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CLOVERLEAF

December 2025

Hello 4-Her's, Leaders and Parents,

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Christmas! We are having our 4-H County Council meeting to hold elections on Wednesday December 17th.

If you have any questions or need any help please contact the Extension Office at 505-544-4333 or email torrance@nmsu.edu.

Debby Maberry— County Program Director-Extension Family and Consumer Science Agent/4-H

Angela Hurst-Extension Agricultural Agent/4-H

Gail Villareale-Wylie - Program Assistant

Deborah Olivas— NMSU Nutrition Educator



Happy Birthday
Wishes To:

Vanessa Lucero

Lexis Corvin

Devon Mendez

Bradley Roberts

Xamarra Rosales

Eric Encinias

Jill Encinias



Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service



JOIN 4-H

Enrollment Starts October 1st



PICK YOUR PROJECT



ENROLL TODAY

4-H is for YOU !
4-H is for FUN !



Shooting Sports



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H Year begins October 1st!

For more information on joining a local 4-H Club please contact the NMSU Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service office at 505-544-4333 or torrance@nmsu.edu



4-H Member Ages for 2025-2026 4-H Year

CLOVERBUDS: 5 to 8 years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade

NOVICE: 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade.

JUNIOR: 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in the 6th grade.

SENIOR: 14 -18 years old OR 13 years old AND in the 8th grade



Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2025) are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. **4-H Ages are based on the Member's Age as of January 1, 2026**

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Extension 4-H Youth Development



To enroll:

1. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/> - you can use any browser, but Google Chrome works the best.
2. If you have never used Zsuites before, start by creating a new account. If you have an existing Zsuite account, log in with your username and password.
 - ** Detailed instruction on creating a new account can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/Creatinganewaccount.html>
 - ** Zsuites works off of "households," which means you will *only create one account for your entire family***
3. Add household members for each of your youth needing to be enrolled as well as any adults in your household who will be enrolling as volunteers or club leaders (i.e., your spouse)
 - ** Detailed instructions on adding household members can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/CreateClubMemberProfiles.html>
 - ** Adults that are approved volunteers will need to enroll as VOLUNTEERS, unless you are the primary club leader for that particular club. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Extension office for an application. If you are not planning to work with youth as a volunteer, you will register as a PARENT.
4. Enroll each youth and adult volunteer or parent.
 - ** Detailed instructions for enrolling can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/Enrollment.html>

Make sure to download the medical form, fill it out, and then upload the signed copy to each household member's accounts. *You will not be approved on the county level until those forms are attached to your enrollment and complete with signatures. You can also auto sign if you have the Adobe feature.*
Once you have completed enrollments, you will be approved by the county OR state (for volunteers).

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/projects/index.html>

If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. It is recommended not to use the app as it does not update in a timely manner. Instead, follow the instructions to add to your mobile device here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/AddingZSuitetoyourMobileDevice.html>

If you do not have accessible internet or phone access, you are welcome to come into the office to complete a paper enrollment form.





Please join us Wednesday

December 17, 2025

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome! Club Leaders, County Council Officers, and County Council Delegates need to be in attendance. Officer Elections will take place there will need to be two delegates from each club.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

Greetings from the Ag Agent:

4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources Updates:

•4-H Equine:

- * The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry have confirmed equine herpes myeloencephalopathy (EHM), the neurologic disease linked to equine herpes virus (EHV-1), in their respective states on November 18, 2025.
- * If you attended either the 2025 WPRA World Finals and Elite Barrel Race in Waco, TX on November 5-9, 2025 or the Barrel Futurities of America event in Guthrie, OK on November 17-18, 2025 be on watch for symptoms of EHM. Contact your veterinarian if you suspect anything.
- * If you have any questions or would like more information about EHM or EHV-1, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at angeladh@nmsu.edu.

•4-H Shooting Sports:

- * The 2026 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training is scheduled for February 20-22 in Truth or Consequence, NM. If you are a 4-H adult who would be interested in being trained to teach one of our Shooting Sports disciplines, please contact our office for information on how to attend Leader Training.
- * More details will come as they are available.

• 4-H Skills Workshop Series:

Join us for going over the basics to succeed in 4-H.

***How to Participate in Speech Contests:** I will be hosting another workshop for this topic **December 15th, at the Extension office.** Times will be from **3:30-4:30 or 4:30-5:30.** Please let me know if you plan to attend.

- ◊ Join me for a time to learn about speech contests offered in 4-H, tricks on how to write a speech, and tips on great ways to present.
- ◊ This will be more of a come and go type of workshop. Show up when you can, just let Angela know you're coming.
- ◊ What to bring: an idea for a topic or project area you want to write a speech for.



4-H Skills Series

December 2025

Want to learn about some helpful skills to succeed in 4-H? Join us in going over the basics. Any age 4-H Member is welcome to join. Topics include:

- How to participate in Speech Contests: December 15th
 - Extension Office
 - 3:30-4:30
 - 4:30-5:30

Contact the Angela Hurst at 505-544-4336 or angeladh@nmsu.edu to sign up or for more information.



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If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact Angela Hurst .

Kitchen Creations

FREE Diabetes Cooking Classes!



Class Details

DAY OF WEEK: Thursdays

DATES: April 3, 10, 17 & 24

TIME: 9am till noon

LOCATION: Torrance County Fairgrounds
700 10th Street
Estancia, NM 87016

INSTRUCTORS: Debby Maberry, County Program Director
Elizabeth Galbraith, RDN, LD
Cindy Davies, MA

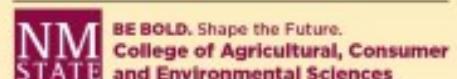
TO REGISTER: Call 505-544-4334 or email
maberryd@nmsu.edu

kitchencreations.nmsu.edu

Please join us for this **FREE** series of 4 classes!

- Learn how to plan meals that help manage diabetes.
- Practice cooking foods in healthier ways.
- Enjoy the support of others who are living with diabetes.

Provided by:



For more information about
Paths to Health NM programs,
call the NMHealth Helpline:
1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773)

ADD LOGO(S) IN THIS BOX





2025 RECORD BOOK ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

SENIOR

DENNY TURNER – CURRY COUNTY

JUNIOR

CHLOE BLACKBURN – LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

NOVICE

SCARLETT RODAS – SAN JUAN COUNTY



**Beyond
Ready**



Senior Leadership Retreat

2026

Coming to

NMSU Las Cruces, NM

January 23-25, 2026

More information coming soon!

Save The Date: FCS SCHOOL



March 13-15th, 2026

**Location: ABQ, NM
(Bernalillo CES Office)**

Registration: January 2026



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NMSU Undergraduate Admissions Event Schedule
2025-2026

Below is the current list of recruitment events hosted by NMSU Undergraduate Admissions. Please share these opportunities with students and families in your community. Each listing includes dates, locations, and RSVP links where available. This is a living document and will be updated as more information becomes available.

Aggie Experience

- Dates & Times: February 16, 2026 | March 14, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- Location: NMSU-Las Cruces Campus (Start at Pan American Center)
- Purpose: NMSU's premier open house event for prospective students and families. Students can tour campus, meet faculty, and explore majors and student life opportunities.
- RSVP for students and families: <https://aggie-experience.nmsu.edu/>

Making NMSU Your First Choice University – Las Cruces

- Date & Time: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 | 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Location: NMSU-Las Cruces Golf Course
- Purpose: A special Honors College event for top students and families to meet faculty, learn about research, and explore NMSU's high-achievement opportunities.
- RSVP for students and families: <https://apply.nmsu.edu/register/?id=79596a93-88b5-415b-9de6-e752a2d25910>

Meet NMSU at the 'Q' Uptown! (Albuquerque)

- Date & Time: November 20, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Location: Marriott Uptown – Albuquerque, NM (2101 Louisiana Blvd NE)
- Purpose: A large regional recruitment event for Albuquerque-area freshmen and transfer students to meet NMSU representatives, learn about programs, and get help with applications.
- RSVP for students and families: <https://apply.nmsu.edu/register/NMSUatQ>

Aggie Transfer Open House (Las Cruces)

- Date & Time: Friday, February 13, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Location: NMSU-Las Cruces Campus (CCSU Aggie Lounge, CCSU Auditorium, Taos Dining)
- Purpose: An event designed for transfer students from both outside institutions and NMSU community colleges to learn about programs, resources, and the transfer process.

- RSVP for students: <https://apply.nmsu.edu/register/aggietoh>

Counselors Conference

- Date & Time: February 26–27, 2026 | See Schedule
- Location: New Mexico State University – Las Cruces Campus
- Purpose: An opportunity for community college advisors, high school counselors, and community advisors to learn about NMSU programs and resources to better guide their students.
- RSVP: <https://apply.nmsu.edu/register/cc2026>

NMSU Bound (Las Cruces)

- Date & Time: Spring 2026 (TENTATIVE TBD) | TBD
- Location: Stan Fulton Athletics Center, Villanueva Victory Club (3rd Floor)
- Purpose: A celebration event for admitted students and families to connect with academic colleges and prepare for their transition to NMSU.
- RSVP: TBD

NMSU Bound (Albuquerque / North Central)

- Date & Time: March 27, 2026 (Tentative) | TBD
- Location: Dave & Buster's Albuquerque
- Purpose: An admitted student event for Northern New Mexico families to connect with NMSU resources and academic colleges.
- RSVP: TBD

NMSU Bound (El Paso)

- Date & Time: April 10, 2026 (Tentative) | TBD
- Location: Dave & Buster's El Paso
- Purpose: An admitted student event to engage with families in the El Paso region and help them prepare for NMSU enrollment.
- RSVP: TBD

NMSU Bound (Virtual)

- Date & Time: Multiple Dates – March & April 2026 | TBD
- Location: Online via Zoom
- Purpose: Virtual NMSU Bound sessions allow admitted students who cannot attend in person to connect with Admissions, learn next steps, and ask questions about enrollment.
- RSVP: TBD



October – Start Planning Financially

College is an investment—and NMSU is committed to making it affordable. Completing your FAFSA and scholarship applications early gives you the best shot at financial aid. Learn about your options at fa.nmsu.edu.



NMSU Aggies Corner

December – Families Matter Too

Your support system is a big part of your college success. NMSU offers resources to help families stay informed and involved throughout your journey. Share families.nmsu.edu with your loved ones to help them stay connected.

Mark Your Calendars!

2025-2026

New Mexico 4-H Event Dates

***Tentative Schedule more information to follow**

Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	January 15
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	February 12
4-H FCS National Championship and Conference – San Antonio, TX	January 14-16
State Portfolios Due at SLR	January 23
Senior Leadership Retreat - Las Cruces NM	January 23-25
Parliamentary Procedure Contest	January 23
4-H Day at the Roundhouse	TBD
Shooting Sports Training (Sierra County)	February 21-22
New Agent Training NMSU, Las Cruces	February 10-12
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12
FCS School – Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 13-15
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12
Ignite Conference	March 25-29
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	March 20-22
Thinking Thursday Zoom Training	April 9
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	April 17-19
National 4-H Conference (Arlington, Virginia)	April 10-15
Small Animal School	TBD (May)
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	June 21-26

Pioneers 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 5:30 PM
E. Torrance Soil & Water Bldg.

Estancia

Kay Sartori (505) 985-8346

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Angela Ferguson

505-401-3105

HunniBearAngel@gmail.com

Mustang Wranglers 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM

Mountainair High School FFA

Agricultural Building

Brenda Cain (505) 847-0966

drblmack@aol.com

Jill Encinias (505) 321-9553

jillyroge@yahoo.com

Moriarty Desperados 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6PM

Moriarty Civic Center

202 Broadway St South

Moriarty NM 87035

Leslie Chavez (505) 328-5837

zack2006@msn.com

Tumbleweeds 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6PM

Enchanted Legacy

1011 Allen Ave, Estancia

Kaycee Chavez (505) 301-9676



ATTENTION 4-H YOUTH:

The 4-H County Council has voted to continue to provide all current Torrance county club members the opportunity for sponsorship of \$100 towards their chose of District, State, or National 4-H Event or Activity. To qualify you must be of 4-H age and be a Member in Good Standings (see below) and not owe any money to your club or county council.

The State 4-H Leaderline

A quarterly newsletter for 4-H volunteer leaders to provide you with the latest 4-H news in New Mexico.

Available at:

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

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

According to State 4-H policy, a 4-H member shall attend at least 40% of all club meeting and activities. If a 4-H member does not meet this requirement, they will not be a member in good standing.

Current Torrance County 4-H By-Laws state for a member to remain in good standing the member must complete the following :

1. **Attend 50% (6) regular club meetings during the current 4-H year and attend (4) prior to County Fair.**
2. **Keep records of projects and turn them into the club leader.**
3. **Give a demonstration or illustrated talk.**
4. **Participate in two or more community service projects and two or more club activities and two or more club or county fundraisers.**
5. **Meet all of the requirements before exhibiting any projects. Members must be enrolled in the projects they are exhibiting.**
6. **Exhibit projects at County/State Fair**

4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.

Working With Minors Training - New Year started October 1

As we begin the new year, it is time for our volunteers to take the Working with Minors module for 2021-2022 year. To make this process easier, a reset button has been added. Please share these steps with your volunteers.

Once the volunteer is in his/her/family Zsuite account and has selected his/her profile follow the steps below:

1. Click on Clover Academy on left menu bar
2. Launch Clover Academy
3. Open NM Working with Minors (even though it says completed)
4. Under 'You have earned a certificate' is a button that says "Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)'
5. Click on the blue 'Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)'
6. Start Course

Complete course and a certificate will be available with the completion date. The county 4-H Zsuite administrator should be able to see the volunteer completion on his/her county page.



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facebook

NMSU 4-H Youth Development Facebook Page



This page shares club, county and state events, pictures, upcoming activities, community service projects, individual and club successes and much more. The 4-H Facebook page wants to show off what the states 4-H clubs and counties have done. If your club or county has a page, you can simply go in to like the NMSU 4-H Youth Development page <https://www.facebook.com/NMSU4H/> and begin posting things. If you don't have one just send the information to azemler@nmsu.edu and it will be put on the page.

Find more great information to help make your life easier on the NMSU Pinterest boards. CHECK IT OUT HERE <https://www.pinterest.com/nmcoopext/>



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