

Los Alamos County 4-H Clover Connection



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Here comes SPRING!!



The wind is kicking up lots of opportunity in 4-H this spring as we gear up for FCS School of Real Life Skillz next weekend. Thirteen of our members are ready to have a blast at this state event learning about photography, baking, outdoor cooking, babysitting, jewelry making, ceramics and STEAM projects. Next, we will host our 2nd annual bi-county Shooting Sports Contest at the Sportsmen's club followed by County Contests on April 4th and 6th. Members have already started practicing! Please contact the Extension office if you would like help preparing for contests. The 2024 District Contest handbook is updated and posted on our website at:

<https://losalamoextension.nmsu.edu/documents/2024-Northern-District-Handbook.pdf>.

It was time well spent learning about the poultry and rabbit meat pen and New Mexico Flavor projects, as well as Hunter Education training coordinated by Mike O'Neil in February. Our county also gained (3) 4-H Hunting Skills coaches and (1) 4-H Rifle coach at the Shooting Sports Leader training last month. Our Parli pro senior team met for the first time and members are eager to have some fun preparing for the contest next year. Enrollment will wrap up on March 1st and project orders are due March 15th. Please also stop by and update your digital projects at your convenience.

Happy Spring!

Angela, Audrey, and Desaree

4-H GROWS HERE

Project Clip: **Photography Basics – Level 1**

Project Overview

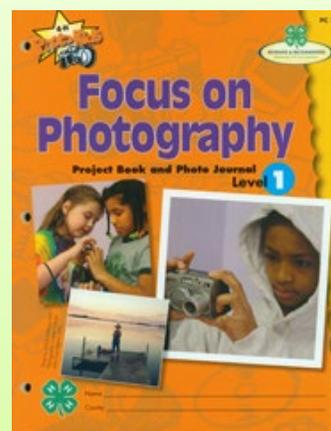
This project focuses on getting to know your camera and looking at the world around you as photograph subjects.

Key Learning Topics

- Choosing good subjects
- Visualizing the finished shot
- Saving and sharing photos

What you can exhibit at the fair:

- Set of 2 portraits (same subject in landscape and portrait position)
- Set of 2 shadow photos (w/object casting shadow and shadow only)
- Trick photo
- Set of 4 photos (same subject with front, back, side and top lighting)
- Set of 2 photos (birds eye view and bugs eye view)
- Black & White Photo
- Flash Photo
- Selfie Photo
- Photo with Completed Scorecard



Resources

Photography project book (special order)

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Club News

Boots N' Bridles Update by Gwen Booton

What would have been a regular 4-H meeting was a really fun pizza party! At 12:00P.M we started the regular meeting and talked about our next bingo fundraiser. For our police and firefighters, we are making baked goods as a thank you for all they do. Just shortly after we finished our meeting it was time for pizza and games. We played these games: a game where we were blindfolded, and we drew slips of paper with compound words. Each of us had to pull one slip and find the person with the other half of the word! (peanut butter ETC.) And we played detective and criminal.



County Council update

The Council is working on details to host the “Egg my Yard” fundraiser this Easter to raise money for the year end awards. The goal is serve more families this year and they are looking forward to playing the Easter bunny again this year. The county council is asking for donation of candy. Please bring to the Extension office no later than March 20th.

County News

Los Alamos County Fair August 2-4, 2024

With both Los Alamos County Fair and Rio Arriba County Fair happening in the same week, non-perishable project entries will be accepted July 1st – 19th at the Extension Office. Perishable entries will be accepted in the morning on August 1st at the library and must be pre-registered. More information to come!

Opportunity!!

New Mexico
PAY IT FORWARD *Essay Contest 2024*

**Winner Recieves
Wether Goat**

Gingering
TONES
SHOW GOATS

Open to New Mexico Youth
Nominations Due April 1st - Essay Due April 15th
Winner Selected April 20th

Contact Sheila 580-216-0670 or sheshe9600@gmail.com

"Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for these sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

County News

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Boots & Bridles Club
 Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m.
 at St. Joe's in White Rock
 Contact Denise Hansel: denise0188@gmail.com

High Country Team 4-H
 Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
 at the White Rock Activity Center
 Contact Lena Zielie: 4lrbug@gmail.com

Team LA Young Guns (Shooting Sports)
 Contact Mike O'Neill: shotgunoneill@gmail.com

Project Orders

Please submit your order form to the office by
March 15th
 and make your payment to the club.
 Forms and price list can be found at:
<https://losalamosextenion.nmsu.edu/4h.html>

County ENROLLMENT deadline

March 1st

The County Council "Egg My Yard" fundraiser will take place this Easter to raise funds for year end awards!
 Candy donations will gladly be accepted at the office through March 20th.

4-H County Contests

April 4th (4:00 – 7:00 p.m.) at United Church



Agronomy
 Entomology
 FCS Skill-a-thon
 Horticulture
 Livestock Skill-a-thon
 Wildlife



**Registration
 deadline
 March 25**

April 6th (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at United Church

Consumer Decision Making
 Favorite Foods
 Public Speaking (Poetry, Presentation, and Speech)



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn by Doing

GOOD LUCK
 to our Shooting Sports
 members competing at the
 County Competition in
 March!!

Rio Arriba County Fair

July 30th – August 4th

Tagging Dates

Beef

March 2nd (Abiquiu) 8am- 1pm

Sheep/Goat/Swine

May 4th (Abiquiu) 8am-1pm
 (tentative) LA location – TBD

Poultry/Rabbit

June 29th 8am-1pm (Abiquiu)
 LA location – TBD

Barn set-up on July 28th

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Registration details coming soon!



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Attention Club leaders

There is a mandatory club leader meeting April 13th at 9:00 a.m. to go over the fair rules.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Los Alamos Cooperative Extension in advance a (505)662-2656 or losalamos@nmsu.edu.

State News

NM Southern Regional 4-H Livestock School

June 12th - June 14th, 2024

Registration will Open May 1st!

Jackpot Information TBD

Luna Co. Fairgrounds

Deming, NM

Featuring:

Cattle, Sheep, Goat & Swine Tracks



VETERINARY SCIENCE OVERNIGHT CAMP

- HANDS-ON ANIMAL EXPERIENCE
- TOUR NMSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
- LEARN VET SCIENCE SKILLS
- EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN VETERINARY MEDICINE & ANIMAL SCIENCE

\$50 per student. Limited to 20 students.

Registration opens March 4

For more information visit:

aevm.tamu.edu.com

May 3-5, 2024

New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



**NEW MEXICO 4-H
HORSE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 3 - 6
MCGEE PARK
FARMINGTON, NM**

Fun week of riding classes and
more with industry professionals!

Must bring your own horse!

RV/ Trailer Hook-ups available for
small fee.

San Juan County
505-334-9493

NM State 4-H
575-646-3026

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Youth Get-Away

April 19-21, 2024
Glorieta Adventure Camp

Registration due
March 22



Once
Upon A
YGA



**Youth Get-Away
2024**

NORTHERN DISTRICT 2024 4-H CONTEST

CLAYTON, NM
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



Registration deadline
June 10th
Cost: \$25



JUNE 25-26



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Save the date SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

May 18, 2024

Bernalillo County Extension Office
Albuquerque, NM

SAVE THE DATE NORTHERN LIVESTOCK SCHOOL

TRACK SELECTIONS: LAMBS, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, & HOGS

AT THE VALENCIA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS IN BELEN, NM

JUNE 21 & 22, 2024

Take 10 with 4-H

- March 7 @ 12:30 p.m. (Judging)
- April 5 @ 12:30 p.m. (Dog School)
- May 2
 - Ranch Camp
 - Food Challenge
 - Parliamentary Procedure

To view the recordings visit:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/take10.html>



NMSU Extension Publications

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SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING NM YOUTH RANCH MANAGEMENT CAMP 📅 JUNE 9-14, 2024 at the CS Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico!!!

APPLICATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2024: <https://nmyrm.nmsu.edu/>. "Helps youth appreciate the 'why' behind ranching." Application site will be closed April 15, 2024. Completed applications will be reviewed by the NMYRMC Committee and applicants notified of acceptance by April 22, 2024. The registration fee of \$400, or payment arrangement, is due on or before June 2, 2024. A total of 30 participants will be invited to this year's camp with three of those openings reserved for out-of-state youth, age 15-19.

(NMSU photo of ranch management camp participants from a previous session.)



DATES TO REMEMBER	
March 1	Deadline: County Enrollment closes
March 1	Registration deadline for Archery/Shotgun County Contest
March 8	Registration deadline for Rifle/Pistol County Contest
March 9-10	STATE EVENT: FCS School (Albuquerque)
March 14	Contest Refresher: High Country Team club
March 15	Deadline for project orders (LAST ORDER)
March 16	COUNTY EVENT: Archery Shooting Sports County Contest
March 17	COUNTY EVENT: Shotgun Shooting Sports County Contest
March 17	Contest Refresher: Boots & Bridles club
March 22	Registration Deadline for YGA
March 22-24	STATE EVENT: State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Summit (Raton)
March 23	COUNTY EVENT: Shooting Sports County Contest – Rifle/Pistol
March 25	Registration Deadline for County Contests
March 25-29	LAPS Spring Break
March 29	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Easter!
April 1 (<i>tentative</i>)	Registration deadline for State Shooting Sports contest
April 4 th and 6 th	COUNTY EVENT: County Contests
April 19-21	STATE EVENT: Youth Getaway (Glorieta)
May 3-5	STATE EVENT: State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition (Raton)
May 4	Sheep/Goat/Swine tagging for RACF (Abiquiu)
May 18	STATE EVENT: Small animal livestock school (Albuquerque)
May 2024 (TBD)	Sheep/Goat/Swine tagging for RACF in Los Alamos (<i>tentative</i>)
May 27	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Memorial Day!
June 2024 (TBD)	COUNTY EVENT: Cloverbud Camp
June 10, 2024	Registration deadline District Contests
June 11	STATE EVENT: District Shooting Sports Competition (Raton)
June 12-14	STATE EVENT: Southern Livestock School (Deming)
June 21-22, 2024	STATE EVENT: Northern Livestock School (Valencia County)
June 25-26, 2024	DISTRICT EVENT: District Contests (Clayton, NM)
June 2024 (TBD)	Poultry/Rabbit tagging for RACF (LA)
July 4	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Independence Day!
July 8-12	STATE EVENT: State 4-H Conference (Las Cruces)
July 30 – August 4	Rio Arriba County Fair
August 2-4	Los Alamos County Fair

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