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Your Source for 4-H News and Events



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bayler, Bryce, Angel, Marileya, Austin,
Paige, Cassidy, Mariah, Mateo



IT HAS BEEN GREAT SEEING YOU!

As we transition into more in-person events and activities, we want to remind you we are here, actively engaged, and committed to serving you and providing 4-H programs! Our goal remains to keep offering amazing 4-H opportunities! The New 4-H year is here! It is up to you, to take advantage of all 4-H has to offer! We are cheering you on! As we continue to offer regular operating business hours, we ask you arrange an appointment to visit our offices. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns. We appreciate you!



Rio Arriba County 4-H Council Meeting Saturday, October 30th at 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting Link

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/97304919521>

Leadership Team Elections will taking place.

To help identify members interested in serving on the leadership team, we ask candidates to complete the Leadership Team application.

This is a great opportunity for members to step up and help lead the county 4-H program.

Leadership positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4)

Ambassadors (project area chosen by member).

There are six (6) regular 4-H council meetings per year, held during the months of March, May, July, October, November and January. Meeting dates will be decided at the October meeting. Special meetings may be called with a minimum of two-week notice.

4-H Enrollment for the 2021-2022 Program Year Opened October 1!

Enrollment will take place during your club meeting. Contact your Club Leader for meeting date and time.



Help us plan the 4-H year! We want to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete our 4-H Feedback survey:

<https://forms.gle/56ekVqwPt76URe1y5>

Survey open to all.

All responses are anonymous.

We will use information collected to plan our upcoming 4-H year.

Submit your feedback by October 30th.



Attention Club Reports!

Start gathering photos to submit for your Annual County 4-H Awards Program. We ask every club to submit at least 10 photos of the many activities and events from the last year. Photos may be emailed, mailed, or hand-delivered to the Rio Arriba Extension Office. **The deadline to submit is November 11.**



Rio Arriba County 4-H Awards Program Saturday, November 20, 6:30 pm

Recognition of 4-H Record Book Awards, Instillation of officers, and Fun Activities!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/92209085519>

Meeting ID: 922 0908 5519

One tap mobile

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Rio Arriba County 4-H Council Leadership Elections Saturday, October 30th at 6:30 pm

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Below is information taken from the Rio Arriba Council Constitution and By-Laws.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call or email Marcella 575-588-7423 marctala@nmsu.edu

Constitution Article IV – Officers

The elected officers known as the executive committee of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Four (4) County 4-H Ambassadors

By-Laws Article I – Election of Officers

- Officers shall be elected at the October meeting and installed at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
- Term of office shall be one year.
- Officers are not eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.
- If officers miss two (2) regular meetings or other council planned activities, they will be reviewed by the council and may be automatically removed from office. The council will vote in replacement officers from qualified council delegates.
- Voting will be by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a coin will be tossed.
- Candidates should be present at the election meeting.

Article IV – 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 President and Vice President should not both be seniors in High School.
- 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, Historian 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).

By Laws Article V – 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.



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Rio Arriba Council Office Election Information continued...

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.

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.

County 4-H Ambassador:

Ambassador duties will include identifying 4-H project and program area to promote and assisting in planning and conducting 4-H events in conjunction with the officers.

- Plan and take charge of recreation activities at council meetings and other events.
- Will be in contact with the secretary after each meeting to write newspaper articles and assist in preparing advertising material for events, seeing sufficient publicity is given to the activities of the council utilizing newspaper, radio, and other media.
- Responsible for providing hospitality and introductions of guests at council meetings and other activities.
- Maintain a scrapbook and photo file of all 4-H council activities. Scrapbook may contain minutes, treasurer reports, news articles of council activities, photos, and event reports.
- Encourage participation from Club to contribute to council meetings and other events.

(Note: Council officer handbooks will be provided by the County Extension staff annually).

A few reasons why you should become part of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Leadership team:

- You practice your leadership skills
- You make new friends
- You help guide the growth of the county 4-H program
- You assist with Fun and Engaging events/activities
- It looks great on a scholarship application/job resume



The Importance of Teamwork

Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results.” – Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha

From a young age, we are encouraged to work together towards a common goal, whether it is a team or group project in school. We may have heard or made the statements, “teamwork is important” and “you need to be a team player.” What we may not hear or say are the reasons why teamwork is important. Here are a few reasons why teamwork skills are important for team, group, and personal success.

Collaboration

This is when multiple people come together to create something more valuable than the sum of its parts. Teamwork allows a group to divide and conquer tasks, more time for attention to detail, and quality work therefore creating better results than if one person tackling it alone.

New Perspectives

Team members bring a variety of skills, talents, and experience to the table. Diversity of thought introduces innovation, creativity, and unique solutions to challenges. Working cohesively to accomplish a shared goal only occurs when team members value differences, opinions, and beliefs of their teammates.

Growth and Learning

The importance of teamwork does not only apply to the group’s success, but also to the individuals. Team members learn how to be an active listener and effective speaker, respectfully and confidently express ideas and opinions, and develop a higher level of understanding and respect for others. This not only helps them become a more valuable teammate but a better individual.

Confidence and Morale

Humans are social creatures. A strong team not only performs better when we enjoy the people we work with, but also is intentional in helping others build skills, improve weaknesses, and feel empowered.

Therefore, it stands to reason that working together well results in higher morale, self-confidence, performance, and fulfillment.

Article from Newt McCarty, State 4-H Office



Clash of the Counties

STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE

Help your community and be a winner!

WANT TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED? JOIN US ON ZOOM
NOV. 2ND @ 6PM

Zoom Link: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/97452702253>
Meeting ID: 974 5270 2253

Nov. 2nd 6pm Info Night	→	Q&A / Action plan
Nov. 30th 6pm Check in #1	→	Report of month one collection and fun education session
Dec. 21st 6pm Check in #2	→	Report of month two collection and interactive cooking session
Jan. at Senior Leadership Retreat	→	Winner announced!

OUR MISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF FOOD INSECURITY IN ALL 33 COUNTIES

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE/TROPHY!



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