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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



February 2024



Happy Birthday

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**Project Time In 4-H Zsuite
Enter & Finalize Now!**



Thank you all for taking on the challenge and tackling ZSuites re-enrollment! Please complete your Liability Waiver while you're in your account or download the paper form to Zsuites. If you're having trouble please call us at: 505-685-4523 or email Iliana at mendez@nmsu.edu for help.

New enrollments continue until March 1.

Finalize the 4-H projects you are taking and enter them in 4-H Zsuites for the 2023-2024 4H year. **The deadline to add/delete projects is Friday, February 16.** Go to this link for more information on ordering project materials:

<https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/programs/4h.html>

Online fillable order forms for project materials are available on the Rio Arriba 4-H website. A link is posted for Project description manual also. Projects like livestock, baking, sewing etc require you to be entered in the project in order to enter that project in the fair, so please follow the Rio Arriba County Fair Rule Book for these guidelines at: racfa.net

Please follow these steps:

Enter projects in 4-H Zsuites. Deadline is February 16th, 2024

Complete list of projects you need and return that list to your Club Leader

Club Leaders please get Project Materials List to the Extension office by February 23, 2024

ONLINE-ONLY materials will be loaded on jump drives for each family. \$3.00 each. More than 15 hard copy projects per family will be \$1.00 each. The following week of February we will email a list of each club's projects to the Leaders. Please return that list to us with whether you need those materials, so we can get materials ordered from the State 4-H office in a timely manner and get them to you in a timely manner.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1-29: Registration for 2024 National 4-H Conference

February 8: 2nd Thursday Zoom Prof. Dev 2nd Thursday

February 9: Duded Up Denim workshop at RA CES

February 15: Community Service Ap for YGA Due

February 16 – Deadline to ADD/DELETE PROJECTS IN ZSUITES

February 16-18: Shooting Sports Training-rifle, shotgun, archery, hunting

February 17: RACFA – Club Leader Fair training meeting

February 17-18 – Fish & Game Hunter Safety

February 24 - 4-H Leather 1 workshop

March 1 – New Enrollment Closes

March 2 – Steer, Heifer Tagging-RA CES

March 8-10 – FCS School

March 16 – County Contest Archery

March 17 - County Contest Shotgun

March 23 – County Contest Rifle and Pistol

Rio Arriba County Fair Association Meeting for 4-H Club Leaders

Hello club leaders,

We have decided to hold the meeting via zoom to hopefully get a better attendance.

The zoom link is below. If you have any questions please let me know.

RACFA Board is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Mandatory Rule book meeting

Time: Feb 17, 2024 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87977336100?pwd=IS4b6Fz25OyH3AXGyFuwsWJ2rVSicE.1>

Meeting ID: 879 7733 6100

Passcode: 249058

One tap mobile

+16694449171,,87977336100#,,,,*249058# US

+16699006833,,87977336100#,,,,*249058# US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 879 7733 6100

Passcode: 249058

Find your local number:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kcZpdaXaex>

Livestock Tagging Dates at Rural Events Center, Abiquiu

Saturdays - 9am to 1pm

Steer/Heifer March 2

Swine/Sheep/Goat May 24

Rabbits/Poultry June 29

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Duded Up Denim

FREE 4-H Workshop

This Friday 4-6pm



Join us Friday, February 9, here at the Abiquiu Extension office to learn how to create and make Duded Up Denim 4-H project for the Fair or just for fun. Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own. **Please RSVP: 505-685-4523**

Bi-County Shooting Sports County Contest

We are partnering with Los Alamos this year for our Shooting Sports County Contest for Rio Arriba County at the Los Alamos Sportsmen Club facility. We are happy to have the use of this great facility again and the incredible professional assistance of the volunteers at the Club. Please check out the flyers below for more information.



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

Shooting Sports County Contest Archery and Shotgun

Open to Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members who have attended at least (2) practices with a certified 4-H coach.

Saturday, March 16, 2023

12:00 p.m. – Archery (Novice, Junior, & Senior)

Sunday, March 17, 2023

12:00 p.m. – Shotgun (Novice, Junior, & Senior)

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

\$5.00/member (Archery) and \$20.00/member (Shotgun)

Checks payable to your 4-H County Council

Register with your county office by **March 12**

For more information contact:

Los Alamos Cooperative Extension Office at (505)662-2656

Rio Arriba Cooperative Extension Office at (505)685-4523.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Angela Prada by April 1, 2023 at (505) 662-2656 or angprada@nmsu.edu.



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New Mexico Game & Fish Hunter Education Course

A few spots remain to sign-up for the Hunter Education course brought to you by the NM Department of Game & Fish. For kids 10 & up, accompanied by adult.

The course is February 17 & 18 2024, Saturday & Sunday, 8:30am – 4pm at the Rio Arriba County Extension Office, Abiquiu.

Course Contact: Jason Amaro 505-235-7762

To obtain a copy of the hunter education student manual stop by the Rio Arriba County Extension Office. Or visit:

www.hunter-ed.com/newmexico/manual/

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

March 12th Archery/Shotgun

March 19th Rifle/Pistol



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

Shooting Sports County Contest

Rifle and Pistol

Open to Novice, Junior, and Senior members who have attended at least (2) practices with a certified 4-H coach.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

12:00 p.m. – Rifle (Novice & Junior)

1:30 p.m. – Senior Rifle (Senior)

4:00 p.m. Pistol (Senior)

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Cost: \$5.00/member per event.

Checks payable to your 4-H Council

Register with your county Extension office by **March 19**

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2024 New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit

The third annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit will be held on March 22-24, 2024 at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H Youth from New Mexico enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The Summit will be limited to thirty (30) youth. Applications will be due by February 14th in the Extension and the cost will be \$250.00 per participant and will include housing and meals at the Whittington Center.

The activities throughout the weekend will be a "hands-on" approach. Each individual will have an opportunity to be exposed to all the shooting sports disciplines offered in the New Mexico 4-H Program and will learn safety and techniques to teach and help other youth in those areas. Leadership activities throughout the weekend will allow youth to become spokespersons and ambassadors for the New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports Program and take what they have learned back to their County to be an asset to the program.

This is not an event to develop better shooters but is a leadership event based around the 4-H shooting sports projects and to develop state-wide ambassadors for the program. The application process will give more weight to leadership activities than shooting sports activities. If you have any questions, please contact your County 4-H Agent.

Please turn in the application to your County Extension Agent for their signature and submission to the State 4-H Office. Application link: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>



4-H Leather 1 Workshop

February 24
9:00 a.m.

Local Shop in Nambé with
former 4-H Leader Anne Martinez
Cost is \$3/person

RSVP to losalamos@nmsu.edu or 505-662-2656
by February 9

Open to Novice, Junior, and Senior Members

4-H Advanced Leather Workshop

Coming Soon!
Will be in March or April

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Save the Date Southwest Pregnancy Diagnosis

The Southwest Pregnancy Check Clinic will provide producers with the opportunity to gain knowledge about their cattle's reproduction system and the ability to palpate and track the pregnancy stages of their cows. This program is designed as an awareness course for producers, not a certification.

March 12-14th

Deming, NM

Limited to 20 Participants
\$500 per participants

For more information please contact Savannah Daniels at vannah03@nmsu.edu or 575-542-9291.

Please look forward to more information with a registration link and hotel information

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NEW MEXICO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

APRIL 5-7, 2024
EXPO NEW MEXICO FAIRGROUNDS, ALBUQUERQUE

LAND OF ENCHANTMENT Circuit

SPLIT COMBINED
3 AQHA JUDGES

FULL SLATE OF
ALL-BREED CLASSES

All Halter and Showmanship on Saturday
Western, English, Ranch, Driving & Speed classes
All-Breed Classes include Walk/Trot

GREAT CLASS AND CIRCUIT AWARDS!
HEATED INDOOR ARENA

For entries, stall reservations, or more information,
contact show chairman Kathy O'Neal:
505-688-0221, kathy@liverytraining.com

www.nmqha.com



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APRIL 6, 2024

NEW MEXICO 1-DAY GRAD PROGRAM

Cattle, Hands-on, Educational Experience



REGISTER NOW

OUR PROGRAM IS A ONE-DAY FUN FILLED FREE EVENT WHERE STUDENTS CAN BRING THEIR ANIMALS AND WORK ONE ON ONE WITH THE INDUSTRY'S BEST AND MOST TALENTED. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE: DAILY CARE, CLIPPING, FITTING, PROPER BREAKDOWN, SHOWMANSHIP, NUTRITION, AND SHOW ROAD PREP. STUDENTS WILL WALK AWAY MOTIVATED AND PREPARED FOR SUCCESS!



STANLEY CYCLONE CENTER
22 W. Kinsell Ave.,
Stanley, New Mexico 87056



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TESS MITTAG, MANAGER OF STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY @ TESSA@SULLIVANSUPPLY.COM

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Artificial Insemination Program

Deming, New Mexico



SAVE THE DATE

This class will provide students with the information needed to develop an artificial insemination program and the hands-on skills needed to artificially inseminate cattle. There will be online modules to complete before the hands-on program.

March 11 & 12

\$525 registration fee

Limited to 10 Participants

Please continue to follow for registration updates and hotels.

For more information please contact:

Savannah Daniels at 575-542-9291

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Rio Arriba CES & NMMPA Presents 4th Annual

Northern NM Bull Management Educational Series

When and Where:
February 24, 2024 NM Producer and
Marketing Association (Ghost Ranch
Feedlot)

9am to 5pm
Breeding Soundness & Trich Testing-
\$110.00/Bull

Trich Testing Only-\$65.00

Dr. Andrea Gutierrez will be doing the testing.

**An educational workshop will be given on
Friday February 23 at 5-7 pm at the RA
CES conference room.**

Information on herd management by
livestock specialists and Dr. Andrea will be
offered.

- Attendees will receive a voucher for their bulls the following day.
- Please RSVP with Amanda Benavides by
February 20, 2024 at
505 685-4523 or via email
msb6@nmsu.edu

- Bull owners plan to trich test every spring and utilize your local veterinarian. For a listing of local veterinarians please feel free to contact Rio Arriba CES.

Publications will be available along with short talks about herd management and vaccination programs with your county agent, veterinarian and NMSU Specialists.



Contact:

Donald Martinez, Rio Arriba CES
Agricultural Agent
Tel: 505-685-4523 email:
donmart@nmsu.edu

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WT Paul Engler College of
Agriculture and Natural Sciences
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



**Tex-Mex Horse
Judging Clinic**
February 17, 2024
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST



Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2024 horse judging season.

The WTAMU Horse Judging Team members will be leading small groups of youth to help them develop and improve their skills in preparing and presenting oral reasons. Please don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on perfecting these skills.

Roosevelt County Fairgrounds Portales, New Mexico

The clinic is for youth and coaches of all skill levels. Youth will judge video classes and work on reasons in small groups. Youth should bring their own judging notebooks and pencils. Snacks, lunch, and printed materials will be provided for each youth. Registration fee: **\$50/youth** and \$15/adult to cover lunch costs. Please register online: <https://easnr.nmsu.edu/>

Registration opens 12/15/23 and closes at 5pm on 2/6/24.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Petry, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach at cpetry@wtamu.edu

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist at jturner@nmsu.edu



Topics

Halter

Western Pleasure

Hunter Under
Saddle

Ranch Riding

Notes

Reasons

Scoring



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 Zsuits: <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.**



Fun at 4-H Day at the Roundhouse



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

