



December 2023



Committee Meetings:

County Council: January 4, 2024—VIRTUAL: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732>

Fair Board Meeting: January 8, 2024 at 6pm

Horse Council: January 23, 2024 at 6:30pm

Shooting Sports Meeting: January 24 at 6pm

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Happy Holidays!

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR TEAMS HEADING TO THE
NATIONAL FCS COMPETITION IN JANUARY!!**

The 2023-2024 4-H Year Has Begun!

Mark Your Calendars

Important Enrollment Dates and Deadlines

January 15, 2024—Returning Family Enrollment Deadline

January 31, 2024—Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadline

April 1, 2024 — New Family Enrollment Deadline

May 1, 2024—Project Enrollment Deadline

Calendar at a Glance

January 2, 2024 — Project Meeting starting at 11am Contact Molly Hayes for more information — mmk khayes@q.com—See page 6 for details

January 4, 2024— Virtual County Council Meeting 6:30pm:

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732>

January 6, 2024 — Sewing project meetings begin—**2-5pm every Saturday**

January 8, 2024—Fair Board Meeting

January 15, 2024—County Wide Project Meeting at 5:30pm

January 19-21, 2024 — Senior Leadership Retreat

January 23, 2024—Horse Council Meeting—6:30pm

January 24, 2024– Shooting Sports Orientation at 6:30pm

January 27, 2024—Shooting Sports Banquet at 5pm

January 29, 2024 — Virtual Livestock Judging Meeting at 6pm:

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83578748467>

January 30, 2024—4-H Day at the Round House—Stay tuned for more info.

February 1, 2024—County Council Meeting

February 3, 2024—Favorite Foods County Contest

Details and more information to come.

Make sure to read the newsletter every month so you don't miss anything!

County Council

January 4, 2024 at 6:30pm

This meeting will be VIRTUAL

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732>

Horse Council

When: January 23, 2024 at 6:30pm

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office

Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board Meeting

January 8, 2024 at 6pm

This meeting is in person at the Extension office.

County Wide Project Meetings for the Upcoming 2023-2024 4-H Year

Calling all 4-Hers if you are planning to do Photography, entomology, speech, Favorite food show or wood working make sure come to our Project Meetings 6 and 20 November are our next 2 meetings We have fantastic volunteers waiting to help you learn, have fun and gain these skills. They will help you complete your record sheet on these projects and take you through the materials so you can create and have fun, Don't miss out make it a priority on your calendar!!!

County wide project meetings are the **1st** and **3rd Mondays** of the Month.

Meetings start at 5:30pm and will be held in the 4-H Building.

First January Project Meeting will be January 2, 2024

11am-5pm at the 4-H Center

11-12 Lunch (bring \$5)

12-1pm Favorite Food contest prep

1-2pm Speech

2-5pm Project Meeting

**If you need to drop off your youth early please contact Molly Hayes at 505-554-8338*

Volunteers needed to help lead projects!

Click [Here](#) to fill out the volunteer interest form!

For more information about the Project Meetings OR Becoming a Volunteer please contact Brittany Johnson at brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Project Leaders Needed

We are in need of Project Leaders! Project leaders are an important part of the 4-H program as they guide youth through the project and help them grow in their skills and understanding.

Here are some project areas that need leaders:

Babysitting

Cake Decorating

Baking

Rocketry

Electronics/Electricity

Interior design

Jewelry Making

Leather Craft

Origami

Scrapbooking

New Mexico Flavor

Food Preservation

If none of these appeal to you please look through the full list of projects offered [HERE](#).

Please contact Brittany Johnson, brittmjo@nmsu.edu, if you would like to be a leader or if you would like more information

OR fill out the Volunteer interest form found below



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4-H Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Meeting

Safety is the number one priority in the 4-H shooting sports program. Therefore, in order to participate in the shooting sports program in 2023-2024, both new and returning members, must attend one of the orientation and safety meetings

**Last opportunity to attend:
January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building**

Shooting Sports Banquet

January 27, 2024
5pm at the 4-H Center

**Come support the Bernalillo County Shooting Sports Program
Enjoy good food and fun games and raffles!!**

Archery Practice for Novice and Juniors

Tuesdays at the 4-H Building
6:30pm

Pistol Practice

Senior 4-H Members Only—Must be enrolled in the Zsuite and in the Pistol Project to participate

Check back for more practices in the New Year!

4-H Contests

In addition to projects youth members can participate in a variety of contests. These contests occur at the County level, District level (Novice and Juniors), State level (Seniors) and some even go on to the National Level.

We will be offering the contests at the county level through out the year, starting in February.

Below is a list of contests available as well as the County Contest schedule.

Links to resources to both the District level contests and State level contests are included below.

****In order to participate in contests at the District or State level youth MUST participate in a contest at the County level. Some contests limit participation past the county level. Priority for participation in contests at the District and State levels will be given to those that competed in the contest at the county level.***

County Contest Schedule:

February 3, 2024

Favorite Food Contest

February 23, 2024 at 6pm

Speaking Contests

March 23, 2024

Fashion Revue and Talent Show

April 27, 2024

All other Contests:

Judging

Open Contests

Bowl Contests

Open Contests:

FCS Skill-a-thon

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Wildlife

Horticulture

Entomology

Hippology

Consumer Decision Making

Speaking Contests:

Presentations

Poetry

Prepared Speech

Impromptu Speaking

All Other Contests:

Fashion Revue

Favorite Food Show

Horse Bowl

FCS Bowl*

Livestock Judging

Horse Judging

Talent Review

Meat Judging

Northern District Contest Handbook:

<https://4hcontestsnorth.nmsu.edu/documents/2020-northern-district-handbook.pdf>

Meat Judging:

<https://4hcontestsnorth.nmsu.edu/documents/2021-meats-identification-contest.pdf>

*This contest is not offered at the District Level only at the State Level.

HOWEVER, at the **county level** we will allow for Novice and Juniors teams.

For more information on State Contests:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/tuesday.html>

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/wednesday.html>

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/thursday.html>

4-H Contests

The first County Contest is **Favorite Foods** on
February 3, 2024

Contest to begin at 2pm

Click [HERE](#) for Contest Information (Novice and Juniors)
(See page 26)

Click [HERE](#) for Contest Information (Seniors)

Public speaking contests will be on February 23, 2024
Stay tuned for more information...

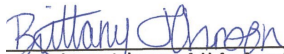
Public Speaking Contests:

Prepared public speaking

Presentations

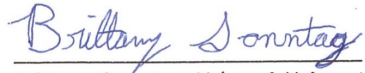
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REMINDER—Youth members **MUST** participate in a County Contest in order
to participate at the **DISTRICT** or **STATE** Levels


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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bernalillo-County-4-H/121216911232489>

Cloverleaf Newsletter is on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/bernalillo/4hyouth/cloverleafnews.html>

Leaderline Newsletter on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/newsletters.html>

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If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact your 4-H Agent at 505-243-1386.

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