

»»» SANTA FE COUNTY 4-H «««

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Dear Santa Fe County 4-H,

Crazy to think we're already in February. Spring will be here before we know it! To those of you who are active in the ZSuite system already, thank you! This helps make club leaders and our lives at the extension office a lot easier. **Reminder that the deadline to register for 4-H is March 1** and please start project record sheets as you're beginning your 4-H projects. It will make things so much easier come record book time!

Gearing the tone a little, I wanted to take a minute to address current events.

The world can feel loud and uncertain at times, and it's often hard to escape the challenges we see in the news and around us. But 4-H reminds us that hope is built through action—through learning, service, and the way we show up for one another.

Each of you represents resilience, responsibility, and the belief that small, daily efforts can make a real difference. Whether you're leading a club meeting, working with animals, learning at practice, helping your community, or simply choosing kindness, you are shaping a better future in ways that truly matter.

No matter what is happening beyond our communities, remember that your skills, your voice, and your character are powerful. Keep growing, keep caring, and keep believing that the world is better because you're part of it.

To all Santa Fe County 4-H volunteers, I can't express how needed you are by these young people. Keep showing up, even when it feels like your efforts aren't seen or appreciated, because trust me, THEY ARE. We are so grateful for all you do for our county program.

Let us all continue to strive to make the best better, even when times are hard and uncertain.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige Marez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paige Marez
Santa Fe County 4-H FCS Agent

CLUB REPORTS

NORTHERN STARS

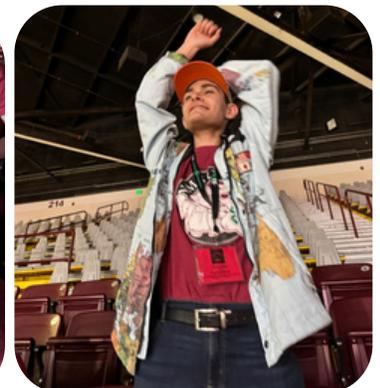


For our January meeting, Northern Stars 4-H club had 13 members, including a new family. We worked on building our club rocket project, did a team building game, where we had to find our shoes from a pile. We also learned about different types of floral arrangements and made floral arrangements to donate for our monthly service project.

WIDE HORIZONS

The Wide Horizons Club welcomed Firefighter Jeff Folgate to our January club meeting. He had a lecture about carbon monoxide, a deadly gas. He told us how to prevent it from being made out every day fossil fuel burning tools like ovens and wood stoves. Then he told us what to do if there is carbon monoxide in your vicinity and how the fire department handles carbon monoxide. He also told us about carbon monoxide detectors that can help carbon monoxide incidents be prevented and for them to be handled more quickly.

The Wide Horizons Club had 8 seniors go to SLR from the club, the members who went reported that it was fun. They said they learned a lot of stuff from the different workshops that they went to. There was one workshop they told me about where they had to extract DNA from a strawberry. They played several team building exercises in the workshops as well. There were two dances at SLR, one was a "White Out" theme. They all got to go to an Aggies Basketball Game, 81 -84 Florida University for the win.



SANTA FE COUNTY 4-H PROJECT CLUBS

“SEW FAR SEW GOOD” CLUB

Santa Fe County Sew Far Sew Good Sewing Club met in January where students learned all about fabric including different types and fabric grain. They also did some simple practice stitching on machines. The club has been meeting since October and completed an introductory project so far.



DOG PROJECT

Multiple 4-H clubs from across Santa Fe County attended, and Assistance Dogs of the West brought along two incredible dogs. Our 4-Hers learned about the specialized training assistance dogs receive and the many cues they are trained to respond to. Highlights from the day included:

- A demonstration of dogs retrieving multiple items and delivering them to a bucket
- Dogs picking up a dropped leash and handing it back to their handler
- Youth practicing loose-leash walking with the dogs
- Sitting in a circle while the dogs greeted each participant, observing dog communication and body language



SHOOTING SPORTS

Practices are in full swing for most disciplines! Please keep in touch with your coaches for updated info.



INTERESTED IN HORSE/RODEO?

Rodeo practice has geared up and horse show practices start in February! Contact Mari Lents at dmlents@hotmail.com (horse show) or John Chavez john.chavez34@yahoo.com (rodeo)



SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT (SLR) 2026

12 youth delegates from Santa Fe County attended SLR in Las Cruces where they got to engage in leadership workshops, explore different NMSU colleges, hear inspiring messages, cheer on the NMSU aggies, and meet new friends! This is an event held annually (usually in January) for all senior 4-H members, so join us for this special opportunity next year!



COMIN' ON THE CALENDAR

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- **Registration Deadline for 4-H is March 1!** Make sure to have all appropriate paperwork filled out to completion and submitted in ZSuite
- **Mandatory Shooting Sports Meeting makeup: Friday, Feb 6 Exhibit Hall Classroom**
Only students who have never attended a meeting before must attend
- **4-H Day at the Roundhouse: Monday, Feb 9**
Join 4-Hers from around the state to see a legislative session in action! Meet with local senators/ reps and other officials who will discuss issues affecting our state agriculture and other industries. NMSU 4-H will also be recognized in session. Check your email for registration info. **Due Feb 4.**
- **Public Speaking Workshop: Feb 18, 4-6.** See next page for details
- **FCS School, March 13-15** Albuquerque NM, all novice and junior members can explore a wide variety of 4-H projects at a weekend-long camp lead by state-wide 4-H personnel. Check your email for registration info. **Due Feb 16.** No late registrations accepted.
- **Santa Fe County Leader Training: March TBA; All club leaders required to attend**

County Fair Dates:
Jul 25, 2026-Aug 2, 2026

Tagging info to come!
Please keep an eye on your email

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Do you know a Santa Fe County 4-H volunteer who exemplifies outstanding leadership? Nominate them for the monthly spotlight!:

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4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING Workshop

Come learn about Public Speaking within 4-H

County Contest, District/State Contest
Fall Fairs

Different Contest Options / Styles

Feb 18, 4-6pm

Santa Fe County Fairgrounds

RSVP Feb 13

<https://forms.gle/1L4cAASEirxoY63R6>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 6:00PM

SANTA FE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
SMALL ANIMAL BARN
3229 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87507

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**OPEN CALL &
ORIENTATION!
JOIN THE 4-H
DOG PROJECT.
WITH OR
WITHOUT A
DOG/ANY
BREED OR MIX.**



SEE YOU THERE!

FROM
THE SANTA FE COUNTY
4-H DOG PROJECT GROUP

RSVP:

SCAN QR OR VISIT LINK BELOW OR
TEXT NATALIE AT 505-428-9366

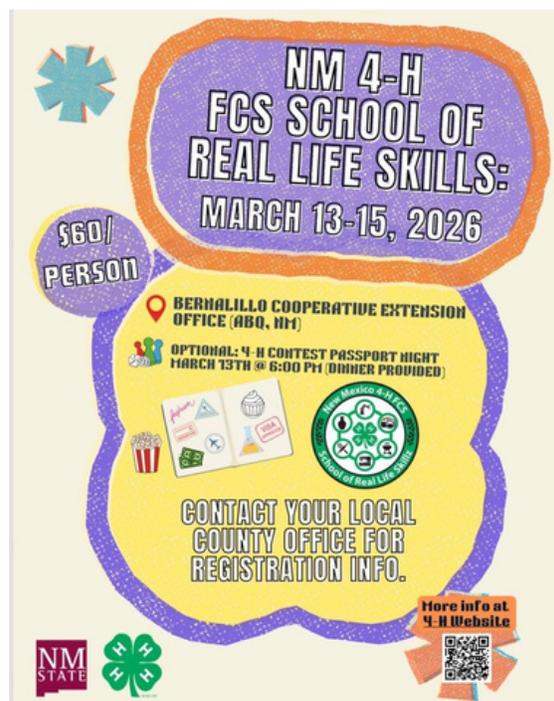


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AGENDA

***LEAVE DOGS AT HOME FOR THIS MEETING*:**

- ORIENTATION
 - MEET LEADERS AND OTHER MEMBERS
- REVIEW OF DISCIPLINES
 - SHOWMANSHIP
 - OBEDIENCE
 - RALLY
 - AGILITY
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- TRAINING CRITERIA AND COUNTY/STATE FAIR
- EQUIPMENT
- DOG AND HANDLER REVIEW
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- CLUB NAME AND SHIRTS
- FIRST YEAR VS. EXPERIENCED HANDLERS



State 4-H Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

2025-2026

New Mexico 4-H Event Dates

***Tentative Schedule more information to follow**

4-H Day at the Roundhouse	February 9
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	February 12
New Agent Training NMSU, Las Cruces	February 10-12
Shooting Sports Training (Sierra County)	February 20-22
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12

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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 4-H Event Dates

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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