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# Southwest District Contest





## Contests Superintendents

Agronomy.....	Jack Blandford
Archery.....	Jessica Swapp
Clothing Revue .....	Jennifer Shafer
Consumer Decision Making .....	Judy O'Loughlin
Favorite Foods .....	Bea Favela
Horse Bowl.....	Trisha Chavez
Horse Judging.....	Tracy Drummond
Hippology .....	Sara Marta
Horticulture.....	Jeff Anderson
Entomology .....	Emily Bruton
Livestock .....	Tracy Drummond
Presentations/ Illustrated Talk .....	
Public Speaking .....	Teresa Dean
Range Plant ID.....	Sara Marta
Rifle.....	Jack Blandford
Welcome to NM 4-H Bowl .....	Emily Bruton
Wildlife .....	Savannah Graves

## Superintendents Guidelines and Responsibilities

1. Communicate with host county regarding the needs of your contest (type of room, judges needed, equipment needed, etc.)
2. Time limits and specific regulations are to be followed in all areas and for all age groups.
3. All superintendents are to bring an adequate supply of judging sheets, (one per judge per contest) scorecards, cut cards, etc., for the number of members entered in their contests.
4. Secure personnel and equipment for timing contest.
5. Seat judges in separate areas of the contest room.
6. Full credit is to be given for the question section of the score sheet if no questions are asked by the judges. Questions will be accepted from judges only.
7. Prior to the contest, inform the judges of the time guidelines and provide them with specific judging sheets as listed in the handbook. (One sheet per contestant per judge.)
8. Superintendents should introduce each contestant and establish a tie breaking section of the score sheet in advance.
9. No one is to be in the contest room until the superintendent, judges are present, and the contest is open.
10. Consumer Decision Making categories are to be named and sent to each county by the superintendent in advance.

## Suggestions for Hosting District Contest

**\*Very Important\*** - If you are hosting the District Contest, you will need to be prepared to run the meeting at the 4-H In-Service. This would be a good time to take down the superintendents' names over all contests, and possibly have a worksheet that all superintendents could fill out the needs for their contests.

**Social Night** – Should be up to the host county, the picnic part should be able to be used as a fundraiser buffet type meal for faster service, or pre-made.

A Social Area for parents and youth while contests are going on.

**Judges-** Secure two judges for Clothing Revue, Public Speaking and Presentations.  
Secure judges who are aware of 4-H guidelines and are knowledgeable of 4-H subject matter areas.

## 4-H Contest Activities

The following activities are planned to provide opportunities for 4-H members, ages 9-13, to participate in educational experiences in addition to project work.

### Quick Reference Guide

Activity	Number of Participants per County	Project Enrollment Eligibility	Specific Regulations
<b>Agronomy</b> <b>Consumer</b> <b>Decision Making</b> <b>Entomology</b> <b>Horse Judging</b> <b>Livestock Judging</b> <b>Range Plant ID</b>	For each category: <b>Novice:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8) <b>Junior:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)	Any Project	Refer to contest guidelines in the Southwest District Contest Handbook.
<b>Archery</b> Traditional/Recurve  Bare bow  Compound Bow	For each class: <b>Novice:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)  <b>Junior:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)	Must be enrolled in Archery project	Refer to contest guidelines in the Southwest District Contest Handbook
<b>Favorite Food Show</b>	<b>Novice:</b> 4 Individuals <b>Junior:</b> 4 Individuals	Any Project	Members should bring card tables or large TV trays for displaying food. Use sheet 200 E-26 for training and sheet 300 E-27 for scores.
<b>Horse Bowl</b>	<b>Novice:</b> 8 Individuals <b>Junior:</b> 8 Individuals	Any Project	Refer to contest guidelines in the Southwest District Contest Handbook
<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Novice:</b> 4 persons of any combination of individuals or teams.  <b>Junior:</b> 4 persons of any combination of individuals or teams.	Any Project	<b>Novice Age:</b> 3-5 minute presentation.  <b>Junior Age:</b> 5-10 minute presentation. Presentations may be illustrated talk or demonstration.  Members should bring necessary visuals, supplies, and equipment.
<b>Public Speaking</b> Prepared ----- Impromptu	<b>Novice:</b> 2 Individuals <b>Junior:</b> 2 Individuals ----- <b>Novice:</b> 2 Individuals <b>Junior:</b> 2 Individuals	Any Project  ----- Any Project	Speech should be no longer than 7 minutes. Notes may be used. Use scorecard 300 F-7. <b>NO VISUALS.</b> ----- Five (5) minutes will be given to prepare. Novice speech should be 1-3 min. Junior speech should be 2-4 Min. Use scorecard 300 F-7. <b>NO VISUALS</b>

<b>Rifle</b>  Light Rifle	<b>Novice:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)  <b>Junior:</b> 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)	Must be enrolled in Rifle project	Refer to contest guidelines in the Southwest district contest Handbook.
<b>Welcome to NM 4-H</b>	<b>Novice</b> age and first year 4-Hers ONLY! 2 teams of 3 or 4 members or individuals (total of 8)	Must be enrolled in <i>Welcome to NM 4-H</i> Project	Refer to contest guidelines in the Southwest District Contest Handbook.

<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Sewing I – Sew Much Fun *2 Simple Gathered Skirts *2 Quick and Easy Tote Bags  2 items in each category per age division	Sewing I – Sew Much Fun	<b>Novice &amp; Junior:</b> Use scorecard 300 C-13 Typed commentary for each participant to be sent by each county office to Clothing Revue superintendent during registration at District Contest. All entries must comply with project requirements. For summary, see 4-H Clothing Construction Project Summary 200 C-7.
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Sewing II – Sew Much More Fun *2 Handy Dandy Aprons *2 X-tra Special Shirts *2 X-citing Pants, Shorts or Peddle Pushers  2 items in each category per age division	Sewing II – Sew Much More Fun	
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Mix and Match I *2 - 2pc. Coordinated outfits  2 items in each category per age division	Mix and Match I	
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Mix and Match II *2 – 2pc. Coordinated outfits *2 – 3pc. Coordinated Outfits  2 items in each category per age division	Mix and Match II	

<b>Clothing Revue</b>	T-Shirts *2 T-shirts  2 items in each category per age division	Let's make a T-Shirt	
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Sew and Go *2 Quick Sacks *2 Handy Duffle Bags *2 Super Duffle *2 Jumbo Garment Bag  2 items in each category per age division	Sew and Go	
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	Serger Sewing Beginning Level *2 Tote Bags Intermediate Level *2 T-shirt and running short outfits (2 pieces) *2 T-shirt dress and scarf outfits (2 pieces)  2 items in each category per age division	Serger Sewing	
<b>Clothing Revue</b>	*2 Quilts/Throws * 2 Pillows/ Pillowcases  2 items in each category per age division	4-H Quilting	

## Contest Rotation Schedule

Doña Ana County .....	2020
Sierra County.....	2021
Grant County .....	2022
Catron County .....	2023
Hidalgo County .....	2024
Socorro County.....	2025
Luna County .....	2026
Doña Ana County .....	2027
Sierra County.....	2028



## General Information

### A. General Eligibility and Rules

1. Any bona fide 4-H member, Novice or Junior:

**Novice:** Ages 9 through 11. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday or be 8 years old and in third grade but cannot be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and have passed his/her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year. SEE CHART BELOW.

**Junior:** Ages 12 through 13. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday or be 11 years old and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade but cannot be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have passed his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year. SEE CHART BELOW.

**Senior:** Ages 14 through 18. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday or be 13 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade but cannot have passed his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1 of the current 4-H program year. SEE CHART BELOW.

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

2. All events at district contest will be divided into novice and junior groups, or as specified. (i.e. Clothing Revue is divided according to project enrollment.)
3. Members must be currently enrolled in Shooting Sports, Clothing Projects, and Welcome to New Mexico 4-H, to compete in these specific contests. All other contest project eligibility is any 4-H project.

4. Participation in events is subject to the scheduling for the District Contest. In an effort to allow for more participation in events, contest may be scheduled on the first day; these may include Archery, Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Rifle and Welcome to NM 4-H Bowl. **At no time may an individual compete in contests with time conflicts.**

**SCHEDULED CONTEST start at a scheduled time, and run until finished. Contestants must report to these contests at the scheduled start time and remain until finished.**

OPEN CONTEST are open from 8:30 am – 12:00pm, closed for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 pm, and open again at 1:00 pm until closing at 2:00 pm. Contestants can start at open times and complete contests at own pace, except for presentations.

SCHEDULED CONTEST	OPEN CONTEST
Archery	Agronomy
Clothing Revue	Entomology
Consumer Decision Making	Favorite Foods
Horse Judging	Horticulture
Horse Bowl	Presentation/Illustrated Talks
Hippology	Public Speaking – Prepared
Livestock Judging	Public Speaking – Impromptu
Rifle	Range Plant ID
Welcome to NM 4-H Bowl	Wildlife

**NOTE:** Contestants must report to the presentation and speech contest at 8:30 am for the drawing of order and to make arrangements for times. Conflicts of time may arise, in which, contestant must choose.

5. A team will participate in the junior age group if made up of mixed age group.
6. All contestants must have participated in a county elimination contest.
7. No one is allowed in contest rooms until the superintendents and judges are present and the contest is open.

**B. Judging and selection of Winners**

1. The following system of recognition will be used: Medal for first place and ribbons for second through fifth place.
2. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. Good sportsmanship should be shown throughout the district contests.

### **C. Awards**

1. Medals to first place individual(s) in each event and age category.
2. Clothing Revue: medals for first place in each clothing project area.
3. Judging Events: medal to each first place team member and high point individual.
4. No ties allowed. All ties will be broken. Contest superintendents should review the established tie- breaking section of handbook in advance of contest.

### **D. Definitions**

1. Demonstration: A presentation in which how to do a *skill* is shown with an explanation given as to why each step is important. Briefly, it's a *show and tell* and how to do something.
2. Illustrated Talk: A presentation of information with the aid of a flannel graph, charts, flashcards, slides, models, photographs, chalkboard, or actual objects. Emphasis is on the *showing*, not doing all the actual process as with a demonstration.

### **F. Registration Fee**

1. A registration fee will be charged.

### **G. Team Contest Events**

1. Each county can bring two novice and two junior teams in each contest.
2. Teams may be composed of 3 or 4 members. The team score is the total of the 3 highest scores. On teams of 4 members, each team member receives the team award even though only 3 member's scores were counted for the total. (A team is a team from beginning to end of team event.)

### **H. Schedule – Times and Schedule Subject to Change**

Schedule is to be determined by hosting county based on accommodations. District Contest shall be an event with contests held on two days. Efforts should be made to have a general assembly and superintendents / judges meeting prior to contests starting. The awards assembly should be scheduled, but delays may occur if results are not completed by superintendents.

## Tie Breakers

Contests	Method/Order
Agronomy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highest score on the Identification</li> <li>2. Highest score on the Pest Identification</li> <li>3. Highest score on the Placing classes</li> </ol>
Archery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written Exam</li> <li>2. First End</li> <li>3. Second End</li> </ol>
Clothing Revue	Judges consensus (use construction score to determine consensus)
Consumer Decision Making	<p>Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score of 3 high team members</li> <li>2. Designated class</li> <li>3. Designated class</li> </ol> <p>Individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score of 3 high team members</li> <li>2. Designated class</li> <li>3. Designated class</li> </ol>
Favorite Foods	Judges consensus
Hippology	<p>Team and Individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examination scores</li> <li>2. Station scores</li> <li>3. Judging scores</li> </ol>
Horse Judging	<p>Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score of 3 high team members</li> <li>2. Class 1</li> <li>3. Class 2</li> <li>4. Class 3</li> <li>5. Class 4</li> <li>6. Class 5</li> </ol> <p>Individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score</li> <li>2. Class 1</li> <li>3. Class 2</li> <li>4. Class 3</li> <li>5. Class 4</li> <li>6. Class 5</li> </ol>

Horticulture	<p>Novice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Foliage Plant &amp; Flower ID</li> <li>2. Fruits, Vegetables &amp; Nuts ID</li> </ol> <p>Juniors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fruit &amp; Vegetable Judging</li> <li>2. Foliage Plant &amp; Flower ID</li> <li>3. Fruits, Vegetables &amp; Nuts ID</li> </ol>
Entomology	See rules for Tie Breaker explanation.
Livestock Judging	<p>Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score of 3 high team members</li> <li>2. Designated class</li> <li>3. Designated class</li> </ol> <p>Individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total reasons score</li> <li>2. Designated class</li> <li>3. Designated class</li> </ol>
Presentations/Illustrated Talk	Judges consensus
Public Speaking	Judges consensus (use accumulated delivery score to determine consensus)
Range Plant ID	See rules for Tie Breaker explanation.
Rifle Contest	<p>Team and individual tied scores will be broken in the following manner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written exam score</li> <li>2. Kneeling position score</li> <li>3. Sitting position score</li> <li>4. Prone position score</li> </ol>
Horse Bowl Welcome to NM 4-H Bowl	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set of (5) five tie breaker questions</li> <li>2. The first team to have a 2-point advantage</li> </ol>
Wildlife	<p>Team and individual tied scores will be broken in the following manner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wildlife ID</li> <li>2. General Knowledge</li> </ol>

