

Cooperative Extension Service  
Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

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**April 2026**

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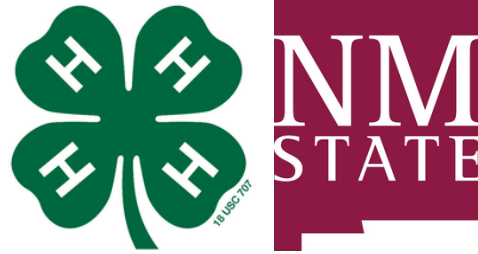
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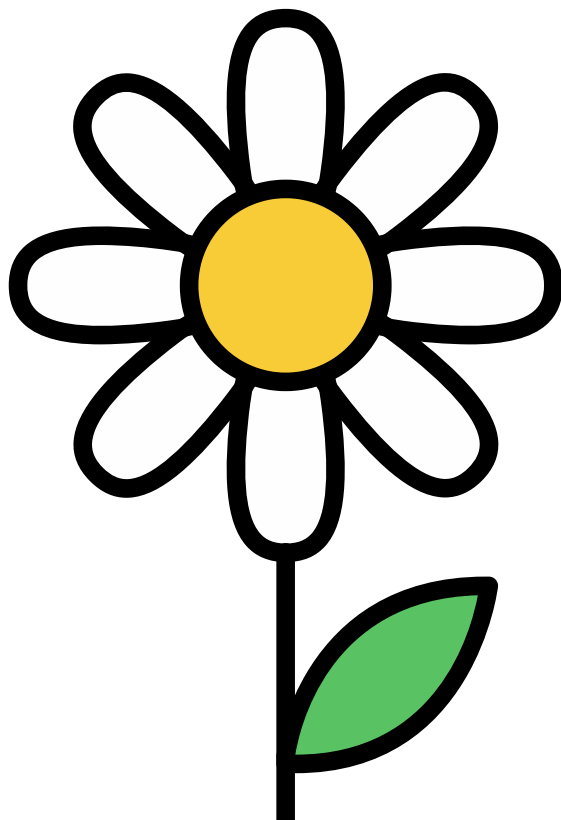
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This newsletter contains important information about 4-H enrollment, projects, dates, deadlines and so much more!!

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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](https://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:

*\*email Brittany or Madeline*

### New Family Enrollment Deadline:

May 1, 2026

For Enrollment Assistance  
please contact the office at  
505-867-2582

OR Email:

Brittany Johnson -  
[brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu)

Madeline Gurney -  
[mgurney@nmsu.edu](mailto:mgurney@nmsu.edu)

# 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](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu)

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## Volunteer Zoom Meeting

This is for all enrolled 4-H volunteers.  
4-H Parents are also encouraged to  
attend

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM**

Zoom Link: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/84749842957>



# 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

**HAPPY**  
**Birthdays**

**April**

**Bernalillo Bandits**

Julian M.

Juliana L.

**Corralitos**

Aiden B.

Garrett T.

Wesley A.

**Cuba Coyotes**

Alycia H.

Austyn N.

**Jemez Mountain Stallions**

Neaveah H.

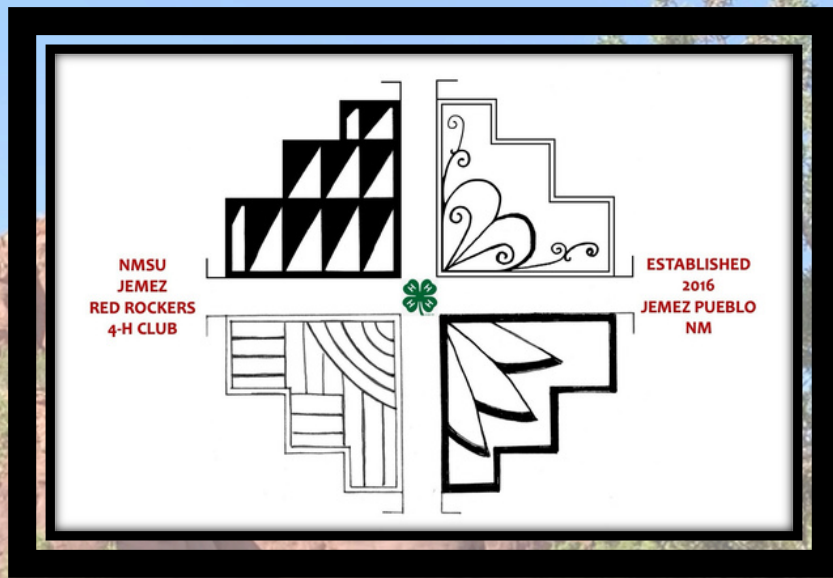
**Jemez Red Rockers**

Dakari D.

**Placitas Bullsnares**

Max F.





**Jemez Red  
Rocker Officers**

President  
Shiloh Kerschke

Vice President  
Tommy Gonzales

Secretary & Parliamentarian  
Marisol Tang Rasmussen

Treasurer  
Santiago Vigil

Song & Rec  
Richard Vigil



The Jemez Red Rockers Annual Holiday Party



# CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

## EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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
Cuba Coyotes	May	Apr 20, 2026
Corrales Corralitos	June	May 20, 2026
Bernalillo Bandits	July	Jun 20, 2026

### 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.

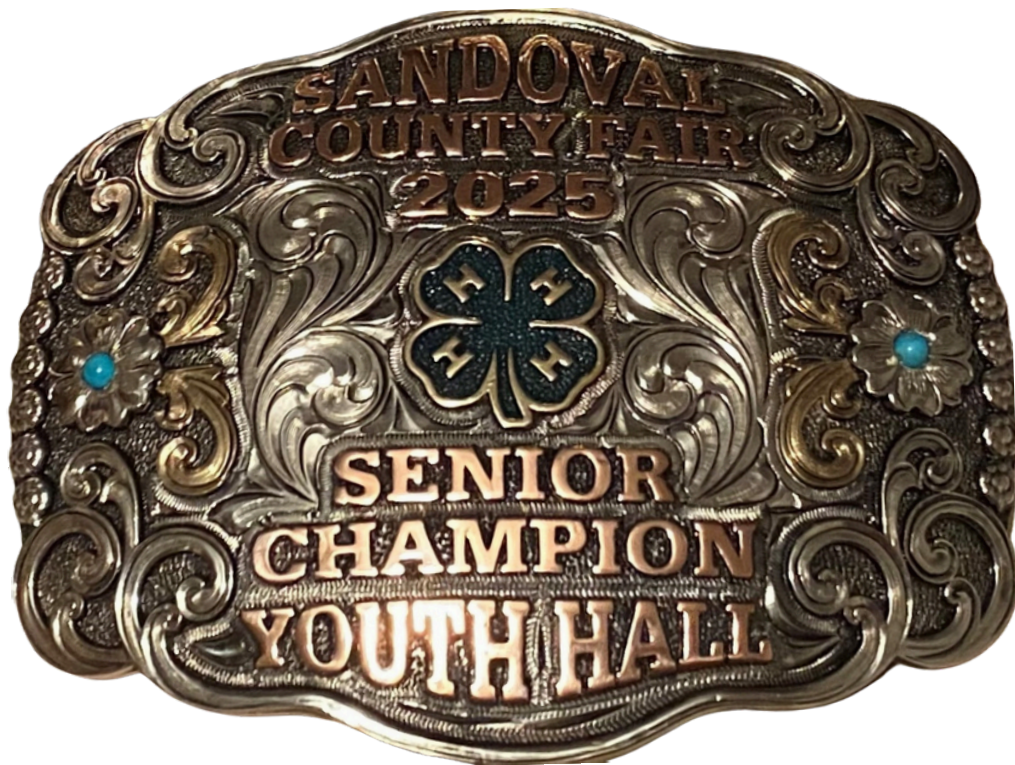
If received ***in person***, checks should be made out to the **Club Name**, no personal names of members or volunteers.

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

THANK YOU TO 2026 YOUTH HALL

# *sponsors*

JEMEZ HOMES AND LAND LLC



WE HAVE **5 COUNTY FAIR BUCKLES** LEFT THAT NEED TO BE SPONSORED BEFORE OUR NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL.

BUCKLE SPONSORSHIPS ARE \$180 EACH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BUCKLE, PLEASE SPEAK TO MADELINE GURNEY OR BRITTANY JOHNSON.

CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIRBOARD

# SAVE THE DATES!!

**MORE INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW FOR EACH EVENT**



**Small Animal School: May 16, 2026**

**Tagging Dates: Fri. May 29 & Sat. May 30**

**Northern Livestock School: June 19-20, 2026**

**District Contest: June 23-24, 2026**

**State Conference: July 14-17, 2026**

## Other Reminders:



Event	Deadline
Livestock School Sandoval County Scholarship Application Due	May 1, 2026
Northern District Contest Sandoval County Scholarship Application Due	May 1, 2026
State Conference Sandoval County Scholarship Application Due	June 1, 2026



# Sandoval County 4-H Council Meeting

**Friday, June 5, 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**

**April 25, 2026**

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

**\*\* Attending a workshop counts as qualifying participation needed to attend District & State Contest. \*\***

# SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

**Saturday May 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



**Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office**



**Address: 1510 Menaul Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM**



**Registration fee \$65**

**87107**

**Select your track for the**

**School Includes:**

**Educational Materials**

**Hands on Learning**

**Showmanship Practice**

**Snacks and Lunch**

**First Aid Kit and Supplies**

**Toy making supplies**

**school:**

**Choose from: rabbit,**

**poultry, or cloverbud**



**New for this year:**

**Beginner or intermediate**

**level track selection**

**BRING YOUR ANIMAL: RABBITS AND CHICKENS ARE WELCOME**

**Register Below using the link or QR code for the 2026 Small Animal School**

**<https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr>**

**[eo6ul/index](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr/eo6ul/index)**



*Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the school*



**Space is limited!**

**Registration Deadline:**

**May 8, 2026**

**Contact Brittany Johnson**

**for more information at**

**505-867-2582**

**NM  
STATE**



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SANDOVAL COUNTY EXTENSION AT 505-867-2582 BY MAY 1, 2026.

# NORTHERN 4-H DISTRICT CONTEST



**JUNE 23-24, 2026**

— GRANTS, NM —

# Shooting Sports



## Archery Practice:

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

**Archery practices are held at the Corrales Public Works Yard  
behind the Corrales Post Office at 4101 Corrales Rd.**

**For any questions about OTHER Shooting Sports  
Disciplines please contact Brittany Johnson -  
[brittmjo@nmsu.edu](mailto:brittmjo@nmsu.edu)**



# Livestock Projects

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## 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*

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## 4-H Horse and 4-H Rodeo

### **Rodeo Consent and Assumption of Risk Form**

Due to the Extension Office by **ASAP**

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>

### **Horse Certificates**

DUE to the Extension Office by May 1, 2026

Download your Rodeo and Horse forms from our website:

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

**THE BERNALILLO BANDITS**  
 ✦ **LAMB AND GOAT** ✦  
**SHOWMANSHIP**  
**CLINIC**

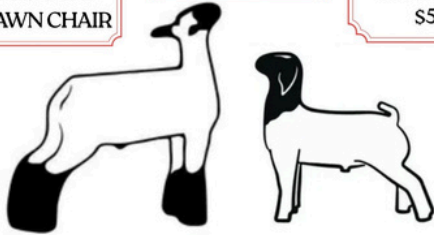
CLINICIAN:  
 ADRIANNA CHAPMAN

PRESENTATION BY:  
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FREE CLINIC!  
 PLEASE BRING  
 YOUR LAMB/ GOAT  
 BRING A LAWN CHAIR

**PRIZES!**  
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 PAULS VET SUPPLY

PULLED PORK  
 LOADED POTATOES  
 DRINK & DESSERT  
 \$5 A PLATE



✦ **SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>** ✦

10AM - 3PM ✦ 485 CAMINO DEL BOSQUE | BERNALILLO, NM

4-H Showmanship teaches youth how to properly handle and present their animals in the show ring. Members build confidence, responsibility, and good sportsmanship along with proper animal care.

RSVP:  
 REBEKAH AT 505-518-6919

**Learn how to strut your stuff with these upcoming livestock clinics.**

New this year: Bernalillo Bandits 4-H Club hosts a Lamb & Goat Showmanship Clinic on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Returning annual event: Goat & Lamb Show Clinic hosted by the Ponderosa Desert Wranglers 4-H Club on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**GOAT & LAMB**  
**SHOW CLINIC**



**SHOW WITH SKILL. LEAD WITH PRIDE.**

Hosted by the Desert Wranglers 4-H Club

**Please make sure you RSVP for each/either event you plan to attend!**



4-H Novices-Seniors Welcome  
 Entry Fee: \$5 per participant

Saturday June 6th,  
 @  
 Sandoval County Fairgrounds  
 9:00 to 1:00  
 37 Rodeo Rd, Cuba NM 87013

RSVP  
 ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com

Join us for a hands-on show clinic!

Our experienced clinicians will guide participants through proper animal handling, showmanship techniques, and building confidence in the ring.

This clinic is perfect for beginners as well as experienced showmen looking to sharpen their skills and gain more practice.





# 2026 Show Stock Sales Guide

Lambs, Goats, Pigs

Updated 3/30/26



## April

April 2-Skelley Show Goats-ONLINE [showgoats.com](http://showgoats.com) (Goats)

April 3-NM Elite-Portales, NM (Sheep & Goats)

April 3-KJ Livestock The After Party-Portales, NM (Goats)

April 3-4 Red Raider Sheep & Goat Sale-Lubbock, TX (Sheep & Goats)

April 4- Valencia County Pig, Lamb & Goat Sale-Belen, NM (Pigs, Lambs, Goats)

April 6-Red Hills Show Goats-ONLINE [sconlinesales.com](http://sconlinesales.com) (Goats)

April 11-The Sort Pig Sale-Farmington, NM (Pigs)

April 11-Bi-County Livestock Sale-Prewitt, NM (Pigs, Sheep & Goats)

April 18-Route 66 Pig Sale-Holbrook, AZ (Pigs)

April 18-Socorro County Livestock Sale (Goats & Pigs)

April 18-Romero Show Goats-Santa Rosa, NM (Goats)

April 25-Southwest Classic Pig Sale-Safford, AZ (Pigs)

April 25-T or C Pig & Lamb Sale-T or C, NM (Sheep & Pigs)

April 26-Deming Livestock Sale-Deming, NM (Pigs, Goats & Sheep)



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## May

May 2-Red Hills Show Goats Pen Sale-Artesia, NM (Goats)

May 2-SSVSP Rise Above Farm Sale-San Simon, AZ (Pigs)



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# Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

<b>Club</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Club leader</b>	<b>Contact Information (Text Only Please)</b>
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert Public Library	Megan Padget & Gabrielle	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
Corralitos	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales Senior Mealsite	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month	6:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month	5:30pm	Jemez Valley Middle School Cafeteria	Rosanna Garcia	505-379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday each month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Community Center	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo.com
Placitas Bullsnares	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Madeline Gurney	mgurney@nmsu.edu
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday each month	5:30pm	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com
Torreon Wolfpack	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month	2:00pm	Torreon Mission School	Lee Johnson	505-330-5881

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# HOOKED ON BOOKS LENDING LIBRARY

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT BY: JASON MADRID JR.



The Hooked on Books lending library started as an idea to make reading easier and more fun for kids in the community. Instead of building a box from scratch, I put together a ready-made library and created a sturdy stand using recycled material with help from my grandpa.

I added a fishing-themed design, stocked it with kid-friendly books, and asked the Ponderosa Water Association for permission to place it at the Community Hall. After they approved it, the library was set up for everyone to use.

The project taught me a lot about leadership, speaking up, and doing something that helps others. Now kids can grab a book, share a book, and enjoy reading whenever they want.

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# 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>

<b>EVENT</b> (Community Service Scholarship Application)	<b>DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION</b> (2 Months before the event registration deadline)
Animal School	April 15, 2026
State 4-H Conference	April 15, 2026
4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit	December 15, 2026

### Message from the State 4-H Office:

Please see the 2026 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Topic on the next page for more information about the **2026 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition**. For full consideration, entries must be emailed to **samlowry@nmsu.edu no later than April 24th.**

Only one entry from New Mexico will be entered in the National contest.



## 2026 4-H Essay Contest The Power of Pollen

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: How is pollen important to bees? Has pollen been changing in plants and in our landscapes? If so, are those changes affecting bees? When do you observe the most and least pollen in your colonies and how does that impact their temperament and productivity?

**Eligibility:** The 2026 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only.

Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2026; however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Essays entered must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

**Competition Rules & Essay Requirements:** Any 4-H Club member interested in writing an essay should contact their local 4-H office for competition details. The state selection process must be completed through the 4-H system.

Failure to meet any one of the essay requirements will result in disqualification.

**Essay Requirements for National Judging:** Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face.

Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement.

All factual statements and interview references must be cited in "sources" or "bibliography."

Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address, and phone number. **The statement "I verify that AI was not used to create this essay" must also be included at the bottom of the essay and signed.**

**The deadline for national submission to the NM State 4-H Office is April 24, 2026.**

**Please email submissions to: [samlowry@nmsu.edu](mailto:samlowry@nmsu.edu)**

Each state may submit only ONE entry.

Decisions made by the trustees of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees during national judging are final. All national competition entries become the property of the foundation and may be used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.

### **Awards:**

Three cash prizes will be awarded in the 2026 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The author of the highest-scoring essay will win first prize. The author of the second-highest scoring essay will win second prize. The author of the third-highest scoring essay will win third prize.

**First Prize:** \$750

**Second Prize:** \$500

**Third Prize:** \$250

The three prize-winning essays will be published in the ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation as well as the national trade magazines. Authors of the three prize-winning essays will be given a complimentary registration to the next ABF annual conference. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

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505-867-2582**

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