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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



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4-H Re-Enrollment



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

This 4-H year we are again 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 😊.

Be sure to check in with your 4-H Club Leader first, before renewing your enrollment so your Club Leader will know who is returning. New member enrollments will begin November 1 and must go through the Club Leader.

Dates to Remember

October 1: 4-H Re-enrollment begins
October 7: National 4-H Week
October 14: Indigenous Day
October 15: Early Registration deadline-4-H Adult Retreat
October 15 – Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) registration due
October 31: 4-H Forum closes
October 31: Halloween

November 1: New member enrollments begin
November 2: Take 10 with 4-H Webinar
November 2: Spooky Maze – Abiquiu Dam
November 11: Veterans Day
November 11: Portfolios due to Extension
November 9: NM 4-H Adult Forum, Las Cruces
November 28: Thanksgiving
November 28-29: Extension Office closed

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

If you already have an existing Zsuites account after checking in with your Club Leader and getting their approval, sign-in and make any changes to your account that are needed. For help with making changes please follow this link for general Zsuite help. <https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/programs/4h.html>
If you don't yet have an account, welcome to working with 4-H Zsuites! It's 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.

Volunteers & Club Leaders Each year the Working with Minors training must be completed. The training is an online training that is available in ZSuite found in the left column under Clover Academy. Every 5 years background check must be renewed. Follow this link to find the forms to complete. The background check costs \$10, please bring a check with your completed forms to Extension. Make checks payable to the Rio Arriba County Council or cash. Please contact Extension for more information at: 505-685-4523.
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/volunteer-application-fillable.pdf>

Be sure to update your Medical Liability form and download it into Zsuite for volunteers and 4-H members
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html>

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 4-Hers 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. Enrollment & project updates will close 3-1-2025
<https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/programs/4h.html>



The poster features a decorative border of red apples and white flowers. In the top left corner is the El Rito Library logo, which includes a silhouette of a bird. The main title is "Fall Fruit Harvest Share & Celebration" in a pink, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time are listed: "Saturday October 26. 10 AM – 2:00 PM". A list of activities follows, each preceded by a small icon: a tree for "Bring apples to share and press", a jack-o'-lantern for "Enter the 'Best Apple Pie' contest", a spider for "Enjoy fresh apple cider, fruity baked goods, tacos and beans", a witch for "Wear a costume (Halloween is just around the corner!)", a bat for "Face painting & pumpkin painting for kids", and a crescent moon for "Apple bobbing for fun". At the bottom left, there is a photograph of a wicker basket filled with red apples. In the bottom right corner, it says "Event Support from" above the logo for the "del Norte Foundation", which includes a star icon and the word "Foundation" in a script font.

CALLING ALL ADULTS

who are part of the New Mexico 4-H program

Are you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	A 4-H parent?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered as a parent volunteer in your club and county
<input type="checkbox"/>	A club organizational leader or assistant leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	A county 4-H agent in New Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/>	A parent who wishes they understood more about 4-H?

Do you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Help out at club meetings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Want to help your 4-Her succeed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer as a club project leader or helper
<input type="checkbox"/>	chaperone 4-Hers to events & activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer at county activities, contests and fairs

Would you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Like to learn more about 4-H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Like to meet other 4-H adults who do what you do in 4-H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be willing to share what you know and do with others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoy a day of fun, friends and 4-H designed for adults just like you

If you can check even just 1 of the above boxes, then the New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

(Formerly the New Mexico Adult / Leader Forum)

is designed especially for you

and we would love to have you join us this year.

SO...



**New Mexico 4-H
Adult Retreat**
Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024
Albuquerque, N.M.

- Registration information will be available at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu> in August
- Are you a first-time attendee? Apply for a tuition scholarship
- Willing to share your knowledge & expertise in any area of 4-H? Please submit a Workshop Proposal. Proposals will be available on the State 4-H website starting in June
- For more information about the Adult Retreat contact Cheryl Butterfield at 575-646-3026 or Cindy Grooms at 575-644-6004



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If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please enter your required accommodations on Form 300.A-3 and notify your County Extension Office.

To register visit: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.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.

505-685-4523. Thank you!

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



Summer Program 2025 CWF

By Amy Zemler State 4-H Activities Specialist

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer, thousands of young people stay near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. CWF provides opportunities for youth to broaden appreciation and practice respect for themselves and others in their world; increase individual commitment to citizen involvement; and understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. Time is provided for 4-H members to report accomplishments in 4-H to their representatives in the Washington, D.C., area as well as participate in sightseeing trips. Registration is due October 15, 2024. <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/cwf-promo-23.pdf>. Please call Rio Arriba Extension at 505-685-4523 if you will be attending.



4-H County Portfolios – we want you 😊! ... aka Record books

Congratulations on considering completing a County 4-H Portfolio! Portfolio is another word for record book. This book you create covers the time you have spent in 4-H, not just one year. Not only will you have a comprehensive record of your 4-H activities, you will gain writing skills, express yourself creatively in photos, and drawings and more! For more information, please check out this link where you will find all the forms you need to create your one-of-a-kind portfolio 😊!

Seniors have an opportunity to compete for a sponsored trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. There is no minimum number of years you need to have been a member or submitted a county record book. Books are evaluated based on growth in the timeframe submitted. **County Portfolios are due Monday, November 11, 2024 at the Extension office.**

Visit this link for instructions on putting your portfolio together and all the forms you'll need.

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



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Step Up & Be Heard! Join Us...
Rio Arriba County
4-H Council Leadership Elections
Sunday, November 3rd 2pm



Bring your short and sweet speech and wow us, telling us why you want to be a County Council officer on Sunday, November 3rd at 2pm! Stay for refreshments and fun. The officers we'll be electing are:

President
Vice President
Secretary

Treasurer
Reporter
Four (4) County 4-H Ambassadors

Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected at the November meeting and installed at the Annual Awards Ceremony, in January 2025. Term of office shall be one year.

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, 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).

General 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.

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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:

The reporter's job is to manage the communication with the community, and club members. This means that the reporter will stay current in news about the Council's activities, as well as keep the general public informed on happenings of the council and county clubs. The reporter can write and send in news articles, announcements and press releases on a variety of 4-H club events. These articles can be published in the local newspaper, county 4-H newsletter or school newsletters.

Ambassador:

A county ambassador is a self-motivated representative of county clubs and the community, bringing ideas and representing club when items come up for the vote during council meetings.

To run for office please email Joy & Melanie at: iczmyrid@nmsu.edu; melmoya@nmsu.edu or call 505-685-4523.

If you are running for office you must attend the Council Elections, Sunday November 3rd at 2pm at the Extension Office, Abiquiu, and present a short speech indicating why you want to run for the position and what would make you a good candidate.

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, reporter, county 4-H ambassador.



Congratulations to our NM State Food Challenge 1st Place Winners!

*“Thank you all for making this year’s State Food Challenge a huge success for Rio Arriba County, and being committed to your teams, from the workshops to the competition!
The judges really admired the ability to work well together from both teams.
Congratulations again to BOTH teams. You made us proud.”*

Melanie Moya, Rio Arriba CES Program Asst



Both our Senior and Novice teams won! Seniors: Belita Martinez, Andrea Dominguez, Macey Martinez, Fabian Vigil, Felisiana Vigil. Novices: Ava Gurule, Marileya Bustos, Ariana Archuleta, Natalia Archuleta. You guys rock!

Paper Clover Campaign Begins During National 4-H Week



This year, the Paper Clover campaign will take place during the holiday season this year, running from November 29th to December 15th. The timing of this event, known for its strong support of 4-H youth, aligns perfectly with the season of giving. Funds raised through this initiative will benefit 4-H Camp and Leadership Scholarships, providing essential opportunities for youth to develop their skills and reach their full potential.

Starting October 7 (which is the kickoff of National 4-H Week), limited-edition collectible 4-H holiday ornaments will be available in Tractor Supply stores nationwide. All proceeds from the ornament sales will directly benefit 4-H, supporting its programs and youth development efforts across the country.

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Abiquiu Lake 2024

Trunk Or Treat

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Abiquiu Lake Boat Ramp Parking Lot

1 pm-3pm (12:00 -Set up)



Dress up the kids and join us for some tricks and treats in a safe and beautiful environment at Abiquiu Lake. The Rio Arriba 4-H will be setting up a spooky maze as well this year. **Admission is free to all!**



US Army Corps
of Engineers

If you are interested in setting up a trunk, please contact Kara.M.Rapp@usace.army.mil or call 505-685-4371. We hope to see you there!

Support the County Council Food Sales Fundraiser this weekend during the Abiquiu Art Studio Tour!

Our Rio Arriba 4-H County Council will be selling food and home baked goodies at the Old Abiquiu Plaza, during the Abiquiu Studio tour. They are working to raise money for their 4-H Washington Focus trip to Washington DC in the summer of 2025.



Time to Renew NM Working with Minors

It is the time of year to renew our NM Working With Minors certification for anyone working directly with youth. This course may be taken online through the Clover Academy in ZSuite

Volunteer signs into his/her/family ZSuite account and select your profile, then follow the steps below:

1. Click on Clover Academy on the left menu bar
2. Launch NM Working with Minors (even though it says completed/100%) New volunteers will just click 'Start'.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page
4. Click on the blue button next to NM Working With Minors
5. Start Course
6. After completing the course, click Completion Certificate 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 (agents, staff, program assistants, etc) need to take the working with minors training annually.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

4-H Club News



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More Club News



The Black Bears

The Black Bear 4H club helped a couple in the community of Ojo Caliente, NM get their wood stacked for the winter months coming up soon.

Great community service project Black Bears! Thank you for helping out the folks in your community, that's a lot of wood! 😊



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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