



# SNEAK PEEK TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY 4-H



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## **FORWARD**

This publication was developed to give 4-H members, leaders, and parents/guardians a source to learn more about 4-H events and related opportunities.

*For specific dates of various events and opportunities, refer to the Annual 4-H Calendar of Events and the monthly Rio Arriba County 4-H Cloverleaf Newsletters.*

### **WHAT IS THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?**

The 4-H youth development program is a dynamic non-formal education program. 4-H provides opportunities to learn life skills, gain knowledge while having fun, and make contributions in such areas as environmental education, community service, and current youth issues. The 4-H program is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to develop leadership and management skills, positive self-esteem, effective communication skills, a solid sense of personal responsibility and the ability to make sound decisions. The life-skills learned in 4-H enable youth to become productive, well-informed, self-reliant responsible adults.

### **WHAT IS THE VISION OF NEW MEXICO 4-H?**

The vision of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development program is to develop all New Mexico youth to become productive citizens and leaders for positive change.

### **WHAT IS THE MISSION OF NEW MEXICO 4-H?**

The mission of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program, the youth development program of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service is to provide youth the opportunities to acquire leadership, citizenship, and life skills. New Mexico 4-H programs are based on the four concepts of positive youth development, which are belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.



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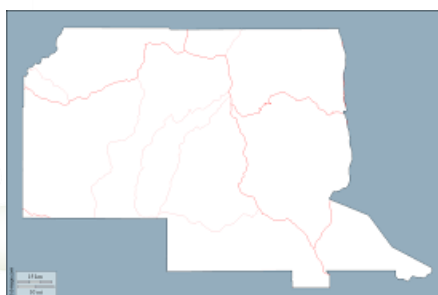
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## RIO ARRIBA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

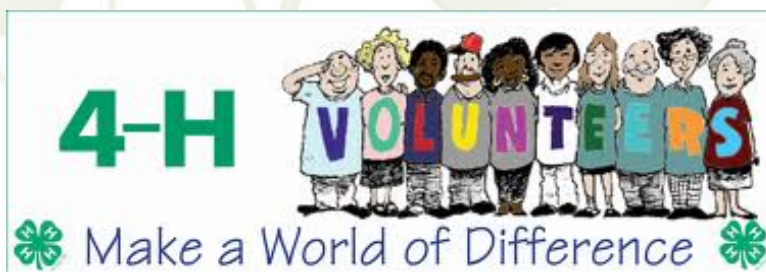
Membership to the council is open to all Rio Arriba 4-H members. The Rio Arriba 4-H Leadership Team is made up of the 4-H Council consisting of four Officers and the four Ambassadors. The purpose of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council is to:

1. Raise funds on an annual basis to support program/activity costs as determined by the council's annual proposed budget.
2. Give 4-H Club leaders and officers an opportunity to assist in planning the county 4-H program.
3. Provide a means of leadership training for 4-H club leaders and club officers.
4. Promote 4-H public relations and cooperation with the general public.
5. Promote and establish a program or guidelines on how to reward clubs and club members for participating in and raising funds for the council.
6. Aid in the development of 4-H clubs, 4-H members, and adult volunteer leaders in Rio Arriba County.



## 2021-2022 4-H CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

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## 4-H MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

4-H programming in New Mexico addresses the needs and interests of young people. Any boy or girl age 5 through 18 years of age, who enrolls in the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Cooperative Extension Service is a 4-H member. The 4-H program year is October 1 through September 30. The following guidelines address specific age requirements for the 4-H program:

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	Kinder, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> and up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H Year (October-September)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

Rodeo age requirements vary slightly from other 4-H programs:

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*		3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	Does not apply
Age as of January 1 of the current 4- H Year (October-September)	Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in 4-H Rodeo.	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade and 14 year olds (regardless of grade)	Must be 15 years old regardless of grade; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

\*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September). Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

## 4-H EVENTS BY MONTH

### October



#### 1<sup>st</sup> **New 4-H Year & Enrollment Begins**

Member and Leader enrollments are completed at each club meeting location. A schedule of enrollment meetings will be announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter. All enrollment forms must be signed by 4-H club leaders prior to submission. Adult volunteers are required to complete the State 4-H Leader screening process before enrolling as an Adult Volunteer 4-H Leader. Refer to the County 4-H website for additional information.

#### **National 4-H Week**

National 4-H Week is held annually as a time to celebrate, promote and share the 4-H movement! Clubs are encouraged to show their 4-H Spirit through service learning projects, 4-H Science Day, and other learn by doing events.

#### **Rio Arriba County Cloverbud Fun Day**

Cloverbud Day Camps are conducted quarterly. The day-camp is open to 4-H and non-4-H Children, ages 5 to 8 years old. Participants must have passed his/her 5th birthday and be in Kindergarten prior to January 1st. Expect plenty of fun and hands on activities; Morning fitness and morning snack will start the day followed by arts & crafts, group games, and guest speakers. Children will learn about 4-H, nutrition, team work and cooperation. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

#### **Rio Arriba County Council Officer Elections – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu**

Members have the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills by becoming part of the County 4-H Leadership Team. The Rio Arriba County 4-H Council strives to provide leadership for county club officers, members, and leaders. Elections are held annually; membership of the council is open to all Rio Arriba County 4-H members. Each club is allowed two (2) voting delegates. Bylaws and officer descriptions for the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council may be found on the Rio Arriba County 4-H website.



#### **New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Training**

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is one of our more popular project areas. To meet specific criteria for 4-H projects, insurance, liability, etc., Adult Volunteer Leaders in the Shooting Sports Program are required to become certified through a weekend-long firearm safety training and shooting sports event. New Mexico State 4-H conducts a leader training each year on a rotational basis across the state. In order to be eligible to register for the event, adults must have completed the Adult Volunteer Leader screening process. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES office.

### November

#### 1<sup>st</sup> **New Mexico State 4-H Essay Contest Deadline**

NM 4-H members write a 4-H Story for their record books/portfolio each year. Here's your opportunity to earn a free 4-H trip for something you've already completed. Just submit your 4-H Portfolio Story describing your experiences in the current 4-H year for an opportunity to win a FREE trip to the next 4-H event for you and a friend. Guidelines are available on the State 4-H website.



## November (Continued)

### **New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum – Clayton, NM**

The one-day statewide event provides workshops, community service projects, educational displays, make and take activities, special presentations, silent auction, fun and networking for adult 4-H leaders, parents, faculty and staff to enjoy. The event rotates throughout the State's four 4-H districts. Registration fee is \$40, which covers the day's materials and supplies. Registration scholarships are available. Visit the State 4-H website for more information.

### **Rio Arriba County 4-H Awards Program – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu**

Hosted by the Rio Arriba Council and supported by County 4-H Clubs, this annual event provides an opportunity to recognize all the great achievements made throughout the 4-H year. The event includes the presentation of 4-H Portfolio completion awards, Outstanding Member awards, Volunteer Leader awards, and Cloverbud Graduation recognitions. See the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter for date and refreshment assignments.



### **National 4-H Congress – Atlanta, GA**

To qualify for this 4-H opportunity, senior 4-H members must have submitted a State 4-H Portfolio. The conference is open to 4-H members from the United States and its territories. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It provides youth (ages 14-19) a quality, educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state could provide independently and is designed to address needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent, and caring citizens.

## December

**24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Rio Arriba CES Office Closed for Winter Break**

## January



### **First Monday Deadline for 4-H Re-enrollment**

This enrollment deadline pertains to members who were enrolled in 4-H the previous year. Enrollment forms must be received by 5 pm at the Rio Arriba CES Office in order to be compliant. Enrollments are conducted through County 4-H club organizational leaders.

### **Rio Arriba County Senior Fellowship Lock-In – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu**

The Senior Fellowship Lock-In was established in 2013, the event has grown to be a hit with senior 4-H members. The focus of the event is retention amongst the senior age group while promoting life skills. The 12-hour event begins at 7 pm and concludes at 7 am, and is filled with high-energy, hands-on, activities which promote team building, self-confidence, decision making, and much more. Registration is conducted through Club Organizational Leaders.

**Third Monday Martin Luther King Jr Day – Rio Arriba CES Office Closed**



## January (Continued)

### Western 4-H Roundup – Denver, CO

Members qualify to attend this event by placing in a contest at the State 4-H Contest.



Members from 4-H and FFA, between the ages of 14 and 19 qualify for the event either by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate. The competitions include horse and livestock judging, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure and meats judging.

### International 4-H Exchange

This is an opportunity for youth who are 10th-12th graders (minimum age 16 by travel date) interested in pursuing the ultimate “learn by doing” experience by living for a month with a host family in countries such as Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, or Finland. See the State 4-H Website for more details.

### 4-H Sit, Chat, Finish, That Session: 4-H Open House & New Family Orientation – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu

The event is open to the public, and provides families the opportunity to meet with Rio Arriba CES Staff, review 4-H opportunities, and gain information to prepare for a successful 4-H year! 4-H Sit, Chat, Finish, That Sessions are held throughout the year on various topics to help 4-H members explore all the great opportunities 4-H has to offer!



### Senior Leadership Retreat – Albuquerque or Las Cruces

Senior Leadership Retreat is an annual youth leadership event that takes place every January, occurring traditionally the third weekend of the month. This event is a fun packed weekend at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Albuquerque. During the 3-day, 2-night event youth have the opportunity to attend workshops on career opportunities, leadership development, decision making, recreation and team work. The evening's activities give delegates the opportunity to cut-a-rug by showing all of their dance skills. Registration is conducted through club organizational leaders.

### 4-H Club Officer Training – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu

The event provides club officers the opportunity to learn about their elected position responsibilities. Goals for the annual 4-H Leadership Training include: providing an opportunity for 4-H members and leaders to interact with their peers from across the county; provide 4-H members with activity ideas they can incorporate at their club events; uphold the mission and objectives of 4-H by providing opportunities to learn life skills, gain knowledge while having fun, and make contributions in such areas as environmental education, community service, and current youth issues.



## February

### **New Mexico State 4-H Day at the Roundhouse – Capital Building, Santa Fe**



4-H members from across the Great State of New Mexico come together to celebrate the 4-H Youth Development Program and learn about our legislative process. The day's activities include witnessing the presentation of the proclamation for 4-H Day made by the states Senators and Representatives, taking a tour of the Roundhouse, visiting with our county's legislators, and exercising good citizenship practices. Members are asked to register with their club organizational leader to assist with event planning.

### **Rio Arriba County 4-H Leadership Training – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu**

Planned, conducted, and lead by the County 4-H Officer Leadership Team, the County Leadership Training is meant to help 4-H members learn more about parliamentary procedures, team building and leadership, all while having fun. No registration required, the event is open to all ages! Details are announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf Newsletter.

### **Livestock Nutrition Educational Seminar– Rural Event Center, Abiquiu**

In an effort to enrich the county's livestock project program and to increase general knowledge of nutrition, selection and overall care of livestock, a series of seminars are organized and conducted through collaboration of CES, community members, and local businesses. Workshops focus on animal selection, feed and nutrition, record keeping, 4-H animal herdsmanhip, and controlling for daily gains. Dates and topics are announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf Newsletter.



### **State 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Training**

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## March

### **First Monday New Member Enrollment & Add/Delete 4-H Projects Deadline**

This enrollment deadline pertains to members who were NOT enrolled in 4-H the previous year. Enrollment forms must be received by 5 pm at the Rio Arriba CES Office in order to be compliant. The enrollment process is conducted through club organizational leaders. Additions/Deletions of 4-H projects are to be submitted in written form on an updated 4-H member enrollment form and requires club organizational signature to ensure open communication of changes.

*DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!*

### **Northern Rio Grande Classic Steer and Heifer Jackpot**

– Rural Event Center, Abiquiu

The event gives members involved in beef projects, the opportunity to exhibit their project animals in an expedition show allowing them to gain confidence and experience, in addition to knowledge about the cattle industry. Open to exhibitors from the 4-Corner States, the event continues to grow every year. Event details are announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter.

## March (Continued)

### Order State 4-H Buckle with State 4-H Office

Members have the opportunity to purchase a New Mexico 4-H Buckle to add to their 4-H apparel. The New Mexico 4-H Buckle process is conducted through the State 4-H Office; details are available on the State 4-H Website.



### Rio Arriba County 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due

Senior 4-H members have the opportunity to apply to be a Rio Arriba County 4-H Camp Counselor, and assist in leading with planning of our annual county camp held at the beginning of June. County Camp Counselor application information is available on the County 4-H website. See June for full-event description.

### Beef Tagging Days

Livestock exhibitors are required to attend designated “Tagging Days,” as part of the nominating process of project animals. Provisions include: Weekday tagging’s will be from 4 pm to 7 pm; weekend dates will be from 9 am to 11 am. NO animals will be tagged outside of specified dates or off-site. Exhibitor need not be present at tagging, as long as, proper paperwork is completed and sent with designated representative. Tags cost may vary from year to year. Additional details are included in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter.

### Home Ec. School – Belen, NM

Home Economics School is designed for novice and junior 4-H members, who are interested in learning skills related to Home Ec Projects and about project opportunities in New Mexico. Members choose one track per year, tracks offered. Past tracks include: Cake Decorating; Jewelry Making; Upcycling Inspirations; Beginning Leathercraft & Braiding; Technology; Style Engineers- Fashion through science. All participants are engaged in a service learning project and fun evening activities. Registration is conducted through club organizational leaders.



### Rio Arriba County Leaders Retreat

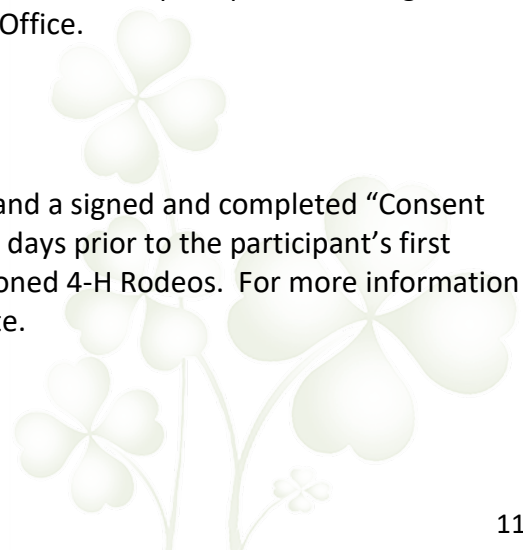
The County Leaders Retreat is focused on adult volunteers. The 2-day, one-night event gives volunteers to network with peers from across the county. Topics of presentations and activities are selected to assist adult volunteers with fulfilling their roles as 4-H leaders, and to provide ideas to help keep 4-H fun! Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.



## April

### New Mexico State 4-H Rodeo

All contestants must have personal accident insurance and a signed and completed “Consent and Assumption of Risk” form in the State 4-H Office 15 days prior to the participant’s first rodeo of the current year in order to compete in Sanctioned 4-H Rodeos. For more information about the 4-H rodeo program, visit the State 4-H website.



## April (Continued)

### Rio Arriba County Shooting Sports Contest

The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is youth development. Through participation in firearm safety training and shooting sports activities, members are given the opportunity to learn responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and other qualities critical to the development of productive citizens. County Shooting Sports Contests are held to qualify members to advance on to District and State Shooting Sports Events. The location of the event rotates around the county from Dulce, Chama, and Espanola. Members must be enrolled in the shooting sports project discipline to be eligible to register for the contest discipline. Pre-registration is required; event details are announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter. For a full list of each contest, guidelines and requirements see Rio Arriba County 4-H website.



### Youth Get-A-Way – Glorieta Camp, Glorieta

Youth Get-A-Way is an event for Novice and Junior members. Youth have the opportunity during the weekend to enjoy workshops on leadership and team building in a camp setting. Youth also participate in sessions, hands-on activities, and attend dances. Senior members have an opportunity to apply to attend this event by serving as camp counselors. Registration for event is conducted through 4-H Club Organizational Leaders. 2019 Registration Fee \$145/person.



### Healthy Living Summit

The 4-H Healthy Living Committee will be hosting a Statewide Healthy Living Summit. The summit is held at the Glorieta Campgrounds. It will be open to all teens with an interest in serving as Healthy Living Ambassadors for their counties. While most of the participants will be 4-H members, it is not a requirement to participate so if you are working with other teen leaders who are interested in serving in this role, they are welcome to attend. 2019 Registration fee \$40, which included lodging, meals, supplies and t-shirt. Event details are announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter; Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

### Rio Arriba County 4-H Contest – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu

Rio Arriba County 4-H Contests allow 4-H members to apply skills and knowledge gain from various 4-H projects. With nearly 20 contests available, members can explore topics related to Wildlife Habitat Evaluation, Entomology, Consumer Decision Making, Hippology, Livestock Judging, Home Ec. Skill-A-Thon, and much more. For a full list of each contest, guidelines and requirements see Rio Arriba County 4-H website. Pre-registration is required to be eligible to participate; Registration information is announced in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf Newsletter.

## May

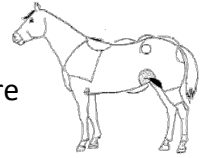
**First Monday County Camp Registration Deadline-See June for Event Description**

## May (Continued)

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### Horse Certificates Due to CES

Horses get sold, traded, and/or leased and this is the purpose to completing certificates each year. This is a unique aspect to the project. Horse Certificates are required for any sanctioned 4-H horse show, helps agents verify the horse being used is the project horse, and if formal documentation showing the exhibitor, lessee, or owner of particular horse. Horse Certificates need to be completed yearly with approval of the County Agent. The horse certificate is a form similar to a registration form. Certificates are due to the County Extension Office by May 1 (not the State 4-H Office). The Horse Certificate form is available online through the Rio Arriba 4-H website or hardcopy upon request.



### State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships—Whittington Center, Raton



Senior 4-H members qualify to attend the State Shooting Sports Championships by placing in the Top 8 in a shooting sports discipline during the Rio Arriba County Shooting Sports Contest. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office. Registration fee for the event is shared-cost between the 4-H member and the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council.

### Swine, Sheep & Goat Tag Days

Livestock exhibitors are required to attend designated “Tagging Days,” as part of the nominating process of project animals. Provisions include: Weekday tagging’s will be from 4 pm to 7 pm; weekend dates will be from 9 am to 11 am. NO animals will be tagged outside of specified dates or off site. Exhibitor need not be present at tagging, as long as, proper paperwork is completed and sent with designated representative. Tags cost may vary from year to year. Additional details are included in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter.



### Last Monday Memorial Day – Rio Arriba CES Office Closed

## June

### Horsemanship Clinics

Various Horsemanship Clinics are held throughout the year, to give member the opportunity to advance their skills and practice principles learned in the 4-H Horse projects. See monthly 4-H Cloverleaf Newsletter for dates and locations.

### Rio Arriba County 4-H Camp – Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu

This fun-filled weekend is held annually at Ghost Ranch. Youth have the opportunity during the weekend to enjoy workshops on leadership and team building, participate in hands-on activities, and attend evening dances. Senior members have an opportunity to attend this event by serving as camp counselors. Registration is conducted through 4-H Club Organizational Leader. Registration fee is \$120 per person.



### Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)—Whittington Center, Raton

Open only to those who have completed hunter-safety training at the state or provincial level, the program is conducted under simulated hunting conditions to provide the best practical environment for reinforcing and testing a young hunter's skills. Event details are available on the New Mexico Game and Fish website; Registration is conducted through the New Mexico Game and Fish.

## June (Continued)

### State 4-H Dog School & Show—Bernalillo Sheriff's Posse Grounds, ABQ



The New Mexico State 4-H Dog School was designed to help youth and leaders become familiar with the 4-H Dog Project, the different events youth may participate in with their dogs and to promote Responsible Dog Ownership. State 4-H Dog School is two and a half days of workshops and presentations to help develop leadership, self-reliance, sportsmanship, a greater understanding of their dog and citizenship responsibilities by working together to support community dog projects and activities. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

### Poultry Banding & Rabbit Tattooing Days

Livestock exhibitors are required to attend designated "Tagging Days," as part of the nominating process of project animals. Provision include: Weekday tagging's will be from 4 pm to 7 pm; weekend dates will be from 9 am to 11 am. NO animals will be tagged outside of specified dates or off site. Exhibitor need not be present at tagging, as long as, proper paperwork is completed and sent with designated representative. Additional details are included in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf newsletter.



### National Citizenship Washington Focus – Washington, DC

Citizenship Washington Focus is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Center, near Washington, D.C. to participate in this weeklong program. CWF is a program provides opportunity 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. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.



### Horse Shows

Horse Shows are conducted through the State of New Mexico and provide members enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project the opportunity to exhibit horsemanship skills and competencies. Horses entered in shows must be a project of the 4-H member, verified with a current Horse Certificate. For a list of 4-H Sanctioned Horse Shows see the New Mexico State 4-H website. See May for Horse Certificate description.

### State 4-H Horse School – New Mexico State Fair Grounds, ABQ

The New Mexico 4-H Horse School provides New Mexico youth, parents, and adult leaders with useful information and skill development related to horses and horsemanship. The program was developed to: Provide continuity and standardize educational information; Support volunteer leader efforts; Help train junior 4-H leaders; strengthen the educational value of county or club 4-H Horse project opportunities. The school cost is \$250.00 for the entire week, which includes meals, a stall, riding instruction twice a day, and a variety of workshops. An added option is the "Horseless" track for those who do not bring a horse. This track will include hands-on activities and tours. The cost for this track will be \$150.00. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.



## June (Continued)

### 15<sup>th</sup> **New Mexico State 4-H Portfolios Due**



There are outstanding awards senior 4-H members may receive by submitting a State 4-H Portfolio. They include an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, beginning Thanksgiving evening through the following Tuesday afternoon. In addition to rewards members have a record of their 4-H work in one compact piece that can be used for other scholarship and award applications, and have a completed resume of your 4-H and leadership experiences. Full descriptions and requirements are available on the State 4-H website.

### **Northeast District 4-H Shooting Sports Contest**

#### **– Whittington Center, Raton**

Novice and Junior Members must qualify to participate through the Rio Arriba County Shooting Sports Contest to be eligible to participate at the event. Disciplines include: Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery. District 4-H Shooting Sports Rules and Guidelines are available on the Rio Arriba County 4-H website. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.



### **Northeast District 4-H Contests**

Novice and Junior 4-H members qualify to participate in this event through the Rio Arriba County 4-H Contests. Members may only participate in the contests they qualify for during Rio Arriba County 4-H Contests. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

### **Regional Livestock School**

The Swine, Lamb, and Goat Schools are a valuable experience for youth, leaders, and agents of all skill levels. The two-day event involves intense instruction with as much hands-on learning as possible. The subjects covered are: Selection, Nutrition, Grooming, Showmanship and Sportsmanship, Ethics, Preparing for a fair, Care during a fair, and Exercise. Locations rotate throughout the State of New Mexico. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

### **National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational**

Senior 4-H teams qualify to participate in this event through the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. The Shooting Sports National Championships will be held late June in Grand Island, Nebraska at the Heartland Public Shooting Park. The event is hosted by Nebraska 4-H. 4-H youth from across the country will compete in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and hunting skills. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

### 15<sup>th</sup> **State 4-H Leadership Team Applications Deadline**

This opportunity is for Senior 4-H members looking to step-up their leadership. Leadership Team roles and responsibilities include: assisting with junior livestock programs, tours, parade, and receptions at state fair; organizing Senior Leadership Retreat and State 4-H Conference. State Officer and ambassador selection are held during the annual meeting in July (State 4-H Conference). The official application guidelines and packet is available on the State 4-H website.



## July

### 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day – Rio Arriba CES Office Closed

#### State 4-H Conference – New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

The State 4-H Conference consists of contests, workshops, evening sessions, awards ceremony, and the election of new State Officers. Those eligible to attend State Conference are senior 4-H members who participated in Rio Arriba 4-H contests, workshops, and sessions; voting delegates; state officer candidates; or members of the State Leadership Team. Registration is conducted through the Rio Arriba CES Office.

#### Rio Arriba County Fair – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu



The Rio Arriba County Fair showcases the outstanding work and labor of our youth and adult community members. Activities include: Livestock Shows, Youth Rodeo, Trade Show, Pet Parade, Concessions, Pancake Breakfast, Junior Livestock and Homemade Delight Auction, and much much more. Event information and guidelines are available on the Rio Arriba CES website.

## August

#### State 4-H Photography Contest Deadline

Contest is open to any 4-H member, ages 9-18. Entrants do not have to be enrolled in the Photography project to enter. Photos will be used to promote New Mexico 4-H. An exhibit will be on display at the New Mexico State Fair. Film and digital photos are accepted. Contest guidelines are available on the State 4-H website.



## September

### First Monday Labor Day – Rio Arriba CES Office Closed

#### Home Economics Lettermen Program



Any 4-H Member who is active in Home Economics Projects may "letter" in Home Economics. The first year a member letters they receive a "clover" letter as you would see on a lettermen jacket. Bronze, Silver, and Gold pins in the shape of the letter "H" are awarded in the respective age levels. A member can "letter" at anytime, even if they did not begin as a novice, but they will receive the pin for the appropriate age level. All that is necessary to "letter" is to complete the requirements in their age level and submit the appropriate forms to the Extension Office by September 1.

#### New Mexico State Fair – Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque

The New Mexico State Fair is an annual state fair held at Expo New Mexico in the city of Albuquerque. The event features concerts, competitions, rodeos, carnival rides, games, farm animals, horses, agriculture and art. Event information is available on the Expo New Mexico website at <https://statefair.exponm.com/default.aspx>



## September (Continued)

### 30<sup>th</sup> Club Financial Book, Secretary's Book & 4-H Record Books Due in Extension office

At the end of each year, Record Books are used to determine the accomplishments of 4-H members in project work, leadership, citizenship and overall achievement. The Record Book judging process is used to award project pins and other special awards at the annual 4-H Awards Program. Because it is a competitive activity there has to be consistency on how books are compiled to insure that they are judged fairly. Members must compile their book, containing all of the sections, by following the format outlined in this guide.

### County 4-H Club Organizational Leader Appreciation Dinner – Rural Event Center, Abiquiu

The event goals include: recognizing the hard work leaders provide to 4-H and the youth of our county, provide updates about policy changes, provide a networking opportunity, and sharing new ideas for club activities.



————— I pledge —————

my *head* to clearer thinking,  
my *heart* to greater loyalty,  
my *hands* to larger service,  
my *health* to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my county, and my world.

