

Cooperative Extension Service
Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

CLOVERLEAF

September
2026



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 IS CLOSED for the 2025-2026 Year

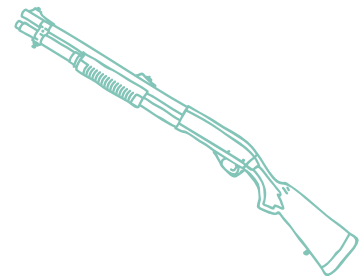
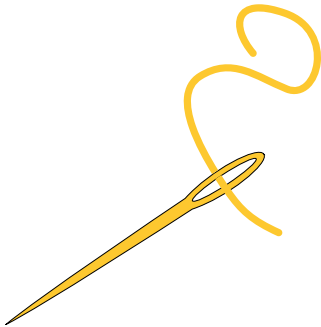
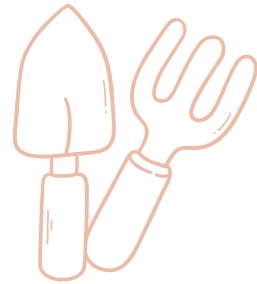
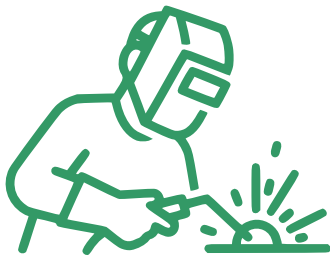
ONE MONTH UNTIL 2027

ENROLLMENT OPENS!!

Which *projects* will *you* choose?!

Find the list of projects on our website:

<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/projects.html>



For more information on enrollment
please contact the 4-H Agents at

505-867-2582 OR Email:

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4-H Adult 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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bernalillo Bandits

Lucia F.

Tyler G.

Corralitos

Shyanne J.

Charlize L.

Cuba Coyotes

Daisy B.

Fernando J.

Lillyann R.

Jemez Mountain Stallions

Walker G.

Jemez Red Rockers

Tommy G.

Santiago V.

Placitas Bullsnares

Romie P.

Liam R.

Ayla T.

Symeon T.

Ponderosa Desert Wranglers

Mariana T.

Torreon Wolfpack

Calwina N.



MEETING

Attention Parents & Guardians

We invite all 4-H families to join us for our **first annual 4-H Parent Meeting**. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with the County Agents, learn what to expect throughout the upcoming 4-H year, and ensure everyone starts the year informed and prepared.

During the meeting, we will review important information, discuss upcoming events and opportunities, and answer any questions you may have. Whether you are new to 4-H or a returning family, we encourage you to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to gain clarity and stay connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

4-H is a family program!

Save the Date - Two Opportunities:

Tuesday, Oct. 13th 6:30-8 pm

Old Commissioners Chambers

@ 711 S. Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo

and

Thursday, Oct. 15th 6:30-8 pm

Sandoval County Fairgrounds

Cuba, NM



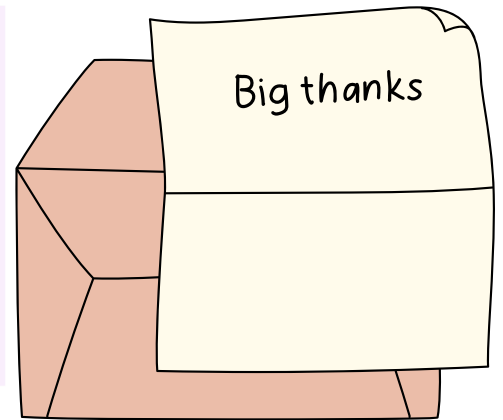
CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the due date 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
Cuba Coyotes	October	Sep 15, 2026
Corrales Corralitos	November	Oct 15, 2026
Bernalillo Bandits	December	Nov 14, 2026
Placitas Bullsnares	January	Dec 15, 2026
Jemez Red Rockers	February	Jan 15, 2027
Jemez Mountain Stallions	March	Feb 16, 2027
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	April	Mar 16, 2027
Torreon Wolfpack	May	Apr 15, 2027

Important Message from Sandoval County Amigos:



Thank you lists are going out. All exhibitors **must** send thank-you cards to their buyers.

[If you would like some 4-H branded cards, you may contact Katie @ the Extension office. Supplies limited!]

**Send PHOTO CONFIRMATION of
written thank-you notes,
stamped and ready to be mailed,
to 505-977-5977.**

We will start sending checks as soon as we have deposited enough of the buyers' checks. Photo confirmation of thank-you notes must be received **before** your check will be mailed.

NM STATE FAIR IMPORTANT INFO

Message from the Livestock Office:

Exhibitors: MUST READ!!

WE WILL NOT BE MAILING OUT ANY PASSES.

This year we **WILL NOT** be mailing out a packet with your admission and parking passes in it.

You will receive a **bright green postcard** in the mail that you will use to get in the gate for only when you bring in your animal/s or projects to the state fair. Each exhibitor **WILL NEED their own bright green postcard** in order to pick up their packet!!

It will ONLY be good on the day/s your livestock project/s are to arrive!! Please make sure to check the day you are to be in place by with your animals. The link to the website is below.

<https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows>

After you arrive ***you must then bring your bright green postcard*** to the livestock office located in the **Junior Livestock Pavilion** upstairs to receive your packet with the admission and or parking passes in it.

WE WILL NOT BE MAILING OUT ANY PASSES.

**If you have any questions, please reach out to the
NMSF LIVESTOCK OFFICE via email at
nmsf.livestock@expo.nm.gov or call 505-222-9784.**



Family & Consumer Sciences Lettermen



APPLY NOW

**ANY 4-H MEMBER WHO IS ACTIVE IN
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS)
PROJECTS CAN "LETTER" IN FCS.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
TO STATE OFFICE:
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**THE FIRST YEAR (FIRST-TIME APPLICANT):
RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER.**



NOVICE: BRONZE "H" PIN



JUNIOR: SILVER "H" PIN



SENIOR: GOLD "H" PIN



**A PLATINUM LETTER MAY BE AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING
OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT, REGARDLESS OF AGE DIVISION.**



Visit [NMSU 4-H Website](#) for applications and more info!

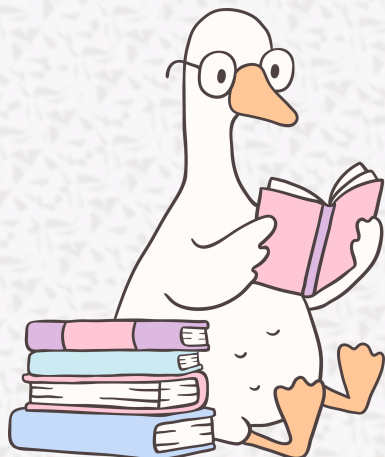


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Sandoval County Extension CLOVERBUD CAMP

Ages: 5 - 8 years old



"A Chapter of Our Life"

SAT. OCT 3

2026

1 - 4:30 PM

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Five Interactive Fun Activities

Take Home Projects

Snacks

[Register Here](#)

Martha Liebert Library
124 Calle Malinche,
Bernalillo, NM 87004

COME "CHECK OUT" 4-H



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.

College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences

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HELP NIGHTS!

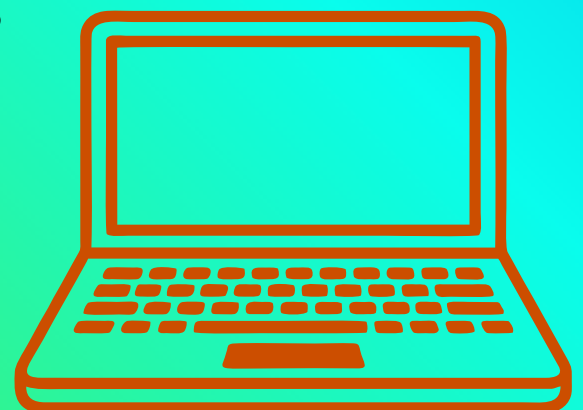
Madeline is hosting "HELP" nights throughout September for members to complete record books and portfolios for the current year.

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: El Zocalo Event Center, Salazar Bldg. Suite 2-D

<i>When: Thursday</i>	<i>September 10</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>September 11</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>September 14</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>September 15</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>September 18</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>September 22</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>September 24</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>September 28</i>

If you are working on portfolios, it is recommended you bring an electronic device (laptop, iPad, etc) so you can work on it digitally since it is an ongoing document.





Sandoval County 4-H Council

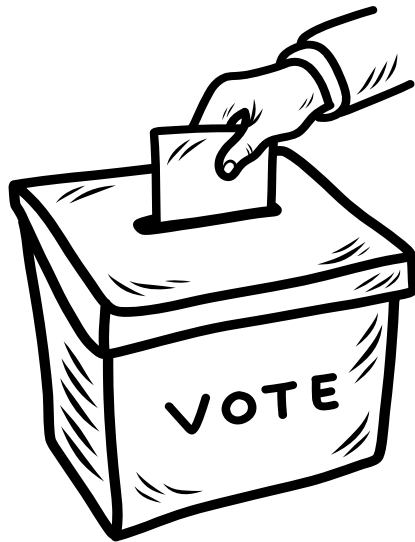
Meeting:

Friday, October 2, 2026

5:30 - 7:30pm

El Zocalo Event Center

Salazar Building Suite 2 - D



**We need two voting
delegates from each club.
We will be electing officers
that night!!!!!!!**

Important Reminders about Handling of Club Funds

Any donations sent to clubs ***by mail*** must be made out to:

Sandoval County 4-H Council and sent to the **Sandoval County CES main office address: PO Box 400, Bernalillo, NM 87004**. Include the Club Name in the Memo field.

If received ***in person***, checks should be made out to the **Club Name**, no personal names of members or volunteers.

All club funds must be handled by only Club Leaders or Extension 4-H Staff, no exception.



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COUNTY COUNCIL

NOW ELECTING OFFICERS

We want your talent!



1. Read Officer Descriptions
2. Complete Officer Candidate Declaration Form
 - a. Submit the completed form to Madeline at mgurney@nmsu.edu **by Sept. 30, 2026**
3. Submit One completed project record book from the 25-26 4-H year to Madeline at mgurney@nmsu.edu **by October 14th.**

<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/council.html>

Reminder: Declaration forms must be signed by a Club Leader before submitting.



New Mexico State Fair
September 10 – 20, 2026

DON'T FORGET!

- **2025-26 Record books** are DUE to Madeline in the main office by Oct. 15, 2026
- **2026-27 County Council officer applications** open September 1 – due on September 30.
- **2027 ENROLLMENT OPENS** in ZSuite **OCTOBER 1st!**

SAVE THE DATE

4-H Parent Meeting

Two opportunities to attend:

Tues. 10/13 in **Bernalillo** 6:30–8pm

or

Thurs. 10/15 in **Cuba** 6:30–8pm

Sandoval County 4-H Annual Banquet and Dance

Corrales | Sat. November 7th 1–7 PM

(More Info Coming Soon)

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

Club	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Club Leaders	Contact Information (Text Only Please)
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert Public Library	Megan Padgett & Gabrielle Rinaldi	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
Corralitos	1 st Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales Senior Mealsite	Jessica Styer & Jason Burns	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 rd Monday each month	6:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Katie Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 nd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Jemez Valley Middle School Cafeteria	Rosanna Garcia & Jazmine Anderson	505-379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3 rd Friday each month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Community Center	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo.com
Placitas Bullsnares	1 st Sunday each month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Jared Lujan & Tracy Prairie	placitasbullsnakes@gmail.com
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 st Thursday each month	6:30pm ** NEW TIME AS OF 9/1/26 **	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid & Libby Lucero	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com
Torreon Wolfpack	2 nd Sunday each month	2:00pm	Torreon Mission School	Lee Johnson	505-330-5881



NM State 4-H



Community Service Scholarships

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)
Senior Leadership Retreat	October 15, 2026
FCS School	January 15, 2027
Youth Get-Away	February 15, 2027
Horse School	March 15, 2027
Ambassador/Officer Positions	April 1, 2027
Livestock School	April 15, 2027
State 4-H Conference	April 15, 2027

**For more information about 4-H contact one of the
4-H Extension Agents:**

Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Madeline Gurney - mgurney@nmsu.edu
Family and Consumer Sciences



**For more information about Sandoval County Cooperative
Extension contact the Sandoval County Extension Office:
Sandoval@nmsu.edu or 505-867-2582**

**View the full Extension Events calendar here:
<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/events.html>**

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