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CLOVERLEAF

February 2026

Hello 4-H'ers, Leaders and Parents,

Happy Valentines Day!

Make sure you complete your enrollment for the new 2025-2026 4-H year and to please invite your family and friends!

4-H Classes are starting this month so make sure you are enrolled in the project online and register for the classes you are interested in.

If you have any questions or need any help please contact the Extension Office.

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

Eric DeWitt-Admin Assistant

Deborah Olivas— NMSU Nutrition Educator

Happy Birthday
Wishes To:

Michael Pacheco

Logan Tucker

Jayden Hendricks

Malia Pacheco

Jenna Hendricks

Happy Valentine's Day





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**



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.





Torrance County 4-H **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY & AWARDS BANQUET**

Join us for an evening of celebration and recognition as we honor the outstanding achievements of our 4-H youth and volunteers!

**SUNDAY MARCH 1ST FROM 3:00-5:00 AT
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BUILDING
701 10TH STREET, ESTANCIA, 87016**



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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Debby Maberry in advance at (505) 544-4334 or maberryd@nmsu.edu.

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Greetings from the Ag Agent:

4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources Updates:

•4-H Equine:

- * NM 4-H Horse ID certificates are due to the Torrance County Extension Office no later than **April 28th at 5pm**.
◊Click the link or email angeladh@nmsu.edu for the form: **4-H Horse Certificate 100.L-2**
- * If you are competing in 4-H Rodeo this year, email Angela for details no later than **Feb. 24th at 5 pm**.

•4-H Shooting Sports:

- * **Shooting Sports Safety Meeting for the 2026 4-H year** will be **January 26th at 5-6:30 pm**. All interested students must attend the safety meeting before starting practice.
- * 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.
- * Registration is open and will close February 8th. Cost to attend is \$100/participant
- * The **2026 NM 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit** will be held March 20-22 at the Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Application information is posted to the State 4-H Website.



- * This is for Sr. aged students and primarily focuses on Leadership skills within the Shooting Sports Project. Application information is due to the county office by February 12th.

•4-H Livestock:

- * Tag In Days have been set by the Torrance County Fair Board. They are the following:
◊Beef April 15th, 4-7pm
◊Small Animals June 6th, 7-11am;
Make up June 10th 5-7pm

- * Additionally, the Fair Board will be offering monthly weigh-ins starting in April and leading up to the County Fair. The time will be from 7-11am and the dates are:
◊April 25th
◊May 30th
◊June 27th
◊July 18th



•STATE 4-H Contests:

- * **State 4-H Land, Pasture/Range & Dairy Judging**— Will be held in conjunction with the State FFA contests **April 7-10th** in Las Cruces. **Registration is due by March 24th**. Contact Angela at angeladh@nmsu.edu for more details.



Upcoming 4-H Classes



Wednesday
February 11, 2026
Sewing

2:30-5:00 pm

Leather Craft

4:00-5:00 pm

**Soil & Water Educational Building
701 10th Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

Thursday
March 5, 2026
Baking

4:00-5:30 pm

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New Mexico
4-H Day at the Roundhouse
Join us in Santa Fe on
Monday, February 9th, 2026
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

490 Old Santa Fe Trl, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Our 4-H program empowers youth with an in depth understanding of state citizenship! Participants will explore the legislative process, meet their state representatives and senators!

*Contact your county extension office to register!



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Kitchen Creations

FREE Diabetes Cooking Classes!



Class Details

DAY OF WEEK: Saturdays
DATES: April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9, 2026
TIME: 10 am to 1 pm
LOCATION: Torrance County Fairgrounds
 715 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
 maberry@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:

Diabetes MAPP
 Diabetes Management and Prevention Program

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 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773)

IN PERSON

Scan this QR code
 to visit our website



New Mexico
4-H Day at the Roundhouse
Agenda

9:30- Welcome- We will hear from NMSU and Legislators at the State Land Office in the Morgan Hall Auditorium.

10:10- NMSU Crimson Rally

10:25- Dignitary Speeches

11:00- Group picture on East Capitol steps.

11:15- Joint Proclamation- Senate and House sessions begin. There will be a Proclamation read and Recognition of 4-H sometime during opening session. 4-H members can sit in gallery and be recognized.

Lunch on your own

1:30- County visits with their representatives and senators.

2:30- Speaker Session-Hear from more legislators about experiences with Citizenship.

3:30- Depart for home.

NOTE: We will **NOT** be scheduling a visit to the Governor's office. It is encouraged to visit the office and look at the lobby area learn more about your Capitol.

RESOURCES:

- Web Training- February 4th 6:00pm. Learn the expectations before you come!
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82792875657>
- 4-H Citizenship project book- will be utilized to help the youth get the most information possible. Great for Record Books!
- 4-H Beyond Ready- Great resource for leaving the lasting impression.

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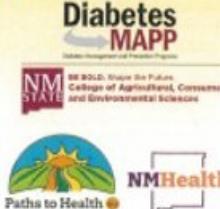
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Class Details

DAY OF WEEK: Tuesdays & Thursdays

DATES: May 12, 14, 19, 21, 2026

TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

LOCATION: Online via Zoom
 Link provided after registration

INSTRUCTORS: Crystal Garcia-Anaya, Valencia County FCS/4-H Agent

Janae Kraus, MA, RDN, LD

TO REGISTER: Call 575-202-5065 or visit our website

kitchencreations.nmsu.edu

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Join us in person or online!

NM 4-H FCS SCHOOL OF REAL LIFE SKILLS: MARCH 13-15, 2026

\$60/
PERSON

BERNALILLO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
OFFICE (ABQ, NM)



OPTIONAL: 4-H CONTEST PASSPORT NIGHT
MARCH 13TH @ 6:00 PM (DINNER PROVIDED)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2026

**JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR APPS
(SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS ONLY)**
DUE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

More info at
[4-H Website](#)

NM
STATE





Deadline
to register
March 16th



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

NEW MEXICO YOUTH RANCH MANAGEMENT

★ RANCH CAMP ★
JUNE 21-26, 2026
Cimarron, NM

Ages 15-19 • Camp Fees: \$400

Only 30 Spots Available!

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• College-Level Instruction
• Real Working Ranch Experience

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NEW DATE!



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2025-2026



New Mexico 4-H Event Dates

*Tentative Schedule more information to follow

EVENT	DATE
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12
FCS School – Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 13-15
Youth Get-Away Registration Deadline	March 15
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	March 20-22
Ignite Conference	March 25-29
Thinking Thursday Zoom Training	April 9
National 4-H Conference (Arlington, Virginia)	April 10-15
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	April 17-19
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	April 30—May 3
Small Animal School	TBD (May)
State 4-H Officer and Ambassador Applications Submission Deadline	June 1
4-H Horse School	TBD (June)
Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School	June 3-5
NE District Shooting Sports Contest- Whitting Center, Raton	June 9
NW District Shooting Sports Contest—Albuquerque Shooting Range	June 12
SW District Contest Luna County	June 17-18
State 4-H Conference Registration Deadline	June 15
SE District Contest—Quay County	June 16—18
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School- Bi County Fairgrounds	June 19—20
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	June 21-26
National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Grand Island NE	June 21—26
Northern District Contest—Cibola County	June 23-24
State 4-H Conference	July 14-17
New Mexico State Fair	September 10 -20
NM State 4-H Horse Show	TBD

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New Mexico Food Challenge	September 19
NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals - TBA	September 25-27
Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo—Dona Ana County Fair Grounds, Las Cruces	September 30—October 4
Southern New Mexico Food Challenge—Dona Ana County Fair Grounds, Las Cruces	October 3
Eastern New Mexico State Fair—Roswell	October 5—10

New Mexico 4-H Event Deadlines

Event	Registration Deadline Date
FCS School	February 13, 2026
Youth Get-Away	March 15, 2026
State 4-H Conference	June 15, 2026
Photo Contest	August 3, 2026
New Mexico State Fair Indoor Exhibit Entries	August 21, 2026

Community Service Scholarship Criteria

- Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, Diplomat or participant in a 4-H activity.
- Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

EVENT (Community Service Scholarship Application)	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (2 months before event registration deadline)
Youth Get-Away	February 2, 2026
Horse School	March 16, 2026
4-H Dog School	April 15, 2026
Livestock School	April 15, 2026
State 4-H Conference	April 15 2026
Ambassador/Officer Positions	May 1, 2026



NMSU Aggies Corner

February – Submit Your FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) helps you access grants, work-study, and student loans to help pay for college. It's free to fill out—and it can make a big difference. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible at studentaid.gov using NMSU's school code: 002657.

Pioneers 4-H Club

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

Estancia

Kay Sartori (505) 985-8346

kay.sartori@yahoo.com

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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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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