

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

February is here, it feels like January flew by! Thank you to those who participated in the photo contest, congratulations to those who were selected as winners. Preparation for the State 4-H Parliamentary Procedure contest, Senior Leadership Retreat and the State 4-H Virtual Horse Bowl, along with all our other activities, has kept us busy!

February will bring plenty of activities as well, beginning with the Production Steer tag-in and weigh-in on February 4<sup>th</sup>, Shooting Sports Leader Certification taking place in Alamogordo February 25-26<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding a Project Exploration Day February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm.

The deadline to enroll is fast approaching, please let us know if you need help logging into your Z-Suites account or if you have any questions regarding the enrollment process.

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**PROJECT Exploration DAY**  
Hosted by the  
**Curry County 4-H Council**  
Come learn about a variety of 4-H projects during Curry County 4-H Project Exploration Day!  
**Friday, February 24, 2023**  
**3-6 PM**  
**Extension Building on the Fairgrounds**  
(this event is come and go, members are not required to stay the entire time)  
\*\*If you would like to provide a project station, please contact the Extension Office.

## 4-H County Council Report

The next County Council Meeting will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the County Extension Office. Meetings are open to all Curry County 4-H members. Come help us plan what happens in 4-H!



### Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit March 24-26 – Raton, NM

If you are a senior age 4-H member in the Shooting Sports program who would like to apply to attend the 2023 Youth Leadership Summit, please contact Kandy to get the application process started.

## School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is offering a school enrichment program on cotton for the month of February. Students will have the opportunity to learn the life cycle of the plant along with how cotton is a part of their daily life. Students will also have a hands-on activity learning how to hand spin cotton. If you would like this program in your class, please contact Diana Wood at woodd@nmsu.edu



## Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Dates for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Alamogordo, NM are set for February 25-26, 2023. Leaders can go to: [www.4-hshootingsportscollege.com](http://www.4-hshootingsportscollege.com) to complete the online portion, *if you have already completed the online module this year you are good to go*. The online portion will cover items including history, introduction to 4-H shooting sports, creating high quality programs, and risk management and is now available online through Zing-books at a cost of \$20.00 to access that portion of the training. The training will begin Saturday at 8:00 am, February 25th, and conclude on Sunday February 26th. Cost for the hands-on portion will be \$60.00 and for any questions and information about registration contact the County Office.

Registration closes  
March 17.

**2023**  
4-H Project  
Academy  
March 24, 2023  
9 AM-Noon

Open to Roosevelt and Curry County 4-H  
Members (Novice, Junior, Senior)

Pre-registration required. First come, first  
served on availability.

Members select one project track for the entire time  
and will leave with completed projects for the fair.

## Photography Interior Design

For more information,  
contact your Extension  
Office or check the March  
newsletter.

## Stay Connected

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[https://curry  
extension.n  
msu.edu/](https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/)

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open from October 1 – March 1.

The deadline to add projects is July 1.

## 4-H AGES for the 2022-2023 4-H Year

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> & Up
Age as of January 1, 2023 - the current 4-H Year (October-October)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

\*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-October). Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

## Active Membership

Curry County 4-H members must maintain an “Active Membership” status prior to participation in 4-H Rodeo, County Contests, District and State Conference, or Junior Divisions of the Curry County Fair. An “active” member will be considered one who completes enrollment prior to March 1, attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 4-H meetings. No more than two (2) meetings in any given month will count toward the membership requirement. Meetings count during the 4-H year which is October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## For 4-H Volunteer Leaders and Parents

Please remember if you are helping at club/project meetings or would like to chaperone youth on a 4-H trip, you must complete the volunteer enrollment. This includes a background check, application and online training . Please contact your club leader or the Extension Office for more information.

### 2022-2023 Enrollment

If you were a member of Curry County 4-H last year, you have a ZSuites account. It is under the primary email you used to enroll. Each family is created under a Household, so you can update all youth and volunteers in one account. Deadline for youth enrollment is March 1, however if youth want to attend events/workshops, they will need to complete enrollment asap. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

You will log in with your email and select reset password (or use 12345). Verify that contact information is correct, update clubs and projects, then submit enrollment for each individual. Provide a signed copy of the liability and medical release form to the Extension Office to complete enrollment. Enrollment will be pending until all documentation is received in the Extension Office.

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/> Please remember to double-check that all your projects are for the correct age category for the member. Deadline for adding projects is July 1.

If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. They do not have an app, but they have a great way to quickly add this to your phone. You can find instructions on adding to your mobile device here:

<https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../AddingZSuit...>

If you do not have internet or phone access, you are welcome to come into the office to complete an online or paper enrollment form. Please contact us if you have questions.

## Curry County Ag Days Field Trip

We are looking for Junior and Senior 4-H members and 4-H volunteers to help us with our Ag Days field trips. Ag Days is on March 9th and 10th for all 4th graders in participating schools. The primary role of volunteers will be group leaders. If you're available, please contact the Extension office. You can choose which days you volunteer. We will gladly provide a school excuse note, but it is up to you to make sure you can miss class.



Ag Days 2022

# State 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Contest & Senior Leadership Retreat

January 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Curry County 4-H members traveled to Albuquerque to participate in the State 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Contest and Senior Leadership Retreat. The Curry County Parliamentary Procedure team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and were the State Runner-Ups! The team members were Denny Turner, Jaryn Bruce, Shaylee Priest, Tannah McCoy, Kyle Wood, and Lane Casey. We are extremely proud of this team for their accomplishments!



Senior Leadership Retreat participants attended workshops, tours and sessions focused on leadership skills, career resources and community service. Attendees were: Jaryn Bruce, Rilee Priest, Tannah McCoy, Lane Casey, Kyle Wood, Jessica Lamb, Kaleeya Englant, and Levi Dunlap. Jaryn and Rilee did a great job talking to NM 4-H about their trip to Atlanta for the National 4-H Congress. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce for being willing to be our chaperones!



## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
Jan 30-Feb 3	NM 4-H Virtual Horse Bowl
February 4	Production Steer Tag-in/Weigh-In – Sale Barn Clovis
February 24	Project Exploration Day
February 25-26	Shooting Sports Leader Certification - Alamogordo
March 1	<b>Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline</b>
March 9-10	Ag Day Field Trips – 4 <sup>th</sup> graders
March 11-12	FCS School of Real Life Skillz – Albuquerque
March 24-26	Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit - Raton
March 24	County Project Academy
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorietta
May 1	Deadline to Declare Sweepstakes Participation
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>
July 8-14	State 4-H Conference
August 14-19	Curry County Fair

\*\*If you are no longer affiliated with Curry County 4-H, but you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the Extension Office. We will be updating our mailing list this spring.

