

# Leaderline

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A Quarterly Newsletter to Volunteer Leaders Providing 4-H News in New Mexico

## Benefits of Volunteering with the 4-H Program

By *Laura Bittner*  
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*New Mexico 4-H and Youth Development Program*

Helen Keller is credited with saying, “Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” This quote resonates with me particularly when I think about the value and contribution of New Mexico 4-H volunteers.

A 2020 study involving nearly 3,000 4-H volunteers from 12 states investigated individual, organizational, and public benefits of volunteering with the 4-H program.

Individual benefits included building positive

*(See **Benefits** on page 2)*



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## Benefits

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relationships with youth, increasing confidence as a leader, expanding problem solving skills, gaining further knowledge in other areas, learning to think from diverse perspectives, and improving ability to lead meetings. Organizational benefits included time making connections in the community on behalf of 4-H, recruiting new youth and volunteers to 4-H, soliciting donations, teaching other volunteers, and volunteering for additional Extension programs. Public benefits included making communities stronger through greater connections, improving health of communities, and increasing civic involvement.

Findings of this study are certainly valuable and have useful implications for recruiting and engaging volunteers. However, other benefits of volunteering challenging to capture in a survey are missing from the information shared above.


I have had opportunity to work and visit with some of you and have listened as you speak about the joy of sharing your skills, experience, and knowledge with a young person and seeing a spark ignite as you introduce and guide them through a project. You have shared stories of a young person now earning a living using skills gained from your mentorship. And always, there are heartwarming and inspiring stories of the shy Cloverbud hiding behind their parents who now is a confident public speaker because of opportunities and experiences provided through the club you lead.

Our 4-H members speak of you as their “other mom/dad” and see you not only as a club leader but also as a supportive adult who genuinely cares about their well-being. They also share they never want to disappoint you because they KNOW you have set high expectations for them, believe in them, and generously give your time to prepare them with skills needed now and in the future.

As we grow closer to the start of the new 4-H year, thank you for all you give to the New Mexico 4-H program and the youth and families who participate. You are greatly appreciated!

Laura

### Check Out this 4-H at Home Activity:



**Space Exploration: Quest 1**  
Plant Science, STEM / Grades 3-8  
30 minutes

Introduces you to the Artemis program, designed to establish lunar infrastructure for future exploration.

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/space-exploration/space-exploration-quest-1/>



## NM 4-H Adult Forum – Join Us November 12!

By Cheryl Butterfield  
 State 4-H Agent  
 Volunteer Leadership Development

The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board has been busy planning the 2022 NM 4-H Adult Forum for Saturday, November 12 in Farmington, NM at McGee Park. This is a fun day of workshops, networking, speakers and make and take. Please share this information with your 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. Registration completed by October 15 is only \$40 and includes a t-shirt. Registration October 16-31 is \$50 and does NOT include a t-shirt. The 2022 schedule and workshops are included in this newsletter.

**New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum: First Timer Registration Scholarships**  
 Eight, \$20 registration scholarship applications will be available in August for 4-H Leaders attending the Forum for the first time. You must submit a completed 4-H Adult Forum registration form AND payment,



along with your completed Scholarship application. If you are selected, you will receive the scholarship funds following the event. Registration materials and the Scholarship Application form will be available in August from the New Mexico 4-H Web site (under the 'Adult Volunteers Leader' tab) or from your County Extension Office. Please consider participating in this year's 4-H Adult Forum where you will meet other adults involved in 4-H, hear a motivational speaker; participate in workshops, a community service project, Make and Take activities, silent auction and more! Come for a full day of fun, networking and education. Registration includes the workshops, speaker, special activities, lunch, and breaks – it is a bargain at \$40 if registered before October 15.

### Gerry Copeland New Adult Leader Scholarship

Gerry Copeland was a 4-H leader for several years, but her participation grew in 4-H after her children graduated. She worked as a 4-H volunteer for 30 years by working on committees, working with the county 4-H ambassadors and taking leadership roles with 4-H leader's association events. She believed in the importance of giving 4-H volunteer leaders the professional development they needed to guide 4-H'ers.

When she died in December 2018, after a brief battle with breast cancer, her friends and family established this award for other 4-H adult leaders in New Mexico, so that they could also grow their skills, confidence, and passion for the 4-H program.

**One scholarship of \$20.00 will be awarded to a volunteer from each county attending 2022 NM 4-H Adult Forum.** To nominate a volunteer, go to <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html>, scroll down, click on The Gerry Copeland Scholarship Application for Adult Forum link to download the document and complete form by October 15.

### Take 10 with 4-H

The next two Take 10 sessions on Zoom (<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/take-10-with-4-h.html>):

October 6, 2022 at 12:30 PM

November 3, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Leadership Opportunities - County and State

Communication





# New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum 2022 Schedule

November 12, 2022 • Farmington, NM



**8:30-9:00 AM** Registration; Auction/Door Prize Drop Off; Display Set-Up

**9:00-9:45 AM** Welcome and Get Acquainted Activity  
Guest Speakers

## **9:50-11:20 AM – Workshops – Session 1**

- 1a. Step Right Up Into 4-H Leadership
- 1b. My Favorite 4-H Contest
- 1c. What's Wrong With My Animal?
- 1d. Chocolate Therapy: Dare to Discover Your Inner Center

**11:20 AM-Noon** Networking & Energizing

**Noon-1:00 PM** Lunch

## **1:00-2:30 PM – Workshops – Session 2**

- 2a. State Portfolios - Start NOW
- 2b. Windowsill Herb Gardening
- 2c. Sew And Grow
- 2d. It's Getting STEAM-y In Here!

**2:30-2:50 PM** Break

## **3:00-4:00 PM – Workshops – Session 3**

- 3a. 4-H Contests For All
- 3b. NOT AVAILABLE
- 3c. Succession Planning In 4-H
- 3d. Disability: What's Your Ability? Helping Youth With Disabilities Feel Included In The 4-H Program

**4:05-4:30 PM** Closing

For registration go to the New Mexico State 4-H website at  
[https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/adult-volunteer-leaders.html#anchor\\_84147](https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/adult-volunteer-leaders.html#anchor_84147)



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# New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum Workshops

**Session 1 Workshops: 9:50 - 11:20 AM**

**Step Right Up Into 4-H Leadership**  
*Jeanette Coletti, Doña Ana County 4-H Leader*

**My Favorite 4-H Contest**  
*Cindy Grooms, Doña Ana County 4-H Leader*

**What's Wrong With My Animal?**  
*Katie Ramsey, Otero County 4-H Leader*

**Chocolate Therapy: Dare To Discover Your Inner Center**  
*Dr. Laura Bittner, State 4-H Interim Department Head*

**Session 2 Workshops: 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

**State Portfolios – Start NOW**  
*Cindy Grooms, Doña Ana County 4-H Leader*

**Windowsill Herb Gardening**  
*Marisa Thompson, Urban Horticulture Specialist and  
 Brittany Johnson, Bernalillo County 4-H Agent*

**Sew And Grow**  
*Tamara Schubert, Chaves County FCS/4-H Agent and  
 Arlene Rowland, Chaves County 4-H Leader*

**It's Getting STEAM-y In Here!**  
*Amanda Benton, Santa Fe County 4-H/FCS Agent and  
 Courtney Mitchell, Harding County Agriculture Agent*



See 'Forum Workshops' on page 12)



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## Meet the 2022-2023 New Mexico State 4-H Leadership Team

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Song &amp; Recreation Leader</b>
				
<b>Addison Ullom</b> Santa Fe County	<b>Nealeigh Burrow</b> Roosevelt County	<b>Kimberly Prada</b> Los Alamos County	<b>Kyleigh Stephenson</b> Roosevelt County	<b>Gavin Morrow</b> Union County

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<b>Entomology Ambassador</b>	<b>Shooting Sports Ambassador</b>	<b>Livestock Ambassador</b>	<b>Leadership Ambassador</b>	<b>Public Speaking Ambassador</b>
				
<b>Addisyn Fassett</b> Socorro County	<b>Andie Grooms</b> Doña Ana County	<b>Johni Gallegos</b> Santa Fe County	<b>Aubry Putman</b> Eddy County	<b>Randi Greenc</b> Otero County

# Exploring Options After High School

By *Newt McCarty*  
State 4-H Agent  
Aggie Next Step Program  
4-H and Youth Development

The thought of finishing high school is exciting, but for many it can bring about some uneasy feelings. Deciding on a path after high school is simple and straightforward for some youth and for others it can be daunting and overwhelming. Career exploration is a great tool in helping to guide that decision process, but maturity can bring with it new interests, skills, and strengths, turning everything upside down. Helping youth recognize and explore the many options available after high school can help in reducing stress in making one of the biggest decisions they've had to make.

Fortunately, there are multiple options youth can consider, explore, and pursue to help them attain their career goals and aspirations.

## College

For youth who enjoy the academic environment whether they know exactly what they want to do or have a general direction, college may be their best choice. College allows students to take a variety of courses on multiple disciplines helping reinforce their chosen path or reveal new possibilities. College also opens the door for additional opportunities including, internships, student clubs and organizations, and networking helping them to prepare for their future careers.

## Trade School

For those who know the career they want to pursue, are ready to enter the workforce and just need to gain skills and knowledge, trade schools are an excellent option. Trade schools range in length from one to two years and focus on a specialized job. Students learn and practice what the need to be successful in a specific job. Trade schools combine classroom learning with hands on experience allowing students to apply newly gained knowledge. Trade school careers are vast and include electrician, dental hygienist, health care technician, welder, and legal assistant.



## Apprenticeship

Youth who want or need to start earning an income right away, an apprenticeship is a great option. Although similar to earning a trade school certificate or degree, apprenticeships commonly take three to five years to complete. Even though the learning commitment is longer, apprentices start getting paid right away and the majority of learning is on-the-job.

## Military

Youth who have a desire to serve while building and developing skills and exploring a multitude of careers, the military may be a great choice. Students can enlist right after high school or through ROTC while attending college. Both options provide benefits offsetting the cost of education and many opportunities for lifetime careers including aviation, finance, health care, law enforcement, engineering, chemistry, and transportation.

## Community College

Students who are interested in college but not positive it is the right first step, cannot afford the cost, or want or need to be closer to home, community college might be the answer. Community college allows for students to explore general education classes at a lower cost and flexible schedules allow students to work while attending. Community college gives students the option to transfer their credits to a four-year university or graduate with an associate degree usually within two years.

## Gap Year

Some youth may not be ready to decide and do not know which direction to take, or maybe they just

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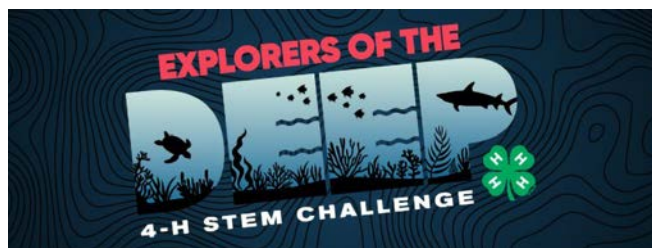
(See **Exploring Options** on page 15)



# Explorers of the Deep 2022 4-H STEM Challenge

*Peter Skelton, PhD  
Youth Agriscience Education Specialist  
Professor and Director  
Extension & Research Youth Agricultural Science Center  
4-H and Youth Development Department*

The 4-H STEM challenge is a national rallying event for year-round 4-H STEM programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation's land-grant colleges and universities and the Cooperative Extension System. This annual challenge seeks to spark an early youth interest in science and future science careers. The 4-H STEM challenge presents a great opportunity to engage youth in hands on science, technology, engineering and math activities while developing critical thinking skills.



This year's 4-H challenge is Explorers of the Deep. Designed by Rutgers University, Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Young people learn how to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth's Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet. Activities include:

- **Ocean Robot Test Tank** is an activity where youth learn how to “ballast” their ocean robot by adding weights to replicate the sinking and floating behavior of a real ocean robot. They will investigate data collected by ocean robots and learn about the value of ocean exploration.
- **Ocean Expedition** is a board game where youth navigate their ocean robot around the world while learning key ocean concepts. Topics include aquaculture, climate change, innovation, human impact and the ocean ecosystem.

- **Ocean Communicator** is an activity in which young people investigate challenges that ocean scientists, engineers and technologists are currently exploring. They design and advocate for innovations and technical solutions that inspire public action.

The 2022 Challenge helps young people develop observational and critical thinking skills while exploring the interconnected nature between the ocean and humans, regardless of where they live. They will learn about the incredibly complex relationship between Earth's oceans and the global climate. Explorers of the Deep consists of three activities that can be done all at once or individually, making it highly adaptable for classrooms, after school programs, or clubs. This is a great opportunity to interact with youth through an inquiry-based learning environment and to demonstrate that science is fun.

The Explorers of the Deep kit includes clear instructions for facilitators and all the basic materials needed to complete each learning activity at home or in a small group setting. A basic kit includes materials for 4-6 youth. For groups of more than 6 youth, additional supplies (youth guides, gliders, and board games) are available for purchase. Kits can be used in spaces where physical distancing can be observed. You can also purchase kits directly from the 4 H Mall at <https://bit.ly/3c2eD57>. Be sure to plan your 4-H STEM challenge event today!



# New Mexico 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational Contest

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

The NM 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational will be January (January 20, 2023), in Albuquerque, NM. The contest will begin at 1 PM. Teams will be notified of their prep time prior to arriving in Las Cruces in order to plan accordingly. There will be a \$15 fee per team. The winning team will be eligible to represent New Mexico at the Western National 4-H Roundup competition in the following year.

Team members will not be required to attend SLR, however, if they choose to, they will need to complete a separate registration for that event. Please contact your County Extension Office at <https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/> if you have additional questions.

## 2023 CWF

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

*CWF provides opportunities for youth to broaden:*

- *appreciation and practice respect for themselves and others,*
- *increase individual commitment to citizen involvement,*
- *and understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities.*

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer, thousands of young people 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, 2022. Contact your County Extension Office at <https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/> for more information about CWF. CWF is held in the Washington, D.C., metro area in Summer 2023.

## Save the Date: NM 4-H FCS School

New Mexico 4-H FCS School (formerly called "Home Ec School") will have a new look and logo coming soon! Please plan to join us for NM 4-H FCS School on March 10-12, 2023, and watch for more exciting information!

## NM State 4-H Portfolios

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

The State 4-H Portfolio will allow youth to better show growth and create a resume that may be used for other venues. Forms and formatting instructions are available on the general website under forms.

The State 4-H Portfolio is due in January at Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) – in Albuquerque, January 20, 2023. The portfolio must be delivered to SLR or turned in to the State 4-H Office the week prior. The top ranked portfolios will receive a trip to National 4-H Congress with awards presented during SLR.

**They are NOT "JUST KIDS". They are FUTURE LEADERS! ~Mike Johnson**



# Save the Date: 2023 National 4-H Conference in Arlington, VA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is excited to announce dates for 2023 National 4-H Conference, which will be held April 14-19, 2023, in-person at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, and online. More specific details will be announced this fall.

NIFA has administered the National 4-H Conference on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, DC, since 1927. Deemed "the Secretary's Conference," this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future focused. The Conference brings together youth, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



save the date

2023  
NATIONAL  
4-H CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City + Online  
Arlington, VA  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



## State 4-H 2022 Buckles Show off New Mexico 4-H with the 2022 buckle for \$80. Great for gifts or awards.

Designed by the State 4-H Leadership Team and made by Rowdy Silver Custom Designs. The last order deadline date is November 1. For more information, contact the New Mexico State 4-H Office at 575-646-3026. **Order form:**  
<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/documents/buckle-order-form-2022-4.pdf>

4-H IS MORE THAN  
JUST A CLUB.

WE'RE A FAMILY.

# 2022 State 4-H Photo Contest Winners

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

Congratulations to the following 2022 State 4-H Photo Contest winners, in each of the six categories, plus overall winner. The first place winner in each category receives a camera case. The overall winner receives an overall rosette and a cash prize.



**3rd:** *Hard Work Pays Off* – Denny Turner – Curry County

## Landscape

**1st:** *Church Lights* – Payton Moore – Otero County  
**2nd:** *Beautiful Waterfall at Teton National Park* – Cadence Burkhow – San Juan County  
**3rd:** *Beyond* – Wesley Otero – Doña Ana County

## 4-H

**1st:** *Shooting Sports* – Breanne Lucero – Socorro County  
**2nd:** *The Joy of 4-H* – Jordan Schumer – Doña Ana County

## Animals

**1st:** *Hangin' Out* – Nadya Neparko – Doña County  
**2nd:** *Dogie Sue* – Breanne Lucero – Socorro County  
**3rd:** *Ready to Round Up* – Jordan Schumer – Doña Ana County

## Overall Winner

*Hangin' Out*  
by Nadya Neparko – Doña Ana County



## Other

**1st:** *Water in the Desert* – Nadya Neparko – Doña Ana County  
**2nd:** *The View is Plane Beautiful* – Jordan Schumer – Doña Ana County  
**3rd:** *Kile Oak* – MiKayla Klinger – Quay County

## Buildings

**1st:** *Magical* – Olivia Gallegos – Sandoval County  
**2nd:** *Windmill Shadow* – Wesley Otero – Doña Ana County  
**3rd:** *Christmas on the Riverwalk* – MiKayla Klinger – Quay County

## People

**1st:** *Orange Starburst* – Breanne Lucero – Socorro County  
**2nd:** *Puppy Love* – Faith Meador – San Juan County  
**3rd:** *Man's Best Friend* – ChristiAna Tafoya – Bernalillo County

**Be on the lookout for the photo screen saver (slide show) on the New Mexico State 4-H Website in October.**





## Next year will be the 100th State 4-H Conference

By *Amy Zemler*  
*State 4-H Activities Specialist*

How would you like to celebrate this event? Family activities prior to the event? Dances? Below is the link to a survey asking for your input to help with the planning.

Please share ideas on how to celebrate this milestone event!

[https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/forms/SV\\_aV4cV7vsAGHXUDY](https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/forms/SV_aV4cV7vsAGHXUDY)

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Scholarship Applications

New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship applications are due to the State 4-H Office for:

Senior Leadership Retreat -  
 Due October 15, 2022.

FCS School -  
 Due January 15, 2023.

Youth Get-Away -  
 Due February 15, 2023.

For more information and criteria, go to: [aces.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships](https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships).





# Senior Leadership Retreat 2023

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

2023 is not far away and with that comes Senior Leadership Retreat! The event is going to take place in Albuquerque, NM, on January (20-22, 2023). The theme is *Welcome to Fabulous 4-H*. The event is a three-day, two-night event filled with great workshops and great opportunities.

During the weekend, youth will be involved in hands-on activities while learning about careers, leadership skills, community service, and much more! They can even learn new dancing skills! The 2022-2023 State Leadership Team is excited and cannot wait to put on this event for those who attend! Contact your County Extension Office for the registration deadline.



**4H WEEK**

**MORE OPPORTUNITY,  
MORE SMILES.**

Every kid needs the chance to thrive. It'll inspire their lives, and they'll inspire our community.

CREATE #OPPORTUNITY4ALL KIDS AT 4-H.ORG

 **October 2-8, 2022**

## Forum Workshops

(continued from page 5)

**Session 3 Workshops:**  
**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

### 4-H Contests For All

*Katie Ramsey, Otero County 4-H Leader*

### Succession Planning In 4-H

*Cheryl Butterfield, State 4-H Agent, Volunteer and Leadership Development*

### Disability: What's Your Ability? Helping Youth With Disabilities Feel Included In The 4-H Program

*Eva Madrid, Doña Ana County 4-H Agent*

For workshop descriptions, see flyer at [https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/NM-4-H-Adult-Forum-2022\\_Workshops\\_Save-the-Date\\_Accessible.pdf](https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/NM-4-H-Adult-Forum-2022_Workshops_Save-the-Date_Accessible.pdf).

**Note: Workshop 3b on the flyer is not available.**

To register for the 2022 4-H Adult Forum, click on this link <https://ezregister.com/events/37072/>.



**The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."**  
**#BacktotheFuture**



New Mexico 4-H - 2022 Shooting Sports National Championship competitors

## Save the Date: New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports

### Tentative Dates:

- 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit - March 24-26 (tentative), NRA Whittington Center - Raton, NM
- 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships - May 4-7 (tentative), NRA Whittington Center - Raton, NM

## 2022 4-H State Teams Shooting Sports National Championships

*Eva Madrid*  
Extension 4-H Agent  
Doña Ana County  
Extension Office

Congratulations to all the teams that represented New Mexico 4-H at the Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 26-July 1, 2022. You represented us well!

- Air Rifle -**  
San Juan County – 2nd place
- Muzzleloader -**  
Doña Ana County – 5th place
- Pistol -**  
Chaves County – 9th place
- Hunting Skills -**  
Doña Ana County – 6th place
- Shotgun -**  
Eddy County – 10th place

## Shooting Sports Resources

Have you seen our newly reformatted 4-H website? Check out the Shooting Sports page at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>. Scroll down for links to these resources:

- Shooting Sports Resource List
- National 4-H Shooting Sports
- National Rifle Association
- National Muzzleloading Rifle Association
- Civillian Marksmanship Program
- Crosman

### 4-H Rodeo

Do you or any registered volunteer in your county have an interest in the State Rodeo Board? The Board is taking applications for members and the applications are due by January 1, 2023. The application can be found on the State 4-H website under the rodeo tab. Contact your 4-H Agent for more information.



**4-H'ers. Green 365 Days A Year.**

# NEW MEXICO 4-H'ERS!

## Submit Your 4-H Record Book Story for a chance to win a free trip for you and a 4-H friend!

By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist

New Mexico 4-H members write a 4-H Story for their record books each year. Here is your opportunity to earn a free 4-H trip for something you've already completed. Submit your 4-H Record Book Story describing your experiences in the current 4-H year. Use your IMAGINATION to create a typed, double-spaced



story on the exciting program you are involved in.....4-H!

Winning stories from each age category will have excerpts in

Leaderline Newsletters in 2023. We will post full stories online; and these stories may be used for other 4-H promotions.

You can find record forms online at [https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/forms.html#anchor\\_130919](https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/forms.html#anchor_130919)

**Send your 4-H Story to:**  
State 4-H Office, MSC 3AE  
New Mexico State University  
PO Box 30003  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003

**Get your 4-H Record Book Story in by November 1, 2022, and you could win one of the following trips:**

*Novice (ages 9-11)* - FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2023!

*Junior (ages 12-13)* - FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2023!

*Senior (ages 14-19)* - FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat in January 2023!

On the cover page please write your name, address, county, and the age category you are classified in for the 2022-2023 4-H year. **4-H STORIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE 4-H OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022.** Call the State 4-H Office at (575) 646-5204 if you have any questions.

## NM State 4-H Calendar of Events 2022-2023

Events	Dates
<b>NATIONAL 4-H WEEK</b>	<b>Oct. 2-8, '22</b>
<b>Eastern New Mexico State Fair</b>	<b>Oct. 2-8, '22</b>
<b>Sierra County Fair</b>	<b>Oct. 5-9, '22</b>
<b>Southwestern New Mexico State Fair (Deming, NM)</b>	<b>Oct. 5-9, '22</b>
<b>Fall Paper Clover Fundraising Campaign (Tractor Supply Company)</b>	<b>Oct. 5-16, '22</b>
<b>*Take 10 with 4-H - Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders (Leadership Opportunities - County &amp; State) (Zoom-12:30 pm). Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.</b>	<b>Oct. 6, '22</b>
<b>Gerry Copeland Adult Leader Scholarship Applications</b> are due. Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Oct. 15, '22</b>
<b>*Citizenship Washington Focus Summer Program 2023</b> registrations are due. Contact your Count Extension Office for more information.	<b>Oct. 15, '22</b>



# Exploring Options

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need a break. In that case, a gap year might be just what they need. The key to a gap year is exploration, the only set expectation is that they do something. Students can participate in gap year abroad programs, take online classes, internships, in-depth college search, try different jobs, volunteer, learn a foreign language, the options are endless. This time can allow students to gain confidence, practice making small less consequential decisions, and step away and discover themselves.

## Scholarships

The path after high school is different for just about everyone, one thing they all have in common is cost. The good news, scholarships are available.

Scholarships are not just for students pursuing a four-year degree, scholarships are available for just about every option including the military, trade schools, community colleges and even gap years. There are multiple sites like Fastweb for students to search available scholarships.

## The Bottom Line

Research shows that completing some type of postsecondary education (any education option after high school), leads to higher earnings and job security, increased self-esteem, more meaningful employment, and economic self-sufficiency. Education pays!

Source: Kathryn Knight Randolph, March 26, 2022

# NM State 4-H Calendar of Events 2022-2023

Events	Dates
<b>NM 4-H Adult Forum First Timer Registration Scholarship Applications</b> are due. Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Oct. 15, '22</b>
<b>NM 4-H Adult Forum Early Registrations</b> are due. Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Oct. 15, '22</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for Senior Leadership Retreat</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Oct. 15, '22</b>
<b>NM 4-H Adult Forum Final Registrations</b> are due. Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Oct. 30, '22</b>
<b>Record Book Stories</b> are due. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Nov. 1, '22</b>
<b>4-H Belt Buckle Order</b> (last order due)	<b>Nov. 1, '22</b>
<b>*Take 10 with 4-H - Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders (Communication)</b> (Zoom-12:30 pm). Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Nov. 3, '22</b>
<b>New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum</b> (Farmington, NM). Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Nov. 12, '22</b>
<b>Thanksgiving holiday.</b> The State 4-H Office will be closed.	<b>Nov. 24-25, '22</b>
<b>National 4-H Congress (Atlanta, GA).</b> Cheryl Butterfield, (575) 646-1156.	<b>Nov. 25-29, '22</b>
<b>Winter holiday.</b> The State 4-H Office will be closed.	<b>Dec. 23, '22- Jan. 2, '23</b>
<b>State 4-H Rodeo Board Applications due</b>	<b>Jan. 1, '23</b>
<b>Community Service Scholarship Applications for FCS School</b> are due in the State 4-H Office. Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 15, '23</b>
<b>State 4-H Portfolios are due at Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) or delivered to State 4-H Office the week prior to SLR.</b> Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 20, '23</b>
<b>*New Mexico 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Invitational Contest (Albuquerque, NM).</b> Contact your County Extension Office for more information	<b>Jan. 20, '23</b>
<b>*Senior Leadership Retreat (SLR) 2023.</b> (Albuquerque, NM). Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204.	<b>Jan. 20-22, '23</b>
<b>*Contact your County Extension Office for information, application and registration deadline.</b>	-----

# Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraising Campaign

Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to support local programs through the Paper Clover fundraiser.

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by



## IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

### October 5-16, 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where

the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

The date for the 2022 Fall Paper Clover Campaigns is: October 5th – October 16th.

Learn more about 4-H's partnership with Tractor Supply at [tractorsupply.com/4-H](https://tractorsupply.com/4-H).

**"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."  
-Henry David Thoreau**

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