

February 2023

# Otero County 4-H

## NEWSLETTER



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### 4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
Alamogordo 4-H	6pm @ New Exhibit building - Fairgrounds	2nd Tuesday	Feb. 14
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Bethel Baptist Church	2nd Tuesday	Feb.14
Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ first Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Drive)	1st Sunday	Feb.5
High Rolls/Mustangs 4-H	6pm@ Fairgrounds Classroom	Last Tuesday	Feb.28
Sacramento Mountains 4-H	6pm @ Mayhill Volunteer Fire Department	2nd Monday	Feb. 13
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	Feb. 7
Wildcats 4-H After-School	5:30pm @ Tularosa Public Schools	3rd Tuesday	Feb.21
Holloman 4-H Club	6:00pm @ Soaring Heights Community Center @ Holloman AFB	1st Wednesday	Feb.1



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# 4-H Age Groups for the 2022- 2023 4-H Year

	<b>*Cloverbud</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Grade as of January 1, 2023	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, and 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2023	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; 8 year olds and 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

The current 4-H program year is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Rodeo age requirements vary slightly from other 4-H programs and can be found in the NM 4-H Rodeo Rule Book on the NM 4-H Website.

\*While the 4-H Cloverbuds program is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to programs and policies.

## Good Standing

Members, parents and leaders, do you know exactly what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? Do you know what the "good standing" requirements are? If not, please take a moment to check these out now. Don't wait until before the fair (or other events/activities) when you may not have enough time to meet the requirements.

Remember, a 4-H member in good standing is one who has met the following requirements:

--Enrolls in a 4-H Club by February 1, 2023.

--Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2022 and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. So, be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of club meetings you are required to attend to be considered in "good standing".

--Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults.

Enrollment deadline  
February 1st

# 4-H Project Materials

In 4-H, there are numerous projects available to members. Projects include animal science, gardening, photography, foods, clothing, public speaking, creative arts, Cloverbuds and more. A complete list of projects is available on the NM 4-H website. Project materials are available for each 4-H project which include manuals and record forms. Members receive materials by enrolling in the project and requesting materials from the Otero County Extension Service. Leaders may also request project materials to facilitate 4-H project meetings.

Many of the 4-H project materials are available as a digital file (free of charge). In Otero County, the first three printed project materials are provided free of charge to 4-H members and any additional projects cost \$4.00 each. If you would like to request digital or printed project materials, please call (575-437-0231) or email (otero@nmsu.edu) the Otero County Extension Service. There is no deadline for adding a project to your enrollment during the 4-H program year.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE Scholarship Applications

New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship applications are due to the State 4-H Office for the events below. Community Service Scholarship Criteria are available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or participant in a 4-H activity. Members must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>. Community Service Scholarship applications are due two (2) months before the event registration deadline:

- FCS School - Due January 15, 2023
- Youth Get-Away - Due February 15, 2023
- Horse School - Due March 15, 2023
- 4-H Dog School - Due April 15, 2023
- Livestock School - Due April 15, 2023
- State 4-H Conference - Due April 15, 2023
- New Mexico 4-H Leadership Positions: Officers and Ambassadors - Due April 1, 2023



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4-H and Youth Development

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DACC

Career  
Exploration  
Academy



Wednesday, March 22, 2023 8:00am - 3:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to experience a day of career exploration through FREE\* hands-on activities and interactive presentations at Dona Ana Community College!

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Kinesiology

Nursing

Journalism and Mass Communications

Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Ecology

Criminal Justice

Entomology

Creative Media Institute

\*T-shirt & lunch included • Space is limited

Registration link: [DACC Career Exploration Academy](#)



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact 4-H and Youth Development Department in advance at (575) 646-3026 or [4h@nmsu.edu](mailto:4h@nmsu.edu). New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, educator, NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating.

Save the Date

OTERO COUNTY  
FAIR AND RODEO

September 20th-24th

State 4-H Conference  
July 8th-14th



District Contest  
Roosevelt County  
June 20th-22nd

# Tag In Dates

## Cattle

April 27th 5-7pm

April 29th 8-10am

## Sheep, Goat, Swine

June 15th 5-7pm

June 17th 8-10am

Please contact the Extension Office for any arrangements needed at least one week prior to tag in for that species



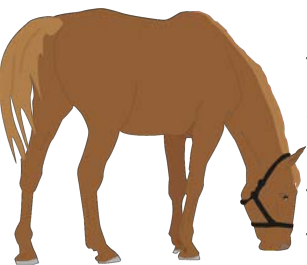
## Horse Riding Practice

February 4th

February 11th

Youth planning to participate in the horse practices are required to bring a riding helmet. If you are needing help finding one Tractor Supply Company has them and Hughes can order them. Please bring your other riding equipment as well. If you have any questions, please contact Sid at the Extension Office

All 4-H members interested in participating in 4-H opportunities involving their horse must complete a 4-H Horse Certificate and submit it to the Extension Office by May 1, 2023. The 4-H Horse Certificate may be obtained from the Extension Office or the NM 4-H website



## 4-H Rodeo Consent Forms

All 4-H members planning to participate in 2023 NM 4-H Sanctioned Rodeos must complete a "4-H Consent and Assumption of Risk for Participation in Rodeo Activities" form and submit the form to the Extension Office. Once the forms have been received in the Otero County Extension Office, the Extension Office Staff will submit the forms to the State 4-H Office (Las Cruces). Forms must be completed and submitted prior to a 4-H member's participation in a 4-H rodeo which includes the signature of your 4-H Club Leader. Please don't wait to submit your completed form to the Extension Office, if you plan to participate in 4-H rodeos this year submit your completed form ASAP! The rodeo form can be obtained from the NM 4-H website along with additional information regarding NM 4-H sanctioned rodeos (rule book, dates of rodeos, entry forms, and more). Contact the Extension Office if you have questions regarding 4-H rodeos.

## Rocketry

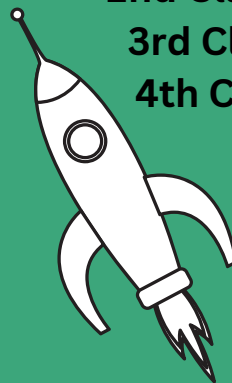
This is a four-part series class that on the last class will build a rocket. It is required that members attend at least 2 of the meetings before being able to build the rocket on the last class.

1st Class - February 25th at 11am

2nd Class- March 25th at 11am

3rd Class- April 29th at 11am

4th Class May 20th at 11 am



Please RSVP with Christine Martin at [alamogordo4h@gmail.com](mailto:alamogordo4h@gmail.com) by Feb 22. She will follow up with location and other details.

*Congratulations*



Congratulations to our own Maddie Glass for placing 3rd in impromptu at Western National Round Up!

## Senior Leadership Retreat

15 Senior 4-H members from Otero County attended Senior Leadership Retreat in Albuquerque. It was a fun trip with a great group of kids! They attended career workshops and toured several different locations around Albuquerque to show them potential career paths. There was a special guest speaker, Melvin Adams, that the kids especially enjoyed, he was very engaging and motivational. He spent time after talking and engaging with the kids. A big thank you to the chaperones that volunteered their time to go as well.



## *Shooting Sports Youth Summit*



Shooting Sports Youth Summit will be held on March 24-26, 2023, at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The Summit will be limited. Applications will be due by February 17th in the Extension Office and the cost will be \$200.00 per participant and will include housing and meals at the Whittington Center.

The activities throughout the weekend will be a “hands-on” approach. Each individual will have an opportunity to be exposed to all the shooting sports disciplines offered in the New Mexico 4-H Program and will learn safety and techniques to teach and help other youth in those areas. Leadership activities throughout the weekend will allow youth to become spokespersons and ambassadors for the New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports Program and take what they have learned back to their County to be an asset to the program.

This is not an event to develop better shooters, but is a leadership event based around the 4-H shooting sports projects and to develop state-wide ambassadors for the program. The application process will give more weight to leadership activities than shooting sports activities.



# Take 10 with 4-H

4-H Day at the Roundhouse  
**What:** Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom

An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.



**When:** February 2nd  
**1st Thursday of the month on the dates below – 12:30pm**

### 2023 Dates/Topics/Times:

<b>January 5, 2023</b> Community Service Scholarships (12:30pm) FCS School (12:45pm)	<b>May 4, 2023</b> State 4-H Conference (12:15pm) Livestock Schools (12:30pm) District Contests (12:45pm)
<b>February 2, 2023</b> 4-H Day at the Capitol (12:30pm)	<b>October 5, 2023</b> Build Club Membership/Involvement (12:30pm) Community Service Ideas for Clubs (12:45pm)
<b>March 2, 2023</b> YGA (12:30pm)	<b>November 2, 2023</b> State Portfolios (12:30pm)
<b>April 6, 2023</b> State 4-H Leadership Team (12:30pm)	<b>December 7, 2023</b> Role of Club Leader (12:30pm)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96341074501>

## Senior Fun Night

Are you a Senior 4-H member in Otero County? Do you want to explore projects while gaining experience and friends? Well, this is for you! Welcome to our first ever Senior Fun Night. February is dedicated to the 4-H Food Challenge. It will be held February 21st at 6pm at the Extension Office. Please **RSVP** with Kalie (kalie17g@nmsu.edu or 575-437-0231) no later than February 17th.



## February County Council Meeting

The next County 4-H Council Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, February 16th, 6:30 pm at the Extension Office

Everyone is welcome to attend....but, please be especially sure to send your County 4-H Council club voting representatives!

## Club Reports:

The Heritage 4-H Club held their January meeting on January 10th at 7 pm. Amelia, Abby, and Koren gave speeches about Shootings Sports. Charli talked about jewelry making. Maddie told us about competing at the Western National Roundup. It was then moved and seconded that we make care packages for homeless people. After the meeting was adjourned, we played a game where you guess the Disney movie based on a collection of emojis.

Respectfully submitted, Gavin Blankenship,  
Heritage 4-H Reporter

## Shooting Sports Coaches Certification

Location: Otero County Fairgrounds, 401 Fairgrounds Rd., Alamogordo, NM 88310

Date: February 25-26, 2023

Registration Deadline: February , 2023

Certifications: Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun

Cost: \$60 + \$20 Online Course fee

**MUST HAVE YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK.** Leaders can go to: 4-H Shooting Sports College to complete this portion, if they have already completed the online module this year, they are good to go. The online modules will cover history, introduction to 4-H shooting sports, creating high quality programs, and risk management. The online modules must be complete before the physical training on the 25th-26th. The training will begin Saturday at 8:00 am, February 25th, and conclude at noon on February 26th.



# Sewing Project

4-H sewing workshops are currently being offered on Monday afternoons at the Otero County Extension Office. All Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members may participate in the sessions. If you are interested in participating, please give Kelly a call, 575-437-0231, to pre-register. You will be provided with the specific dates and times for sessions, a list of 4-H sewing projects to choose from and assistance with determining the supplies (notions and fabric) needed for your project.



## Youth Get-Away

*By Amy Zemler  
State 4-H Activities Specialist*

Youth Get-Away is planned for April 21-23 at Glorieta. Look out for registration information in February.

4-H'ers attending Youth Get-Away will participate in a variety of projects/workshops, community service and dances.

Senior age youth can apply to serve as a counselor or counselor in training. Applications can be found in February on the website.

Contact your County Extension Office for more information.



### 2023 Youth Get-Away Counselor/CIT Application

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) – any 4-H member who is at least 13 and in the 8th grade or 14 years old may apply. The CIT will work with a counselor in planning activities and leading either a novice or junior age group during the event.

Counselor – any senior that is 15 years old may apply. The counselor will work with a CIT in planning activities and leading either a novice or junior age group during the event.

A 13-year-old who is in the 8th grade or a 14-year-old can only apply to be a CIT. If an applicant is 15, even if this is their first year applying, they must apply to be a counselor

Applications are available now!

Counselor and CIT applications will be due March 10th in the Extension Office.

Look for registration packets  
coming soon!

When: April 21st-23rd  
Where: Glorieta Activity Camp  
Registration: \$165

# Shooting Sports

A minimum of four (4) practices must be attended prior to Otero County shooting sports contest during the current 4-H program year in that said discipline. 4-H members must attend at least one practice session between October 1st and March 1st in that said discipline to be eligible to participate in additional practice sessions scheduled during the 4-H program year. 4-H shooting sports members are responsible for signing in at each practice they attend.



**NRA Banquet  
March 4th**

We will need help setting up and cleaning up after dinner.

## Shooting Sports County Contest Dates

### Archery:

Seniors 3D - April 1st  
Senior FITA - March 30th  
Novice Junior Archery - May 24th

### Shotgun:

Seniors - March 25th

### Rifle:

Seniors - April 2nd  
Novice Junior May 21st



### Archery Practices :

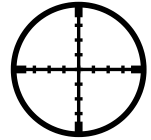
Location: Fair Grounds  
February 8  
February 15  
February 23  
Begins @ 6pm



### Shotgun Practices :

Location: Roadrunner Trap Club  
February 5 @10 am  
February 12th - ATA Shoot but will count as a practice. Shooters will pay the fee.

**Must RSVP with Tommie Sue 575-491-6725 no later than February 3rd**



### Rifle Practices :

Location: Roadrunner Trap Club  
All age divisions 1pm  
February 5  
February 19

*Happy Valentine's Day*

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