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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



Happy New Year 2024 January 2024 Happy New Year 2024

## Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year!



## Happy Birthday

*Felix, Heaven, Dominic, Thett, Aaliyah,  
Chailyn, Tiffani, Antonio & Jayd*



## Congratulations to the Rio Arriba County Council 2024!



Congratulations to Adam Jaramillo of the Wranglerz 4-H Club! He is our new President for 2024 and I'm sure, will do our County Council proud. Our new Vice president is Colette Bibault; Secretary, Belita Martinez, both you the 4-H Young Guns; Treasurer, Andrea Dominguez; and Reporter, Garvin Conrad are for the 4-H Hillbillies. Congratulations everyone! We are looking forward to an awesome year with you all.

Look for a new 4-H Rio Arriba Instagram site . . . Gavin will be creating an account for us and be posting all the latest and greatest happenings in the county, so please send content my way: [iczmyrid@nmsu.edu](mailto:iczmyrid@nmsu.edu) and we'll get it posted!

We are excited to announce the formation of a new special interest 4-H club, the Jicarilla 4-H Wranglers! Their club will have member Lisa Ben representing them as a club delegate. We encourage all clubs to send delegates to our county council meetings. Stay tuned for the next council meeting announcement and send a club delegate so we can hear from you out in the county and you can have a voice in our 4-H. We know you guys are doing lots of great things out there and we want to let everyone know about them!

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 19: State 4-H Portfolios due at SLR or to State 4H office the week prior

January 19: Parliamentary Procedure Contest at Senior Leadership Retreat

January 19 – 21: Senior Leadership Retreat 2024

January 23: Zoom Orientation-4-H Day at the Training 6pm

January 30: 4-H Day at the Roundhouse Training

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

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

February 16 – Deadline to ADD/DELETE PROJECTS IN ZSUITES

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

February tba: RACFA – Club Leader training

### 4-H Day at the Roundhouse

We are excited for the 4-H Day at the Roundhouse on Tuesday, January 30. The program will start at 9:30am at the **State Land Office Auditorium- Morgan Hall**. The program will include representatives from NMSU and NM State Legislators, a tour of the State Land Office, reading of a joint proclamation and a speaker session. Counties are encouraged to make individual arrangements to meet with their respective legislators.

To help prepare participants and chaperones for this event, there will be a zoom orientation on January 23 at 6:00pm to

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83496045798>

Meeting ID: 834 9604 5798

Additional 4-H Day at the Roundhouse resources useful in preparing for the event can be found at the link below and attached to this email.

Take 10 with 4-H – 4-H Day at the Roundhouse

(February 2023) - <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/take10.html>



***PLEASE EMAIL JOY: [jczmyrid@nmsu.edu](mailto:jczmyrid@nmsu.edu) or call: 505-985-4523 if you will be attending. I will need contact information of chaperones and a head count of those who will be joining us. We will meet in front of the State Land Office – Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail. Santa Fe at 9:15am***

### PROJECT TIME IN 4-H ZSUITES – ENTER AND FINALIZE NOW!

Thank you all for taking on the challenge and tackling ZSuites re-enrollment! Please give me or Iliana a call if you have any questions. **New enrollments continue until March 1.**

Please finalize what 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. 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.

## Shooting Sports Training for Volunteers

- The 2024 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held **February 17 - 18 at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park**. See link below.  
<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/facilities/shooting-range-park/shooting-range-park>
  - Registration is **NOW OPEN** and will **CLOSE** February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - County 4-H Agents will need to register their enrolled volunteers.
  - The cost will be \$100.00 per participant.
  - One check for all county participants attending the training should be received by the Rio Arriba County Extension no later than **February 5<sup>h</sup>**.
  - Tentative Training Schedule: see attached of use the following link <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2024-NM-4-H-SS-Leader-Training-Schedule.pdf>
  - More information regarding the lodging options at a reduced rate can be found at the following link.  
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>
- The 2024 New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Policy Document is posted to the State 4-H website. <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>

## 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**

## 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.



## 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](mailto:lbittner@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-3026





## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico 4-H Online Horse Bowl Tournament

January 29 to February 2, 2024  
7 to 10 pm over the Internet

If you like horses, learning more about them, and you like to compete, then the HBT is your chance to shine. Prizes are awarded to the top 4 teams overall and to the top 10 individuals in each age division (Novice, Jr., Sr.). Matches are held over Zoom, so you can compete virtually with teams across the state. You don't need to be in the horse project, but you must be enrolled in New Mexico 4-H to play. The registration fee is \$10 per contestant.

Registration opens January 8 and closes on January 22, 2024. You can register through your county 4-H agent. Your agent can provide study materials, tournament rules, and technology requirements. Contact information for your county 4-H agent can be found at:

Rio Arriba Extension: [jczmyrid@nmsu.edu](mailto:jczmyrid@nmsu.edu);  
[mendezi@nmsu.edu](mailto:mendezi@nmsu.edu);  
505-685-4523



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For more information, contact Dr. Jason Turner

Awards courtesy of Northern NM Horsemen's Association.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Dr. Jason Turner by 1/15/2024 at [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu).

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

USDA/NIFA is again providing scholarships for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to attend the National 4-H Conference which will be held April 19-24 at the Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA. For the past two years, a delegation of NM 4-H'ers received this scholarship and represented our state at this premier conference. We would love to see even more NM 4-H members benefit from this fantastic experience!

The National 4-H Conference Scholarship Program is NOW accepting applications. Completed scholarship applications (Part A ONLY along with a resume) must be routed through the State 4-H Department as per the program's requirements by **11:59 pm on January 17**. The scholarship application form is available in English and Spanish and can be found below. Please note the instructions for applying at the top of the application.

### Scholarship application:

[https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/National%204-H%20Conference%20Scholarship%20Form\\_English-508.pdf](https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/National%204-H%20Conference%20Scholarship%20Form_English-508.pdf)  
[https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/National%204-H%20Conference%20Scholarship%20Form\\_Espa%C3%B1ol-508.pdf](https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/National%204-H%20Conference%20Scholarship%20Form_Espa%C3%B1ol-508.pdf)

To learn more about this conference, please visit [National 4-H Conference | NIFA \(usda.gov\)](https://www.nifa.usda.gov/national-4-h-conference).





The Black Bears 4-H Club made care bags for the homeless, for the holidays. They gave them out in Santa Fe and in Espanola.

Thank to Josephine Lucero Black Bears Club Leader for submitting this and a huge thank you for thinking of others less fortunate over the holidays!

I'm sure you made many people's day



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## 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](mailto:cpetry@wtamu.edu)

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist at [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu)



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#### Topics

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Western Pleasure

Hunter Under

Saddle

Ranch Riding

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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 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.**



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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