

Cooperative Extension Service
Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

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Welcome to the
2025-2026 4-H Year!!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

This newsletter contains important information about 4-H enrollment, projects, dates, deadlines and so much more!!

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4-H is a Positive Youth Development Organization delivered through the Cooperative Extension Agency in each state.

Cooperative Extension is part of the Land Grant University System, the land grant university in New Mexico is New Mexico State University

The NM State 4-H Mission:

The mission of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program, is to provide youth the opportunities to acquire leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

The NM State 4-H Vision:

To develop all New Mexico youth to become productive citizens and leaders for positive change.

The 4 H's:

Head - Developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills

Heart - Cultivating compassion, responsibility, and a commitment to community service.

Hands - Promoting the development of practical skills through hands-on projects

Health - Encouraging healthy lifestyles, social-emotional wellness, and healthy choices

4-H Motto:

I pledge my HEAD for clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service,
And my HEALTH to better living, for
my club, my country, and my
world

4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Process:

Step 1: Join a 4-H club. If you're new and not yet connected with a club, contact Brittany or Madeline at the Extension Office.

Step 2: Visit 4h.zsuite.org. Log into your household account, or create one if you're a new family.

Step 3: Create profiles for each participating youth and any adults planning to volunteer.

Step 4: **Download the medical and liability release waiver from Zsuite. Complete the form, save it, and upload it to each youth and adult volunteer profile.**

Step 5: Select 3–4 projects for each youth for the 2025–2026 4-H year.

Step 6: Check your email for any follow-up requests from the Extension Office or Zsuite about missing information.

Step 7: Confirm that all household enrollments have been approved.

Enrollment Dates

Enrollment Opens:

October 1, 2025

Project Enrollment Deadline:

March 1, 2026

**email Brittany or Madeline
for help adding projects*

New Family Enrollment Deadline:

May 1, 2026

For Enrollment Assistance
please contact the office at

505-867-2582

OR Email:

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4-H Adult Volunteers

Adult volunteers are essential to the success of the 4-H program. They serve in a variety of roles, including club leaders, project leaders, activity coordinators, event planners, and more—providing vital support that helps youth thrive.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like more information please contact Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Volunteer Enrollment Process

Complete enrollment profile on Zsuite, including the medical and liability release waiver - Yearly requirement

Complete Background Check paper work and pay \$10 (make checks payable to Sandoval County Council) - Background checks are good for 5 years

Take “Working with Minors” training on Zsuite under Clover Academy - Yearly requirement



4-H Volunteer Roles

Would you like to be an Adult 4-H Volunteer but don't know what a volunteer does or what it means?

Below is a list of different 4-H volunteer roles and descriptions of what each role does.

Club/Organizational Leaders:

Assumes the primary responsibility for a 4-H club

Assistant Organizational Leaders:

Is responsible for identified activities and assumes the organizational leader's duties and responsibilities in their absence.

Project Leaders:

Leads a specific project or curriculum within a club or county wide

Activity Leaders:

Gives leadership to an event or activity within a club, may also provide leadership for a county wide event or activity

Special Interest Volunteer:

Provide leadership in a special area of interest or a short-term project or volunteers for a specific job.

School Enrichment Volunteer:

Teach or assist with teaching 4-H curriculum in the classroom during school hours

February



Bernalillo Bandits

Alexandria W.

Conor P.

Randy R.

Corrales Corralitos

Kendall N.

Michaela H.

Robert D.

Grace G.

Savannah B.

Shelby B.

Cassidy B.

Cuba Coyotes

Bailey D.

Jemez Mountain Stallions

Abigail G.

Ponderosa Desert Wranglers

Marcus T.

Caden L.

Jesse L.

Stetson S.

Kraig P.

Torreon Wolf Pack

Stormy D.

Natalie H.





EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the 20th of the month prior to their assigned month.

Information to include: Club projects, community service, highlight a 4-H family, highlight a 4-H member, highlight special events, submit one or two pictures.

Club Name	Highlight Month	Info. Due to Office
Jemez Red Rockers	March	Feb 20, 2026
Jemez Mountain Stallions	April	Mar 20, 2026
Cuba Coyotes	May	Apr 20, 2026
Corrales Corralitos	June	May 20, 2026
Bernalillo Bandits	July	Jun 20, 2026

Wanted and Needed Members and Volunteers to serve on County Council Fundraiser Committee. Contact Madeline by March 5, if interested.

Wanted and Needed Members and Volunteers to serve on County Council Dance Committee for a Spring/Summer event. Contact Madeline by March 5, if interested.

Placitas Bullsnakes



Learning by Doing. Growing Together.

INTRODUCING

We're excited to introduce the Placitas Bullsnakes 4-H Club, a local 4-H community club made up of youth and families who **love learning, being outdoors, and giving back.** Our club meets regularly to explore hands-on projects, build leadership skills, and strengthen our connection to land and community.



Club Officers

- President: Romie Perez
- Vice President: Jacob Lujan
- Treasurer: Caleb Lujan

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sustainable Gardening: Growing food while learning to care for the soil, water, & land responsibly.

Fishing: Learning to fish with skill, respect, and reciprocity for the Earth and its waters.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Placitas Bullsnakes recently volunteered at the Placitas Chamber of Commerce Turkey Bingo Fundraiser at Placitas Elementary School. Our 4-H members helped set up tables, assist during the event, and support cleanup — including trash and recycling. **The kids did a fantastic job** showing teamwork, responsibility, and community spirit!



We meet the first Sunday of each month at 4:30 PM at the Placitas Library. **All youth and families are welcome!**

✉ placitasbullsnakes@gmail.com



Sandoval County Council Meeting

Friday April 3, 2026

5:30 - 7:00 pm

El Zocalo Event Center

Salazar Building Suite 2 - D

**We need two voting delegates from
each club so everyone has a voice.**

4-H Contest Workshops

Come learn about the different 4-H contests!

Last Saturday of the Month

February 28, 2026

March 28, 2026

April 25, 2026

**Workshops will be held at the Old Commissioners
Chambers at 711 S. Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo,
NM, from 10am-12pm**

Shooting Sports: Archery



Archery Practice:

Sundays 2-3pm February 1-March 1

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm March 10 forward

County Contest: Sunday March 22

Novice and Junior - 1pm

Seniors - 2:30pm

**please arrive 15-30min. early to register and setup equipment*

All Archery practices and events will be held at the Corrales Public Works Yard behind the Corrales Post Office at 4101 Corrales Rd

Note:

Youth **MUST** attend at least **ONE** Archery Practice to be eligible to compete at the County Shoot

Youth **MUST** participate at the County Shoot to move on to District or State Shooting Sports Contests



For any questions about **OTHER** Shooting Sports Disciplines please contact **Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu**

Livestock Projects

Livestock Ear Tagging - 2026

Tag-in Days:

Friday May 29 at Office 4-6pm

Saturday May 30 Fairgrounds 8am-11:30am

May 30 Steve Lucero's Barn 1pm-3:30pm

NEW Ear Tag Fee!

**Starting this 4-H year each ear tag will cost
\$5***

**This is separate from the animal inspection fee*

4-H Horse and 4-H Rodeo

Horse Certificates

https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-horse-certificate_form-100l-2_r-2021_accessible.pdf

DUE to the Office by May 1, 2026

Rodeo Consent and Assumption of Risk Form

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-rodeo-assumption-of-risk-template-03-15-19.pdf>

Due to the Extension Office by April 15, 2026

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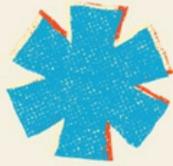
15 Days prior to first rodeo

Which ever comes first

Must watch the three safety videos -

both parents and youth must initial the bottom of the second page of the risk form indicating they watched

Link to Videos: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>



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
Fri. February 13th**

**More info at
4-H Website**



Youth Get Away

When: Fri.- Sun. April 17 - 19

Where: Glorieta Adventure Camp, Glorieta, NM

Reg. Deadline: Form and payment due by March 9, 2026

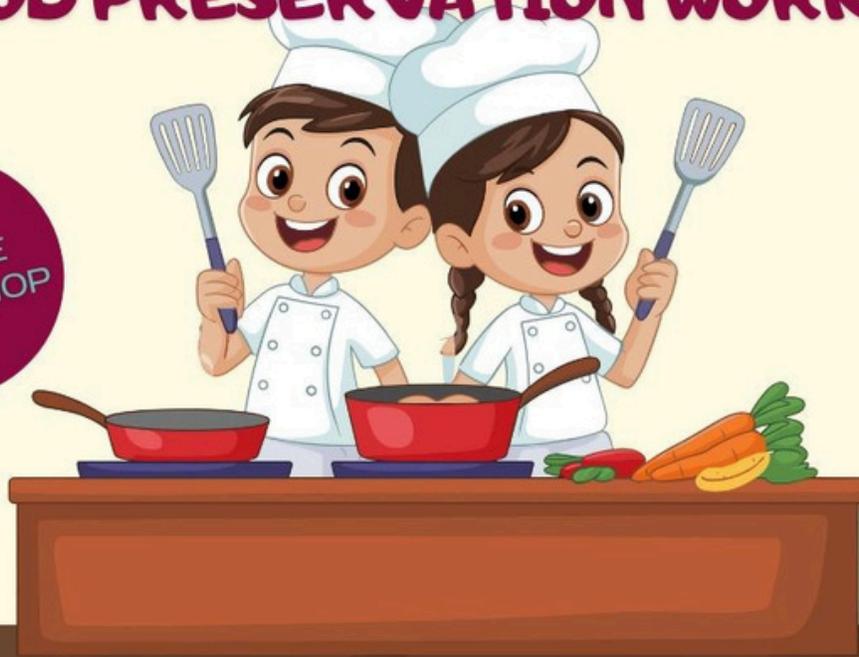
Cost: \$180.00

See Email Sent Friday Feb. 6, 2026 for more information

NEW MEXICO YOUTH FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP



FREE
ONLINE
WORKSHOP



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.™
College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences
NMSU Master Food Preservers

WORKSHOP DATES
FEB 12, 19, 26 & MARCH 5.
6:00 PM - 7:00 P M

Calling all junior food scientists for an introduction to the exciting world of food preservation! Participants will learn how to safely dehydrate, freeze, water bath can, and start the fermentation process.

We are excited to be working with NMSU FCS Agents Amber Benson, Crystal Anaya, Vonda Frost, Michelle Greeman, Erin Smith & Master Food Preserver Randi Jo Eidsmoe to present a four-part online food preservation workshop for youth!

Register for the class by filling out the form found on the Quay CES Webpage and sending it to erinsmi@nmsu.edu or bgibbs@nmsu.edu



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If you are an individual with a disability & need an Auxiliary Aid or services please contact the Quay County Extension Office at (575)-461-0562

Link to Registration Form:

[https://quayextension.nmsu.edu/documents/
NMYFPS-Registration.pdf](https://quayextension.nmsu.edu/documents/NMYFPS-Registration.pdf)

Save the Dates!!

More information to follow for each event

FCS School: March 13-14, 2026

Youth Get Away: April 17-19, 2026

Small Animal School: Saturday May 16, 2026

Northern Livestock School: June 19-20, 2026

District Contest: June 23-24, 2026

State Conference: July 14-17, 2026

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

Club	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Club leader	Contact Information (Text Only Please)
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert Public Library	Megan Padget & Gabrielle	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
Corralitos	1 st Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales senior meal site	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 rd Monday each month	5:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 nd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Jemez Valley Middle School Cafeteria	Rosanna Garcia	505-379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3 rd Friday each month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Community Center	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo
Placitas Bullsnares 4-H Club	1 st Sunday each month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Alison Yerkes	placitasbullsnakes@gmail.com
Torreon Wolfpack	2 nd Sunday each month	2:pm	Torreon Mission school	Lee Johnson	505-330-5881
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 st Thursday each month	5:30pm	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com



NM State 4-H



Community Service Scholarships

Community Service Scholarship Criteria

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.

Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

For more information: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>

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



Event Calendar

Event	Date/Deadline
Virtual Food Preservation Workshop (Offered by Quay County CES)	February 12, 19, 26, & March 5
FCS School Registration Deadline	February 13, 2026
Project/Contest/Fair Workshop 2	February 28, 2026
YGA Counselors and Counselors in Training Applications Due	Feb. 28, 2026
Sandoval County YGA School Scholarship Application Due	March 1, 2026
YGA registration forms and payments due.	March 9, 2026
County Council Fundraiser Committee and Dance Committee Volunteer Sign Up	March 5, 2026
FCS School	March 13 - 15, 2026
County Archery Contest	March 22, 2026

**For more information about Sandoval County
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505-867-2582**

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the 4-H Extension Agents:**

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Family and Consumer Sciences



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