeo-assumption-of-risk-template-03-15-19.pdf>

Due to the Extension Office by April 15, 2026

or

15 Days prior to first rodeo

Which ever comes first

Must watch the three safety videos -

both parents and youth must initial the second page of the risk form indicating that

Link to Videos: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>

Shooting Sports: Archery



Archery Practice:

Sundays 2-3pm February 1-March 1
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm March 10 on

County Contest: Sunday March 22

Novice and Junior - 1pm
Seniors - 2:30pm

*please arrive 15-30min. early to register and setup equipment

All Archery practices and events will be held at the Corrales Public Works Yard behind the Corrales Post Office at 4101 Corrales Rd

Note:

Youth **MUST** attend at least **ONE** Archery Practice to be eligible to compete at the County Shoot

Youth **MUST** participate at the County Shoot to move on to District or State Shooting Sports Contests



For any questions about OTHER Shooting Sports Disciplines
please contact Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu

4-H Contest Workshops

Come learn about the different 4-H contests!

Last Saturday of the Month

January 31, 2026

February 28, 2026

March 28, 2026

April 25, 2026

**Workshops will be held at the San Ysidro
Community Center from 10am-12pm**



Registration Requested

**Please use the QR code or the link to
Register for the January workshop:**

<https://4hcontest.ezregister.com/>

Save the Dates!!

More information to follow for each event

FCS School: March 13-14, 2026

Youth Get Away: April 17-19, 2026

Small Animal School: Saturday May 16, 2026

Northern Livestock School: June 19-20, 2026

District Contest: June 23-24, 2026

State Conference: June 14-17, 2026

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 Public Library	Megan Padget & Gabrielle	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
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@gmail.com



NM State 4-H



Community Service Scholarships

Community Service Scholarship Criteria

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 Calendar

Event	Date/Deadline
Enrollment Deadline - Returning Families	January 15, 2026
Senior Leadership Retreat in Las Cruces	January 23-25, 2026
Project/Contest/Fair Workshop 1	January 31, 2026
Coffee with Extension	February 6, 2026
Sandoval County Council Meeting	February 6, 2026
Project/Contest/Fair Workshop 2	February 28, 2026
FCS School	March 13 - 15, 2026
Project/Contest/Fair Workshop 3	March 28, 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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