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County Council Installation



Meet your New Sandoval County 4-H County Council



- President **Jaleh Mosher**
- Vice President. . . . **Selena Jaramillo**
- Secretary. **Juliana Lopez**
- Treasurer. **Cristiana Lopez**
- Parliamentarian. . . **Declan Padget**

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Sandoval County 4-H 2023 Portfolio Winners



Seniors



Juniors



Novice



**2023-2024
4-H Council
Installation**



Awards



Banquet





Awards Banquet





Notes from Madeline

Family and Consumer Sciences / 4-H Agent

Remember the “Letterman Jacket Challenge”. I will be visiting each club a minimum of 5 times next year. At those meetings if you share your record forms/ portfolio with me, and I see your progress throughout the year, your name will be placed in a drawing to receive a Letterman’s Jacket at the 2024 Awards Banquet.

The jacket will be personalized with your name, club, and county. You will have an opportunity to get your name into the drawing at least 5 times. Those who attend the Record Keeping Workshops will receive 5 chances to be placed in the drawing.

Madeline



To All those who have re-enrolled! We’re glad to have you back!

SANDOVAL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Sandoval County 4-H Council

Scholarship Information

A Scholarship fund has been established by the 4-H County Council to provide financial assistance to 4-H members that wish to attend State, District, or County 4-H events. Scholarship will cover 50% of the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth-Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, Home Ec School, 4-H Dog School, or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or a Diplomat. The scholarship will cover 100% of the registration expenses for 4-H County Camp.

The funding may not be used to attend State 4-H Conference, State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, nor District Contest. **Scholarship Criteria**—Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member.

For Application, Link to: <https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/council.htm>

- ▶ 4-H member must submit a Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship application Form.
- ▶ Scholarship Applications for the events are due 1 1/2 months before the event registration deadline. Here Are the Application Deadlines Coming up:

APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.



SAVE THE DATE! SURF'S UP!
2024 SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT (SLR)
January 19-21, 2024—Las Cruces, NM



SANDOVAL COUNTY REGISTRATION
DEADLINE DECEMBER 8, 2023

YOU MUST BE FULLY ENROLLED BY DECEMBER 8

The registration cost is \$130. Cost does not include lodging. This will cover Conference t-shirt, lunch and dinner on Saturday, workshops, facility rentals and program expenses.

Youth are invited to attend the 2024 Senior Leadership Retreat held at the NMSU Campus and Las Cruces Convention Center, January 19-21, 2024. The registration fee covers lunch and dinner on Saturday and all workshop and program costs.

Participants will be responsible for lodging costs, dinner on Friday and both breakfasts.

The State 4-H Leadership Team will be the hosts of Senior Leadership Retreat. Their goal is to help you succeed in personal leadership and professional growth. There are exciting activities and workshops scheduled to provide you with opportunities to learn leadership skills, career resources, and community service.

To see further information about the event, check out the 4-H website and Facebook page for updates. Workshops provided Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning will be on the NMSU campus. Details on the workshops will be coming out in the next month. They will target leadership, personal development for a positive future, and experimental activities related to different career and degree paths.

The State 4-H Leadership Team have been busy planning your retreat around the theme: Surf's Up!. They are ready to help you find the doors to future opportunities.

We'd like to have a minimum of 15 youth sign up for SLR! The more the better! A great opportunity for you to get new friends to enroll in Sandoval County 4-H. We are working with Bernalillo County on transportation. Let's help fill the bus.

Contact: Sandoval County Extension (505) 867-2582 or email sandoval@nmsu.edu for questions.





WOW! What an Opportunity!! Virtual Innovators 3.0 (Senior 4-H Members)

Calling all 4-H senior members for the Virtual Innovator 3.0 program. Share your passion for and knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture, or Math with youth across New Mexico. Join the New Mexico 4-H STEAM Innovators and lead STEAM-based workshops designed by you! Plus, you'll get a virtual innovator t-shirt and awesome 4-H swag. What's stopping you?

Apply today! Applications for the team open November 13, 2023 and are due by December 4, 2023. Youth will be notified no later than December 9, 2023. The first team meeting will be the week of December 11, 2023 at 4:30pm.

Applications can be found at <https://fs2.formsite.com/n3aIF5/sod6zrxtio/index>

Please contact Brittany Sonntag, Bernalillo County Urban 4-H agent, at bsonntag@nmsu.edu for more information.

4-H Shooting Sports

The 2024 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held **February 16 - 18 at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park**. More information regarding the training agenda and potential lodging options will be in future newsletters or emails as it becomes available.

The State's #1 project is Shooting Sports. In our county, we have many youth signed up for SS but we are short instructors. If you (adults) are interesting in teaching SS, please consider attending and certify as an instructor, to help our program.

Thanks, Steve



We've got a spot for you in 4-H! Join Now!



Thank you to all who took the time and completed Portfolios! Other County Agents judged them and were quite impressed! We had several Cloverbuds who turned in their portfolios too!

Why Record Books? It starts with a project and ends with records in a Portfolio!

- **To have a life time memory and record of what you have done in 4-H.**
- **To establish good habits of organizing, planning, evaluating, and setting goals**
- **Each year your portfolio builds on the last**
- **Universities across the nation look at participation in 4-H and these can serve as a scholarship tool! We are after all, New Mexico State University!**
- **Other businesses tend to hire someone if their resume notes 4-H**
- **And, we can give you a letter of reference, if you have attended all club meetings, have been an active participant in 4-H and completed a portfolio each year.**

Avoid the Rush—Get started early! When you enroll, think about your projects and make a folder and start organizing your portfolio. In January, begin recording items in a record book. Include photos too! Project photos should show you working with your project. Example: A picture of a target is not good, but a picture of you in a position, ready to shoot a target is much better! We had some very creative 4-Hers this year!

Take a little time each month and bring your book up to date

What Makes a Good Portfolio?

- **Should be neat and clean**
- **You may ask your parents to help you, but the work must be your own**
- **Take your portfolio to club and project meetings**
- **Underline your own name in clippings or go over them with a highlighter marker. The judges see everything! Judges are other county agents trained to judge portfolio's on a point system.**
- **Items NOT to include in your record book are:**
- **Fair ribbons**
- **Any material not related to your project**
- **Programs for events**
- **Last year's records unless requested**
- **Project literature**
- **... Signature and comments—make sure your record book is signed by you, your parent/guardian, Club Leader and the 4-H Agent.**
- **... All portfolios must be submitted to Extension office in a timely manner.**

One year we had over 80 Portfolios turned in! Let's break that record in 2024!



4-H Member Ages For 2023-2024 4-H Year Before January 1, 2024

CLOVERBUD: 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 6th grade.

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade

Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2023) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

NEW TO 4-H?



Enroll your youth in 4-H today & watch them grow into Leaders for tomorrow!

- ▶ New 4-H Members may choose Three (3) Projects with one (1) as Welcome to NM 4-H!
- ▶ Deadline for 4-H Re-Enrollment is March 1, and ALL Projects must be selected
- Steer Ownership Deadline is March 1 • All Livestock Ownership Deadline May 1

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

CLUB	Club Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact Leader	Contact TEXT ONLY PLEASE
Corralitos	1st Monday Each Month	6:00pm	Corrales Community Building/Next to Fire Station	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cotton City Cottontails	2nd Monday Each Month	6:00pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Kelli Garcia	(505) 366-8113
Cuba Coyotes	2nd Monday each Month	6:00pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	(505) 320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2nd Thursday Each month	5:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Rosanna Garcia	(505) 379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3rd Friday each Month	4:30pm	Jemez Pueblo Library	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo.com
Rio Grande Rebels	2nd Monday Each Month	6:00pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Megan Padget	(505) 670-7918
Torreon Wolfpack	2nd Sunday Torreon Fire Dept	2:00pm	Torreon Fire Department	Lee Johnson	(505) 330-5881
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4-H Dates & Deadlines

EVENT	DATE
Sandoval County Community Service Scholarship deadline for SLR	November 15
Thanksgiving—Extension Office Closed	November 23-24
Virtual Innovators Application Due	December 4
Senior Leadership Retreat Registration Deadline	December 8
NMSU Christmas Holiday —Extension Office Closed	December 25-26
New Year's Day —Extension Office Closed	January 1
2024 Senior Leadership Retreat	January 19-21
Shooting Sports Leader's Training	February 16—18



We apologize if anyone receives more than one email of this newsletter. We want to keep you informed! We are sending this to the 2023 4-H enrollment roster, this year's in-progress enrollments for 2024, and those that are incomplete because we have not received your Medical Releases and Leaders —Medical Release, current Working with Minors and/or Background check.

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