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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



Happy Valentine's Day!

February 2023



Emily, Yaritza, Stetson, Shania, Macey,
Kailey, Aidan, Aiden, Antonio

**Enroll now for the
2022-2023 4-H
Program Year!**

*Enrollment continues to
take place during your
club meetings.
Contact your Club Leader
for meeting date and time.*

**NEW ENROLLMENTS
DUE MARCH 1**

**Deadline to ADD/DELETE
4-H Projects
is March 1**



New Mexico 4-H FCS School of Real Life Skillz

The New Mexico 4-H FCS Schools are designed for 4-H members ages 9-12 who are interested in developing skills related to the Family and Consumer Science Projects and learning about project opportunities. 4-H members engage in one track of focus based on preference and availability. **Cost: \$50**

When: March 11-12

Where: Bernalillo County Extension 4-H Center, Albuquerque, NM

Who: Any 4-H Member with an interest in Family and Consumer Sciences

Tracks: Baking, Photography, Sewing, Ceramics, Jewelry, STEM, Outdoor Cooking (Juniors Only)

**CONTACT YOUR 4-H LEADER OR THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR
REGISTRATION FORM & INFO. Seniors can be Jr. Instructors**

Dates to Remember...

January 30th-Feb. 3rd-3rd Annual Virtual Horse Bowl Tournament
February 3-Home Ec School Registrations Due
February 9-2nd Thursday Zoom Training
February 10- Cover Art Submissions Due to Rio Arriba Fair Association
February 14-Valentine's Day
February 15- 4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February 20- Shooting Sport Summit to State DUE

February 23-24- Shooting Sports Re-Certification
February 25- Steer Tagging & County Bred
March 1-New 4-H Enrollments Due
March 1-Add/Delete 4-H Projects Deadline
March 9 -2nd Thursday Zoom Training
March 10-12-FCS (Home Ec) School
March 24-26- Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit-Whittington Center in Raton
March 25-Steer & Heifer Classic at Rio Arriba Fair Grounds

4-H Day at the Roundhouse

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, Santa Fe, NM

Welcome begins at 9:30 a.m.-please be seated and ready before 9:15am



Enjoy an opportunity to learn citizenship through active engagement with your state legislators allowing them to hear what Youth have to say, before they make decisions about youth programs, education, health, and safety! Visit with elected representatives in the New Mexico House and Senate. Share how 4-H impacts New Mexico families and communities through educational programs and services and have a chance to provide information about the Extension Service and the 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information contact your Club Leader or call the Extension office

ROUNDHOUSE DAY TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Review the agenda and know when and where you are to be.
- Review all provided handouts so that you are prepared to visit with your legislators.
- Research your legislators.
- Be positive.
- Be honest. Answer all questions candidly and as truthfully as possible. If you don't know an answer, indicate a willingness to find out and get back with the answer. Do not make up an answer.
- Be a strong and articulate advocate for 4-H.
- Thanks officials for their support.
- Thank staff and members of the legislature for their time.
- Remember you are representing you county and state.
- Members should bring one colored copy of their prepared handout "4-H Grows. . ." with them to registration.

ROUNDHOUSE DAY APPEARANCE AND DRESS

- All delegates and chaperones are expected to be professional while participating in 4-H Day at the Roundhouse. Professionalism includes appearance, etiquette, and presentation.
- Grooming cannot be overemphasized. Good grooming refers to the total package of general cleanliness and neatness—hair, make-up, clean shaven, nails and small professional accessories.
- Clothes should be clean and not in need of repair; free of stain and lint; well pressed/ironed; and shoes clean and polished.
- State Leadership Team members (Officers, State Diplomats and State 4-H Ambassadors) are to wear full dress uniform.
- All other youth and adult representatives will wear dress shirts (4-H polos are appropriate **No T-shirts**) and pants or skirts. Your outfit should be complete with leather shoes or boots and a belt.
- Athletic shoes or hats are not to be worn by Roundhouse Day participants or accompanying adults at any time during the event.
- If wearing a skirt or dress, you should wear hose or tights with a knee length or longer skirt.
- Chaperones are expected to wear business professional dress.
- Wear comfortable and well broken-in professional shoes. You will be on your feet and may have to walk quickly between appointments.



Club News



Blue Ribbon Bandits

Rio Arriba's latest new club has been busy, busy . . .

December Hi there! It's Kendra from the Blue Ribbon Bandits 4-H Club and im excited to share our December Club news with you. On December 9th our Club held our Installation Ceremony of 4-H Club Officers and created Care Packages for the less fortunate in our community. Our Club voted to divide up the goodies needed for each package and as a group we would assemble the packages together with TEAMWORK! Each of our Club families took home 3 packages to handout when we saw someone in need. During our business meeting we decided on the Club Projects we will complete throughout our 4H year together and discussed bringing in seasoned 4-H'ers and project experts to present to our Club and assist with our projects along the way. We also submitted Themes to the Rio Arriba County Fair Board for the 2023 Fair Theme Contest and my theme was selected. We are excited to prepare our Cover Art for the next Board Contest. We want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and can't wait to see you next year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January The Blue Ribbon Bandits are excited to kick off the New Year and start working on our projects for the County Fair. We had two very special guest speakers at our Club Meeting in January, Mr. Kevin Braithwaite and Mr. Wyatt Braithwaite. They talked to us about animal selection, nutrition, showmanship and even helped us shake our nerves for County Fair since we are all very new to 4-H. We would like to THANK them very much for sharing their time and knowledge with us. We also discussed our February community service project and we decided to make Valentine packages for a Senior Center and personalize them with handmade cards. Well that's it for now from the Blue Ribbon Bandits, over and out until next Month! - **Kendra Cole, Club Reporter**



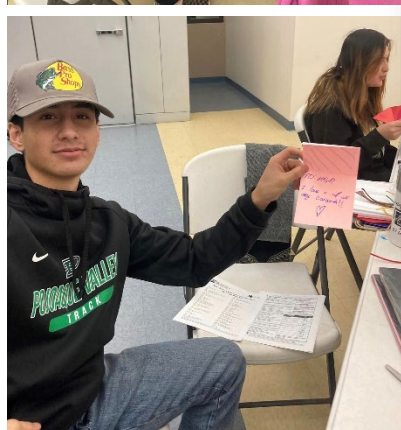
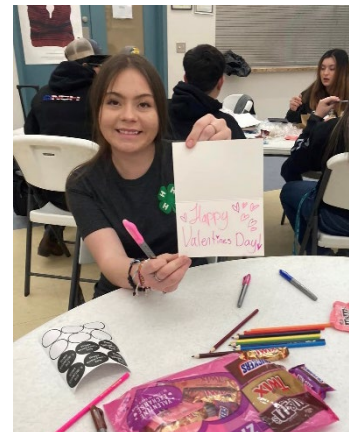


Club News...



The 4-H Hillbillies Bring Christmas Clothing Donations

Gavin, Felisiana, Fabian, Lilah, and Logan of the 4-H Hillbillies club put boxes out around the community to collect clothing to give to the Northern NM Crisis center. They received a lot of donations including new shoes! Thanks so much to the group for collecting these donations and bringing them to the needy over the holidays! Great job everyone!!



The Wranglerz Brighten Senior Citizens Day with Valentines!

The Wranglerz stuffed chocolates and signed over 200 Valentines for Seniors through the Meals on Wheels program that their Club Leader Jolene Vigil organized. They also created originals for secret some special too. What a great job you all!!

You will make a lot of Senior's day with all that love!!



...do we have News!



Young Guns News

We are very excited about the 2022-2023 4-H year. At our last club meeting we completed our Club Officer Elections which are:

President-Chantel Bibeault
Vice President-Stetson Trujillo
Secretary- Colette Bibeault
Treasurer-Macey Martinez
Reporter-Belita Martinez
Historian-Eliana Baca
Parliamentarian- Elias Chacon
Recreational Leaders- Clay Conley & Reed Trujillo

Our club project for this year is leather work. We had a representative from Tandy Leather come to our meeting and teach our club members how to cut the pattern, punch holes, how to use the stitching groover, stitching chisel and insert buttons.

At our next meeting we will be dying the leather, stamping, carving, and stitching.

- Belita Martinez



100TH STATE 4H CONFERENCE CELEBRATION

Each year the NM 4-H Youth Development Program hosts an event called State 4-H Conference on the NMSU campus. The event includes contests, business sessions, keynote speakers and workshops. The 100th State 4-H Conference will be taking place in the summer of 2023. We would like yours and your 4-Her's ideas for a celebration plan for this major milestone event. They can be shared by taking our survey at:

https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aV4cV7vsAGHXUDY

Some additional questions have been added to the survey. A QR Code is included below that can be used also. Please share these links with your club members.



NOTE FROM AMY:

Earn a Community Service Scholarship to Upcoming 4-H Events

Here's the 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:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS	SCHOLARSHIP AP DUE
2023 Youth Get-Away	February 15
2023 Horse School	March 15
2023-24 New Mexico 4-H Leadership Positions (Officers and Ambassadors)	April 1
2023 State 4-H Conference	April 17

Community Service Scholarship Application
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
IS 2 MONTHS BEFORE EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification - UPDATE

Dates for our spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Central New Mexico is set for February 25-26, 2023 to try to catch everyone up and ... allow for two certifications in a year.

We will continue to use the online modules participants will need to complete prior to attending. Leaders can go to: www.4-hshootingsportscollege.com to complete this portion, *if they have already completed the online module this year, they are good to go.*

The online portion will cover items including history, introduction to 4-H shooting sports, creating high quality programs, and risk management and is now available online through Zing-books at a cost of \$20.00 to access that portion of the training.

The training in Alamogordo, NM will begin Saturday at 8:00 am, February 25th, and conclude on Sunday February 26th. Cost for the hands-on portion will be \$60.00 and for any questions and information about registration contact the State 4-H Department at 575-646-3026. Special motel room rates are available.

Check with your Club Leaders for additional general information and room rates.



Fabulous Senior Leadership Retreat 2023

Rio Arriba Style

10 Rio Arriba County 4-Hers attended Senior Leadership Retreat this year, held at the Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque, January 20-22. The kids learned about personal leadership and professional growth. They attended tours and presentations at several locations including Explora, the Sunport, Personalized Paper Store/America's Past Time, Nursing, TLC Plumbing, Engineering and more. They heard from our State Officers during dinner Friday and Saturday night and ended the evenings with fabulous dances. Sunday was wrapped up by making a community service projects for the animal shelters around the state and listened to a super funny and inspiring speaker Melvin Adams, two-time NCAA All-American basketball player and the team captain of the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters. Lots of learning, exploring and fun had by all!

Our great group: Top left to right: Logan, Stetson, Adam, Chantel, Colette. Bottom left to right: Denise, KateLynn, Belita, Andrea, and Felisiana.



What:

Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom

An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.



When:

1st Thursday of the month on the dates below during the lunch hour.

The topics held during the same lunch hour will be separate presentations.

2023 Dates/Topics/Times:

January 5, 2023 Community Service Scholarships (12:30pm) FCS School (12:45pm)	May 4, 2023 State 4-H Conference (12:15pm) Livestock Schools (12:30pm) District Contests (12:45pm)
February 2, 2023 4-H Day at the Capitol (12:30pm)	October 5, 2023 Build Club Membership/Involvement (12:30pm) Community Service Ideas for Clubs (12:45pm)
March 2, 2023 YGA (12:30pm)	November 2, 2023 State Portfolios (12:30pm)
April 6, 2023 State 4-H Leadership Team (12:30pm)	December 7, 2023 Role of Club Leader (12:30pm)

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.

2023 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit

The second annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit will be held on March 24-26 at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H Youth from NM enrolled in a 4-H shooting sports project. The Summit will be limited to 30 youth. **Applications will be due by February 20th in the State 4-H Office** and the cost is \$200 per participant. This includes housing and meals at the Whittington Center. This event is designed develop leadership and state-wide Ambassadors for the Shooting Sports program. Contact Club Leaders or Extension office for registration info.

TAGGING DATES

Feb 25, 9am-3pm	Steer & County Bred
Apr 29, 9am-3pm	Goat, Sheep & Swine
June 24, 9am-3pm	Rabbits & Poultry

Planning to show your project animal?

Exhibitors are required to attend the designated tagging dates and to complete a Livestock Nomination Certificate to designate their project animals. 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors sign the completed certificates after tagging to complete the nomination process. Exhibitors will complete an entry form confirming show intentions and indicating the number of livestock pens needed.

Livestock Nomination Form can be found on our CES website.

Rio Arriba County Fair Cover Art Due Feb 10th

"Time to Shine"

Now accepting black line art illustrations for the cover of the County Fair Book that fit the theme
"Time to Shine"

Can be submitted to the Extension office or to RACFA:

amy_gar@lanl.gov

OR CJ Law at:

coltlaw1888@gmail.com



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My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.