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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



December 2023

Happy Holiday

Birthdays

*Teagan, Alejandro, Felice,
Xzayrien, Alejandro, Alyssa,
Sebastian, Belita, Faith,
Liliak, Nathan*



*E*veryone is invited ...

for awards, dancing, fun, food and inspirational speakers this Friday evening, December 8th, at 6pm at the Rural Events Center Multi-Purpose Building, Abiquiu, NM. Nominations for 2024 Rio Arriba 4-H County Council and elections will be held.

*Join us for a night of festive fun!
Questions? Call 505-685-4523*



IMPORTANT DATES

December 7: Take 10 with 4-H-Role of Leader
December 8: Winter Celebration & Awards
December 11: Senior Leadership Retreat 2024 registration due to RA CES
December 22 – Jan 1: RA CES Offices Closed
December 25: Christmas
January 1: Calling All Creative 4-Hers National Contest Due

January 5: New Rio Arriba County Council Induction and Meeting
January 19: State 4-H Portfolios due at SLR or to State 4H office the week prior
January 19 – 21: Senior Leadership Retreat 2024
February 1-29: Registration for 2024 National 4-H Conference

Please Complete Our Important Survey Concerning 2024 Summer Camp

Take our brief survey and give us your input before we start planning. Follow the link below for the survey or follow the QR code with your phone and let your voice be heard.
https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOgIOA28k8nHRT0



NM State 4-H Portfolios



The State 4-H Portfolios will allow youth growth in your 4-H career and create a resume for your future. Form and formatting instructions are available on the general website under forms.

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

The State 4-H Portfolio is due at Senior Leadership Retreat in Las Cruces, January 19, 2024. The portfolio must be delivered to SLR or turned into 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.

The Take 10 with 4-H - Role of Club Leader Thursday, December 7 at 12:30pm

Please join us and share with parents and leaders.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83183121035>
Meeting ID: 831 8312 1035

Have a great day!

Cheryl



Christmas Tree Donation Event

The El Rito Ranger Station would like to donate a tree to those that are not able to get out into the woods to cut their own this Holiday season.



When: Friday, December 15th (10:00am-2:00pm)

Where: El Rito Ranger Station: State HWY 554 Building 1221

Event Details: Christmas trees will be given on a first come, first served basis. Quantities are limited. This event will take place outside of the El Rito Ranger Station. Please stop by for some holiday cheer and enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate! **

**We will host the event in our Ranger Station if there is inclement weather.



2024 National 4-H Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2024 National 4-H conference to be held April 19-24 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. This is the flagship youth development opportunity of the US Dept. of Agriculture.

Through a partnership with USDA/NIFA, the State 4-H Department has been able to send 14 NM 4-H youth and chaperones to the conference over the past two years! This funding opportunity, determined through a simple application process, is available for the 2024 National 4-H Conference! Contact Dr. Laura Bittner for more information about scholarships. lbittner@nmsu.edu or 575-646-3026

4-H in Photos

Rangers 4-H decorated a light pole in downtown Chama for the Christmas in the Mountains celebration. Poles will be judged next week.

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An afternoon of Kids Christmas Crafting hosted by the Rio Arriba Extension Club happened this past Saturday. Kids and parents rotated between 6 work stations of fun Christmas crafts to take home, ranging from table center piece jars, 4-H tree ornaments, reindeer cocoa cones, wooden Santa & Christmas scene ornaments, bird feeder pine cones, trail mix, punch tin can farolitos and more. There were some amazing creations, we have talented 4-her!

below



Step Up & Be Heard! Join Us...

Rio Arriba County 4-H Council Leadership Elections

Friday, December 8 at 6pm at the 4-H Awards Celebration!



Constitution Article IV – Officers

The elected officers known as the executive committee of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Four (4) County 4-H Ambassadors

By-Laws Article I – Election of Officers

- Officers shall be elected at the December meeting and installed at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
- Term of office shall be one year.
- Officers are not eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.
- If officers miss two (2) regular meetings or other council planned activities, they will be reviewed by the council and may be automatically removed from office. The council will vote in replacement officers from qualified council delegates.
- Voting will be by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a coin will be tossed.
- Candidates should be present at the election meeting.

Article IV – Qualifications of Officers

- The office of President should be held by a senior 4-H member who has held an office in his/her local club.
- The offices of President and Secretary should be held by members who have been in 4-H for at least two (2) years.
- The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter, Recreation Leader, Historian and Parliamentarian should be held by members who have been in 4-H at least one (1) year.
- The officer candidates should be aware of the importance of community (i.e., may have taken 4-H junior leadership projects and know duties of offices).

By Laws Article V – Duties of Officers

General duties of all officers of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council are:

- Attend officer training (usually held in January or February).
- Keep log of duties performed and submit report at end of the year.
- Attend officer meetings as called to handle immediate matters of the council.
- Provide reports prior to regular meetings, and a letter of explanation for missed meetings.
- Train officers in each county club as requested.

President:

- Preside over all regular and special meetings.
- Represent the 4-H Council at all meetings requiring such representation (i.e., Fair Board, Advisory committee, community gatherings, etc.).
- Appoint committees.
- Be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order. Vice President:
- Act in the absence of the President.
- Assist with committees as designated by the President.

Vice President:

- Act in the absence of the President.

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Secretary:

- Keeps an accurate record of procedures of all meetings, regular and special.
- Submit minutes to the County Extension Office no more than two weeks following a meeting.
- At each meeting, stand and read the minutes of the last meeting. Make corrections listed by council members
- Read correspondence. Reply as indicated by council.

Treasurer:

- Receive, hold, and distribute funds belonging to the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council.
- Give a financial report when called for by the President and at every meeting.
- Produce and audit the books annually.
- Shall be one of two signatories (Treasurer and Council Advisor) on all checks.
- Treasurer will submit a written treasurer's report to the County Extension staff at each county council meeting.

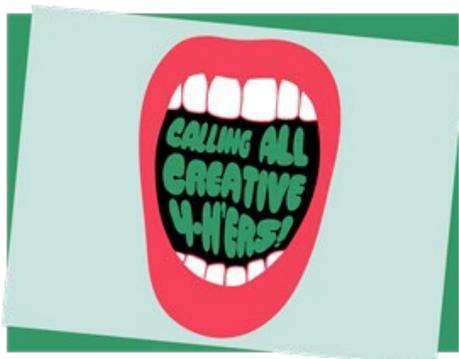
Reporter: Ambassador duties will include identifying 4-H project and program area to promote and assisting in planning and conducting 4-H events in conjunction with the officers and reporting them to the Extension office, for publication in the Cloverleaf.

- Will be in contact with the secretary after each meeting to write newspaper articles and assist in preparing advertising material for events, seeing sufficient publicity is given to the activities of the council utilizing newspaper, radio, and other media
- Maintain a scrapbook and photo file of all 4-H council activities. Scrapbook may contain minutes, treasurer reports, news articles of council activities, photos, and event reports.
- Encourage participation from Club to contribute to council meetings and other events. (Note: Council officer handbooks will be provided by the County Extension staff annually).

(as written in the current Rio Arriba Council Constitution and By-Laws)

To run for office please email Joy & Iliana at: jczmyrid@nmsu.edu; mendezi@nmsu.edu, be approved by the county and submitted to the Extension office by November 29th. Candidates must complete email us to be eligible for nomination. Additionally, nominations of the approved applicants will be made from the floor by during the annual meeting.

Any qualified candidate who has been defeated in the voting in any previous office is eligible to be re-nominated for any remaining office. A candidate is any member who has been nominated in the nominating session of the meeting. Officers will be elected in the following order: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, county 4-H ambassador.



Calling All Artists, Creators & Performers

You've got skills...and we want to see them! Students aged 14–19 can submit their work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. Applications are accepted November 13th through January 1st. Apply at <https://4-h.org/story-submission/>

2024 Arts Promotion Application

Calling all artists, creators and performers! We'd love to see what YOU do best. Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. We're looking for singers, dancers, **instrumentalists** as well as visual artists and creators of all kinds. Enter today to showcase your unique talent on this national stage! Applications from students ages 14-19 accepted November 13th through January 1st. If you experience any difficulty in

completing this form, please contact us at YouthInAction@4-H.org. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars:

Visual and Performing Arts Open Call Begins November 13

- Call to action: We are looking for visual and performing artists, individuals and small groups to feature at exciting upcoming national 4-H events.
- Application window for art or video submission will be **November 13 – Jan 1**. Full details will be shared via *4-H Professionals News and Notes* the week of November 13th.
- We appreciate your help in sharing a heads up with staff who manage your performing and creative arts programs as well as your 4-H'ers, ages 14-19.
- We're looking for visual art submissions of all kinds and mediums as well as performing artists of all kinds – musicians, dancers, spoken word, etc.
- Questions? Contact Mary Clayton Murphy, mmurphy@fourhcouncil.edu.



A Message from Sam Lowry . . . **Rodeo! Horse! Shooting Sports!**

Hello 4-H County Members, Leaders, Volunteers and Families,

4-H Rodeo

- **NM 4-H Rodeo Advisory Board Applications are due January 1st**. Please email completed application forms to samlowry@nmsu.edu no later than 11:59 PM January 1, 2024. See the following link for more information. <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>

4-H Horse

For those interested in participating as part of the State 4-H Agent Horse Advisory Committee please consider joining the next scheduled zoom meeting on **December 6th @ 1:00 PM**. Please use the zoom link below. **4-H Agent Horse Advisory Committee Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82680552280>

Meeting ID: 826 8055 2280

One tap mobile

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4-H Shooting Sports

The 2024 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held **February 16 - 18 at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park**. More information regarding the training agenda and potential lodging options will be shared with County Extension Offices as it becomes available.

- **The 2024 New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Policy Document and the New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships Event Synopsis are NOW posted to the State 4-H website.** <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>

A few exhibits from the State Fair...

are still here & ready for pick-up. Please stop by the Rio Arriba Extension office at your earliest convenience to get your exhibits. We will bring them to the Awards ceremony for final pick-up.

Thank you!

We also have Homemade Delights ribbons, certificates, comments cards etc here for pick-up

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Share your passion for and knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture, or Math with youth across New Mexico. Join NM STEAM Innovators and lead STEAM-based workshops designed by you! Applications and instructions can be found at nm4h.nmsu.edu.

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

Joy Cupid

Rio Arriba County FCS Agent & FCS 4-H

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Time to Complete the Annual Working with Minor Training Guidelines for 4-H Volunteers

You may complete the training through the Self-paced model on Zsuites:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

When you are in your 4H ZSuite account and have selected your profile follow the steps below:

1. Click on Clover Academy on the left menu bar
 2. Launch Clover Academy
 3. Open NM Working with Minors (*even though it says completed*)
 4. Under 'You have earned a certificate' is a button that says [*Reset All Course Progress for New Year (Cannot be undone.)*]
 5. Click on the blue '*Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)*'
 6. Start Course
 7. Complete the course and a certificate will be available with the completion date. The county 4-H ZSuite administrator should be able to see the volunteer completion on his/her county page.
- Just a reminder, all of us that work directly with youth need to take the working with minors training annually.***

