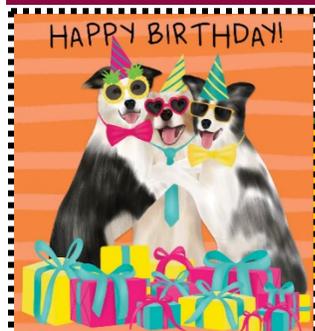




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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



## October 2025

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## 4-H Re-Enrollment with



**4-H Re-enrollment has begun. If you are an existing member, leader or volunteer, it's time to begin the re-enrollment process.**

This 4-H year we are asking all clubs to use the 4-H Zsuite enrollment website to enroll. This will expedite the process and make it a better working atmosphere for all. With each family actively involved in this process we feel that you all will have a better grasp of what is going on with your enrollment, be able to update documents quicker, and you also will be in control of the projects you sign up for. This will help us on our end to get project materials to you in a timely manner and make the whole system smoother and communication better 😊

If you already have an existing Zsuites account go ahead and sign-in and make any changes to your account that are needed. To help with making changes please follow the attachments for help. If you don't yet have an

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### Dates to Remember

October 1 – 4-H Re-enrollment begins  
October 4-15 – Paper Clover-Tractor Supply  
October 9: Indigenous Day  
October 15: First Timer Scholarships for 4-H  
Adult Forum due  
October 16 – Citizenship Washington Focus  
(CWF) registration due

October 28: Trunk or Treat – Abiquiu Dam  
October 31: Halloween  
November 2: Take 10 with 4-H Webinar  
November 11: Veterans Day  
November 11: NM 4-H Adult Forum, Las Cruces  
November 23: Thanksgiving

## Enrollment the Zsuite Way (continued from pg 1)

account, welcome to working with 4-H Zsuites! It is really pretty easy, so please experiment, and don't be afraid to make mistakes, the program is very forgiving. You'll see a Help option on the left information bar when you get into your account, if you have questions.

**Projects** You will also be able to add projects that your 4-Hers are interested in. When signing up for projects in Zsuites, keep in mind what you might be entering in the county fair, members must be enrolled in the project area to exhibit in that department at the Fair. Please don't sign-up for self-determined unless you have already completed the projects leading up to it.

**New Accounts** Check out these links to create your account or to update your existing account. If you haven't registered previously, when you click "create an account" the Register New Household screen will pop up. You will be asked to pick your state, then you will choose your county, add your household email, to create a password and a pin that is at least 4 characters. Then hit the "Let's Go" button. You will then be sent to a new window, follow the prompts on the screen to create your member profile. If you want to go back to the previous window use the back arrow in the upper left corner. If the screen is not building properly at any time, click the refresh circular arrow also in the top left corner.

**Helpful PDFs** – Please see attachments sent with this email for Household/Family and Volunteer guides – Frequently Asked Questions for more general information.



The poster features the YF&R logo (Young Farmers & Ranchers) in the top left corner. The main title is "YF&R Youth Discussion Meet" in large, bold, red and black letters. Below the title, the date "November 15, 2023" is prominently displayed. A list of key details includes: "Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, NM", "Orientation starts at 8 am", and "Limited to 8 contestants per chapter or school". A QR code is located in the bottom left corner with the text "SCAN ME". To the right of the QR code, it says "Registration opens 9/1 Scan the QR code for more information". On the right side of the poster, a large black hexagon contains the words "SAVE THE DATE" in white, stylized, outlined letters.

For the 2023 New Mexico State Youth Discussion Meet, the NMYF&R will be hosting one state-wide competition. The main details behind this competition are as follows:

- Up to sixty competitors, with a maximum of 8 from each club, chapter, or group, will be allowed to compete.
- Competitors must register with the NMYF&R at the following link, also accessible using the QR code located at the top right of this page: <https://www.nmflb.org/Get-Involved/Young-Farmers-and-Ranchers-Program/Competitive-Events>
- Registration will be based on a first come, first serve basis. This number is based on room and volunteer availability to ensure we can hold the competition effectively in a single day.
- Standard Youth Discussion Meet rules, held in previous years, will be adopted. Four contestants will compete in each room, with a thirty second opening statement from each competitor, ten minutes of open discussion, followed by a

one-minute closing statement of each competitor. Competitors will be scored by a team of three judges on a standardized score sheet. The American Farm Bureau Federation 2024 Discussion Meet Questions, attached, will be used as questions, with each round consisting of the same question for all competitors competing in that round.

- The sixty competitors will compete in tournament style rounds, with each competitor competing in at least two rounds before eliminations take place. This will continue, depending on the number of registered competitors, until four competitors are selected to compete in the Final Four competition.
- **The general competition will take place Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, NM.** The competition is anticipated to begin at 8:00 AM with orientation, and end with the Final Four competing that evening. Lunch will be provided. This will take place a day before the 2023 NMFLB Annual Meeting. Prizes will be given to each of the final four competitors.

We do apologize for the delay in this announcement but appreciate your patience as we organize this competition.

Attached to this letter are the 2024 AFBF Discussion Meet Questions, the 2023 AFBF Discussion Meet Manual (which is modified for use in our competition as detailed above), the 2023 YF&R Discussion Meet Overview Presentation, and a save the date. Please direct any additional questions to Joel Ferguson at 575-937-5974, or at his email at [mjferguson2230@gmail.com](mailto:mjferguson2230@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing our young farmers and ranchers compete at this year's competition! *The New Mexico Young Farmers and Ranchers Executive Committee*

# Club News



Donald Martinez and Friends had the Blue Ribbon Bandits pick grapes at Bobby Lopez vineyard in La Mesilla. The grapes will be processed into grape juice and wine for K Heart Winery out of Corrales. It was a great learning experience plus they were paid well too for their services.

*Nice job Bandits!*



Kudos to the Black Bears 4-H club for cleaning up the cemetery in Ojo Caliente. What a great community service project!! 😊



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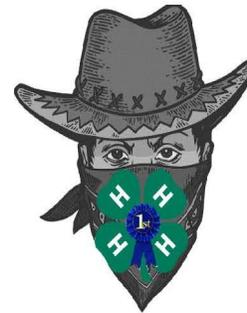
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### OCTOBER 4-15

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

Greetings Rio Arriba County 4-H'ers and Leaders! It's Kendra Cole from The Blue Ribbon Bandits 4-H Club and boy do I have some great news to share with you!! The Blue Ribbon Bandits would like to Congratulate all our fellow 4-H members that participated in our County Fair, we know how much work goes into getting your projects completed for Fair! We are also super proud of all our 4-H members that made it onto State Fair with their projects and represented Rio Arriba County. We were also able to move onto the State Fair with our Club's Spirit table and WON RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION for Rio Arriba County. We will be having our End of the Year banquet on 9/19/2023 to celebrate our Frist Year as a Club, our achievements and ramp up for the upcoming 4-H year.



Happy Trails Rio Arriba County 4-H Clubs We can't wait to see what 2023-2024 brings- until next time!!



Congratulations to Colette Bibeault and Belita Martinez for making it to the National 4-H Food Challenge in Dallas, Texas after competing locally at the NM State Food Challenge. They captured the win for Rio Arriba County, along with co-team members Wyatt Braithwaite and Chantel Bibeault at the 2022 New Mexico State Fair. Our team didn't make it to the 2nd round, but they represented New Mexico well with an amazing Spicy Gnocchi dish. Well done girls!



# SLR 2024 Surfs Up!



Youth are invited to attend the 2024 Senior Leadership Retreat held at the NMSU Campus and Las Cruces Convention Center, January 19-21, 2024. The registration fee covers lunch and dinner on Saturday and all workshop and program costs. **Counties will be responsible for lodging, dinner on Friday and both breakfasts.**

The State 4-H Leadership Team will be the hosts of Senior Leadership Retreat. Their goal is to help you succeed in personal leadership and professional growth. There are exciting activities and workshops scheduled to provide you with opportunities to learn leadership skills, career resources, and community service. To see further information about the event, check out the 4-H website and Facebook page for updates. Workshops provided Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning will be on the NMSU campus. Details on the workshops will be coming out in the next month. They will target leadership, personal development for a positive future, and experimental activities related to different career and degree paths. The State 4-H Leadership Team have been busy planning your retreat around the theme: Surf's Up!. They are ready to help you find the doors to future opportunities.

Below is general information about the event. Further information will be available in October.

## **Full Registration Information, Schedule and Workshop Descriptions**

Available in October.

### **Cost**

\$130.00 per person for 4-H'ers and adults (conference t-shirt, lunch and dinner on Saturday, workshops, facility rentals and program expenses included). Counties will need to arrange and cover their own lodging, dinner on Friday, and breakfasts.

### **Lodging**

A list of hotels with 4-H blocks will be provided in the full registration. Counties can choose to make reservations at one of those hotels or coordinate their own.

### **Registration deadlines**

Counties set their own registration deadlines.

State 4-H Registration for Counties: December 15

### **Forms**

- NM 4-H Medical/Liability Release Form – Must have one turned into your County Extension Office by the county registration deadline.
- Forms sent in must have signatures. If the signature is electronic, the fourth page showing the signature must be included.

### **Chaperones**

Adults serving as chaperones for a county must be enrolled in the 4-H program. If not enrolled, they cannot serve as a chaperone. Please make sure they are enrolled before registering them.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

- ★ Cancellations and refunds are made only if road conditions in the **Las Cruces** vicinity are severe. Drivers must make their own travel decisions based on road conditions in their area. We do not want anybody taking unnecessary risks in order to attend this event.
- ★ **Refunds cannot be made unless there is a National Weather Service storm warning in existence in the Las Cruces/Dona Ana area.**
- ★ If a refund is made due to bad weather, there will be a surcharge deducted to cover actual program expenses incurred up to that point.
- ★ If a cancellation is **made prior to the registration deadline**, the participant can receive a full refund.
- ★ **After registration is closed, if a 4-H'er or adult who is registered cannot attend, a county can substitute another person of the same sex in his or her place, but an actual refund will not be made. If there is no one from your county to fill the spot, please let the state office know before sharing the vacant spot with counties.**
- ★ **If a cancellation is done after registration is closed due to an emergency or current health issue a full refund will be given to the participant.**

### **Contact Information**

The phone number for the State 4-H Office is 575-646-3026 or 575-646-5204 or by email at [azemler@nmsu.edu](mailto:azemler@nmsu.edu).

## *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. 505-685-4523. Thank you!

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

### **NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board - 5 Positions Coming Open**

If you have any leaders who are interested in serving on the board, please have them complete the application by November 9.

#### **Volunteer Leader's Association Executive Board**

The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board is accepting applications for open board positions in each district. If you know of any interested volunteers, please send them the application to complete and submit **by November**

**9** to [cherylb@nmsu.edu](mailto:cherylb@nmsu.edu) so that the board can review the applications at their meeting on November 10.

Board members serve a three-year term unless filling a vacant position. Duties Include:

- Plan annual New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum
- Communicate with County 4-H Leader Associations in their district for the expansion, improvement, and promotion of 4-H youth and leader educational programs.
- Advise the State 4-H Program Leader on matters of program policy and future directions.
- Transact necessary business of the Association.

#### **Applications can be found online at:**

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/leaders-assoc-exec-board-application-form.pdf>

or contact Cheryl at 575-799-0102. **Applications are due by November 9.**

#### **Executive Board Open positions:**

- **Northeast District - 1 open position**
- **Southeast District - 2 open positions**
- **Northwest District - 1 open position**
- **Southwest District - 1 open position**

If you have any questions, please contact me.

*Cheryl Butterfield*

(575)646-1156 (office)

(575)799-0102 (cell)

## **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.

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**Rio Arriba County FCS Agent & FCS 4-H**



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