



# MARCH 2026

## SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



### Agents Notes:

Spring is right around the corner; projects are in full swing and we are already halfway through the 4-H year! We want to congratulate all of the members that participated in the Sno-Ball Classic, it was a great turnout! Another congratulations to Macin Hood and Scarlett Rhodas the winners of the IFA Sheep/Goat and Swine Nutrition Grant, thank you to all the applicants that applied. Again, projects are well underway please be sure to contact the Extension Office for project materials and record books. It is time to get ready for County Carnival and Day Camp, read more below! Please remember that SJC 4-H enrollment closes March 31<sup>st</sup> and the last day to add/drop a project is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



*San Juan County  
Extension Team*

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**THE IFA YOUTH ANIMAL  
NUTRITION GRANT PROJECT  
AND THE WINNERS ARE.....**

***Macin Hood- SWINE***

***Scarlett Rodas- LAMB/GOAT***



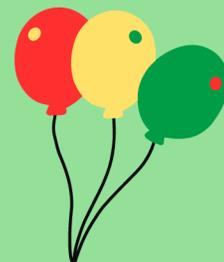
### A Note from NMSU

#### NMSU Admissions Tip:

March – Use Your Support System  
At NMSU, you're never alone. From tutoring and career guidance to mental health services, there are resources to support you every step of the way. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Explore what's available at [studentlife.nmsu.edu](http://studentlife.nmsu.edu).

# COUNTY CARNIVAL

JOIN THE SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS FOR  
GAMES, FOOD, AND FUN AT THE 2026 COUNTY  
CARNIVAL.



WHEN- MARCH 28TH, 2026

TIME- 4-8 PM

WHERE- FARMINGTON GROWERS MARKET  
PAVILION AT GATEWAY MUSEUM  
3041 EAST MAIN. FARMINGTON

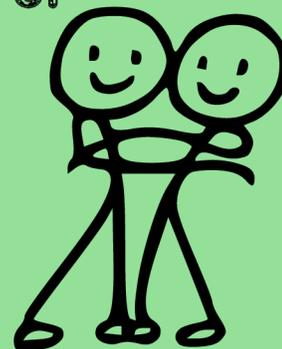
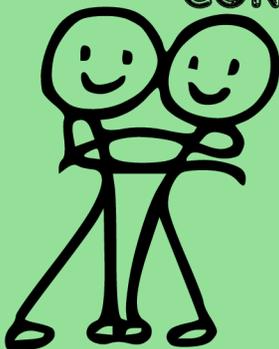
CLUBS MUST RSVP BY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026

SPACE IS LIMITED

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHAT YOUR CLUB  
WILL BE OFFERING

CONTACT THE SJC EXTENSION OFFICE TO SIGN UP

505-334-9496





# San Juan County Extension Updates

## DAY CAMP 2026



Follow the rainbow to 4-H at the 2026 San Juan County 4-H Day camp.

\$10 PER MEMBER, SNACKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED  
CALL 505-334-9496 OR EMAIL MHAISING@NMSU.EDU TO REGISTER- NAME, AGE, FOOD ALLERGIES.

LIL CAMP-CLOVERBUD AND NOVICE MEMBERS MARCH 17 9AM-2PM  
CAMP WILL FOCUS ON FUN 4-H PROJECTS, CONTESTS & CRAFTS



BIG CAMP-JR. & SR. MEMBERS MARCH 18 9AM-2PM



CAMP WILL FOCUS ON BUILDING LEADERSHIP SKILLS, ADVANCED 4-H PROJECTS & CAREER READINESS

**REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 10. LIMITED SPACE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.**



### Follow the Rainbow to 4-H

#### Cloverbud Schedule:

9-9:30am: Check in & break into groups

9:30-11:30am: 4 Stations

- Welcome to 4-H Banner
- Egg Carton Craft
- Snack Demo
- Impromptu Demo

11:30-12:15pm: Lunch

12:15-12:30pm: Bathroom break & walk to Growing Forward Farm

12:30-2pm: 3 Stations

- Pollinator habitat community service project
- Terrarium
- Wildlife & Entomology Contest walk-through

#### Novice Schedule:

9-9:30am: Check in & break into groups

9:30-11:30am: 4 Stations at Growing Forward Farm

- Horticulture ID
- Entomology ID
- Wildlife ID
- Gaga Ball

11:30-12:15pm: Lunch

12:15-12:30pm: Bathroom break & walk to Extension Office

12:30-2pm: 3 Stations

- Public Speaking
- Home Ec ID
- Favorite Foods Demo

### Follow the Rainbow to 4-H

#### Junior & Senior Schedule:

9-9:30am: Check in & break into groups

9:30-11:30am: 4 Stations

- Aggie Next Step- Newt McCarty
- Public Speaking- Dr. Frannie Miller
- Parli Pro Training
- Leadership & serving your community

11:30-12:15pm: Lunch

12:15-12:30pm: Bathroom break & walk to Growing Forward Farm

12:30-2pm: 3 Stations

- Welding Demo
- Tree Planting
- SJC Fire Department Demo





# San Juan County Extension Updates



## Weaving



is **BACK...**

March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm (HomeSchool) Novice & older  
(no cloverbuds)

They will be making Lanyards (**4 spots available**)

March 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2-4 pm (Public School) 3 spots for Ages 12 & up 2 spots  
for Cloverbud Kids

They will be making Weaving in the round (**5 spots available**)

Be on the lookout for Cloverbud Classes in April!!

Contact the SJC Extension office to sign up. Space is limited!!!



## Jewelry Making Classes

**Shanna Williams will be holding the meetings at the Little Red School House in La Plata, the First Wednesday of every month, @ 6 pm for 1 hour to 1 Hour and 30 minutes**

Feb 4

Introduction: Why did you choose Jewelry? history and Gemstones. Project Record Q&A

**March 4**

Types of Beads, creating color combinations, Balance, and Tools

April 1

Jewelry supplies, Design basics, and inspiration

May 6



Earrings and Keychain, Show and tell (bring something you have made based on what you know)

June 3

Leather Bracelet, Necklace, Exhibit presentations, tips, and tricks

July 1

bookmark, additional Project Ideas, Marketing and introduction, Project Records, and Ready for Fair Q&A

**Contact Shanna Williams to get signed up 505-419-4432**



# San Juan County Extension Updates



## 4-H Fundraisers for February:

Clever Clovers 4-H is working at The Rabbit & Poultry Clinic @ McGee Park on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support your local 4-H Club.

**Don't forget all club  
and project club fundraisers must be approved**

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**NM STATE** College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences  
Cooperative Extension Service

Plants, Animals, Media, Health, Environment, and more!

## Summer Internships

with NMSU Extension

Apply before March 1st

Hands-on experience!

Open to all majors!

Do you know an NMSU student looking for an engaging opportunity this summer? NMSU's Cooperative Extension program is hosting a summer internship program. Here, you will gain real field experiences, working with our Extension professionals/agents, and get paid while doing so. This internship lasts for 12 weeks, beginning in late May and ending early August.

Apply Today!!

<https://fs22.formsite.com/nmsuaces/l5g01omnju/index>



# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



County Council Officer  
Positions Open!  
Applications are available  
at the SJC Extension  
Office and are due April  
2nd

New County Council Website:  
<https://sanjuanextension.nmsu.edu/4h/county-council.html>

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*Save the date for County Events*

County Contest:

**Horse/Hippology May 16 4-8pm**

Open Contests May 26 & 27 3-7pm

Judged Contests June 3 & 4 3-7pm

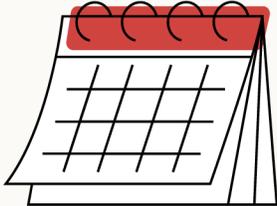


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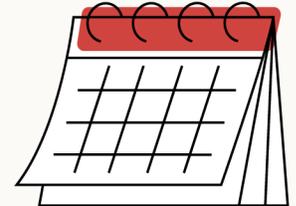




# Shooting Sports competitive enrollment is closed for 2026.



## Save the date



State Shoot: May 1-3

District Shoot: June 12-13

### Air Rifle/ .22 Small Bore Rifle

Amber James 505-860-7265

Greg Cresswell 505-320-3093

Practice: Seniors air rifle and .22-Wednesdays 6pm

Novice and Junior: Sunday's Air Rifle 12:00 (indoor)

Sunday's .22 1:30 (outdoor)

All practices held at the San Juan Wildlife Federation Range, 5652 US 64 Farmington NM. [www.sjwf.org](http://www.sjwf.org)

### Archery Program

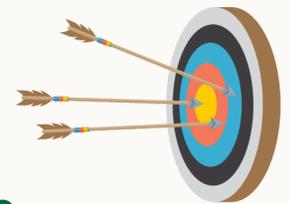


David Meador 505-258-5924

David Rhodes 505-860-1173

Seniors: Saturdays at 10am

Novice/Juniors begins January 24 8:30am-10



### Shotgun Program



Jordan Hockenhull 505-716-1939

Jourdyn Hockenhull 505-330-4149



February 2026

March 2026

April 2026

May 2026

February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
1 <sup>st</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	State Shoot 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM
15 <sup>th</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	15 <sup>th</sup> County Shoot 9:00 AM	19 <sup>th</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	26 <sup>th</sup> Practice 12:00 PM	



# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



The San Juan County Extension office will be bringing the Hoof Trimming Table to the Beef Tag on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at McGee Park, 1-3 pm. If you would like to be added to the list, please get in touch with the extension office. 505-334-9496. SPOTS are LIMITED

**Check out equipment available by reservation only, max 2-day rental, first come first serve. Reserve today to secure equipment for Spring. Contact Missy for reservations**

<i>Livestock Pig Scale &amp; WEIGHTS</i>	<b>\$10.00 RENTAL FEE</b>
<i>New Tilt Table (white)</i>	<b>\$10.00 RENTAL FEE</b>
<i>Livestock Box (Popper)</i>	<b>\$20.00-RENTAL FEE</b>
<i>Large 4-H Brand</i>	<b>\$5.00 RENTAL FEE</b>
<i>Goat Stand (NEW SILVER)</i>	<b>\$5.00 RENTAL FEE</b>

## Poultry Clinic

Are you interested in raising chickens or learning about poultry? Join us for a fun and educational workshop!

### Topics We'll Cover:

- Basic poultry care & Housing
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Breed Selection
- Health & Disease Prevention
- Egg Production Basics
- 4-H Poultry Project Information



### Poultry Clinic Dates:

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

April 8<sup>th</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup>



**Time: 6:30-8 pm**

**Where: McGee Park**

**Poultry Barn**

### Do you know who should attend?

**Kids enrolled in a 4-H project.**

For information, Contact: Chloe Kaiser, 505-392-1932, or Kevin Kaiser, 505-359-2113



# SMALL LIVESTOCK



## Dairy Goat Meetings

Members who are interested in raising and showing large breed dairy goats, Nigerian Dwarfs, Pygmy goats, or non-market goats are encouraged to attend the Dairy Goat meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to equip youth to raise high-quality goats and prepare them to show at the County Fair and other show events. All 4-H Families are welcome!

**All meetings are held at McGee Park, 6:30 pm**



**April 21, 2026, Lamb Barn**

**Dairy Goat Project Leader---**

**Jason Oberholser 505-592-2551**



**McGee Park Lamb Barn**

**McGee Park Rabbit Barn**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Jan Tomko 505-632-8008 for more information.

Bring: collar, leash, water bowl, and soft dog treats.

Dogs must be 6 months or older and child and dog friendly.

No breed restrictions.

Novice through Seniors are welcome!

Child must be able to control dog on leash.



## Hop Along

Hop along is the 4-H Rabbit project group. The leaders help members enrolled in the rabbit project learn about showing their rabbits, health, nutrition and more.

**Hop Along meetings**

**will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thursday monthly**

**6:00pm**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>: Indoor rabbit exhibits**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>: Tattooing**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: Mock Showmanship**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>: Fair entry forms, mock show**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>: Rabbit fun day**

All meetings will be held in Rabbit

Barn @ McGee Park

For questions contact:

**Brooke Klitzke**

**970-764-7036**



# SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO



## 2026 SCHEDULED RODEOS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>
March 7th	Indoor
<b>April 11th</b>	<b>Indoor</b>
May 9th	Indoor
June 6th	Indoor
July 18th	Indoor

**July 11th & 12th State 4-H  
Rodeo**

## 4-H RODEO

### ATTENTION!!!

Please pay and turn in  
paperwork at least 10  
days before each Rodeo  
monthly!!!



## 2026 PRACTICE DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>
March 5th	Indoor
<b>April 9th</b>	<b>Indoor</b>
May 7th	Indoor
June 4th	Indoor
July 16th	Indoor

## 4-H RODEO

### Meetings:

San Juan County Rodeo Club meetings will be the Thursday before each Rodeo Practice at the New Extension office at 400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM.

April 2nd  
April 30th  
May 28th  
July 9th

## 4-H RODEO

### Entry Form Due Dates:

San Juan County Rodeo entry forms are due ten days before each Rodeo to the New Extension office at 400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM.

April 1st  
April 29th  
May 27th  
July 8th

**-----Note the April Rodeo date changes due to scheduling conflict-----**

**RODEO REMINDERS: BE SURE YOU ARE ENROLLED IN ONE OF THE RODEO PROJECTS,  
AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH YOUR 4-H CLUB.**

**RODEO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MANAGED THROUGH THE PAPER REGISTRATION  
FORMS FOR 2026 IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE TO THE  
EXTENSION OFFICE 10 DAYS BEFORE THE RODEO.**



# SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H HOOFF BEAT GANG



## Hoof Beat



Leader: Miranda Meador (505)419-4355  
Co Leader: Lily Eavenson (505)402-9518

General Information: Novice, Junior and Seniors. No horses needed. Meet at McGee Park in the riding arena or indoor barn.

### Meeting Dates:

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 27<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

July 20<sup>th</sup>

September 28<sup>th</sup>

October 26<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Events:

April 25<sup>th</sup> Horseshow and clinic with Dr. Turner

June 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Horse Camp

## Horse Judging/Horse Bowl/Hippology

Horse Judging is a competitive evaluation of horses based on conformation and performance requiring judges to analyze, rank and justify their placings based on breed standards and functionality



### County Contest Dates:

May 15<sup>th</sup> 4-5:30pm Horse Bowl

May 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Hippology

May 16<sup>th</sup> 9-1pm Horse Judging with live horses

**NM 4-H Horse ID Certificates, NM  
4-H Horse Futurity/Versatility  
Nomination Forms are due by  
April 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**These forms will be available at  
the San Juan County Extension  
Office**

## Horse Judging

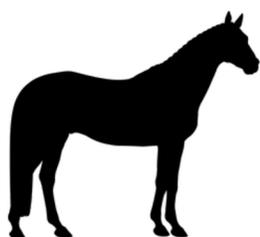
Leader: Audrey Winters (505)419-1238  
Novice, Juniors and Seniors

### Practice Dates:

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
4-5:30pm

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>  
4-5:30pm

May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
4-5:30pm



**“February’s meeting was a great one we are  
thankful to Jessica for coming and teaching us  
ground work. One thing that I learned from her  
is how to lunge my horse”-Faith Meador**



# NM STATE 4-H EVENTS



YGA Registration:

NM 4-H Youth Get Away is held annually at the Glorieta Adventure Camp

**San Juan County YGA Registration  
Deadline March 10**

**\$180**

**April 17-19, 2026**

**Call or stop by the office for an  
application**

**YGA Website:**



NMSU 4-H  
State Events



**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

**NEW DATE!**

**NEW MEXICO  
YOUTH RANCH  
MANAGEMENT**

★ **RANCH CAMP** ★  
**JUNE 21-26, 2026**  
Cimarron, NM  
Ages 15-19 • Camp Fees: \$400

- Learn Ranching Skills & Management
- College-Level Instruction
- Real Working Ranch Experience

**Only 30 Spots Available!**

**nmyrm.nmsu.edu**

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## **Buckle Order**



2026 New Mexico State 4-H  
Buckles will be available for order!

Next order will be placed on  
March 1, 2026!

See details and order form on the  
website home page.



# Northern District Updates



## 2026 NW 4-H DISTRICT SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST

The NW 4-H District Shooting Sport Contest will take place on June 12th, 2026 at the Albuquerque City Range.

Registration will be due on May 29th, 2026. For more information, please contact Kathy Landers, McKinley CES [kalander@nmsu.edu](mailto:kalander@nmsu.edu) or (505) 863-3432.



# Northern Livestock Schools

## SAVE THE DATES 2026

**MAY 16**

### SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: RABBIT AND

Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office



**JUNE 19 & 20**

### NORTHERN LIVESTOCK SCHOOL

Location: Bi-County Fair Grounds Prewitt, NM



NM STATE



## NORTHERN 4-H DISTRICT CONTEST

1926 2026

Grants, New Mexico  
HISTORIC ROUTE 66

HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH

GRANTS NM  
DTR  
66

**JUNE 23-24, 2026**

— GRANTS, NM —

# March\*

# 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4 Jewelry Project- 6pm La Plata Schoolhouse Weaving 2-4	5 SJC 4-H Rodeo Practice	6	7 SJC 4-H Rodeo
8	9	10 YGA Reg. Due Dog Practice 6pm Fairboard 6:30	11 Weaving 2-4	12	13 FCS School	14
15 Weaving 2-4	16	17 Lil' Daycamp St. Patrick Day	18 Big Day camp	19 Hop Along 6pm	20	21
22 Weaving 2-4	23 Hoofbeat 5pm	24 Dog Practice 6pm	25	26	27	28 County Carnival 4-8pm
29	30	31 4-H Enrollment Closes				

## UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

April 17-19 Youth Get-Away, Glorieta, NM

April 18- SJC Fair Beef Tag in, McGee Park

May 1-3 Senior 4-H State Shoot

May 1- Add or Drop 4-H Projects

May 9: SJC Fair Swine, Lamb, Goat Tag in

May 29-30 Itty Bitty Jackpot, McGee Park

May 29, Nov/Junior District Shoot Reg DUE

June 12: District Shoot, ABQ

June 23-24, District Contest, Cibola County

July 13-17 NM State 4-H Conference

August 10-15, San Juan County Fair

San Juan Extension Website

