



NOVEMBER 2025



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Agents Notes:

It's an exciting time at the 4-H office as we look to recognizing the outstanding work of this 4-H year at the award Banquet. We are welcoming our new 4-H Ag Agent, Lena Sanchez, and looking forward to her leadership of the 4-H Ag Programs. We encourage you to take the time to meet her and share with her our favorite part of the 4-H program.

*San Juan County
Extension Team*

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CONGRATULATIONS!

2025-2026 County

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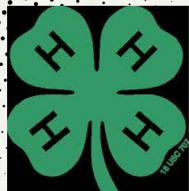
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REMINDERS

- **Re-enrollment ENDS
11/14/2025**
- **11/14 Awards Banquet
McGee Park**
- **12/1 SLR Registration
Due by 5 PM**
- **12/16 2pm Ribbon
cutting new Extension
office**



San Juan County 4-H Updates



We would like to welcome our new 4-H Agriculture Agent

Greetings everyone! My name is Lena Sanchez, and I am thrilled to be joining the team at the San Juan County Extension Office. I am a New Mexico native; I grew up on a ranch in Chama and have moved around the state. I graduated with my bachelor's in Animal Science in 2020 and my masters in Agriculture and Extension Education in 2022 from New Mexico State University. In 2021, I made the decision to move back to northern New Mexico. My family and I decided to settle in San Juan County because of the beautiful landscapes and welcoming community, we think this is the perfect place to raise our children. I have two stepchildren and a brand new 8-month-old baby boy, they are the light of our lives. My family and I are so grateful for the opportunity for me to serve as the Agriculture 4-H Agent here in San Juan County, the possibilities for growth are endless and I am eager to begin working.

Contact me by email: lena015@nmsu.edu

≡Welcome≡



4-H Member and Volunteer Re-enrollment ends November 14, 2025--be sure to enroll soon!

Step 1: Contact your club leader to let them know if you are returning or if there are changes in your family like younger sibling aging into 4-H.

Step 2: After October 8th (but before November 14th!) login to you existing 4-H Zsuites account. Your information should have rolled over.

Step 3: Update your information as needed. Download the 4-H Code of Conduct and medical release forms. Sign and upload into zsuites, or return to your leader or drop off at the Extension office.

Step 4: Add all of the projects you are interested in-even if you aren't sure. This will add you to the contact lists so you will get notified if there are special events or workshops.

[Zsuites website](#)



Extension office building update:

The Extension team will continue to operate at 213-A Oliver through November.

Construction is nearly complete, staff will begin moving starting Dec. 1. Check the December newsletter for opportunities to help with the move.

San Juan County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet

"A Country Christmas"

4-H COUNTRY HOLIDAY

November 14th 2025

McGee Park

(Convention Center) 6:00 pm

Extension Office will provide the Main Dish
(BBQ Protein)

A-M brings a side dish

N-Z brings dessert

Banquet Silent Auction:

County Council will have a Silent Auction at the Banquet. We encourage families and clubs to donate items to the auction at the Banquet and to bid on auction items. The successful bid must be paid off at the banquet with Cash or a check. All proceeds will go to the County Council.

"Dress you BEST or BETTER"
(Show Ring Attire)

Save the Date

CLUB GINGERBREAD CONTEST MONDAY

DECEMBER 8, 6PM MCGEE PARK

COUNTY COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE CARDBOARD BASE
AND ONE BOX GRAHAM CRACKERS PER CLUB. PRE-
MADE MEMBER CREATED DECORATIONS AND/OR
STORE BOUGHT ALLOWED. NO LIVE ANIMALS
PLEASE.

RSVP TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY DEC 4



*RSVP is CLOSED for
banquet*





NM STATE 4-H SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT



2026 Senior Leadership Retreat January 23-25, 2006

NMSU, Las Cruces

Open to all Senior 4-H members.
Registration materials are available
at the Extension Office. The
registration deadline is Dec 1st by 5
PM, and the cost is \$260 per person.
Register early to get top choice of
leadership sessions.

\$260 fee for Senior Leadership registration includes:

- ✓ Conference registration
 - ✓ 5 on-site meals
 - ✓ T-shirt
 - ✓ 2 nights hotel (double occupancy)
 - ✓ Transportation to and from Las Cruces if traveling with group
- Youth will need additional funds for travel day meals and other misc.
expenses (Approx. \$30-50)

County Council is accepting applications for \$25 scholarships per member,
call or visit the Extension office for forms. Must be submitted with
registration.

Register by completing the paper registration form available at the Extension
office. Forms and payment must be submitted by December 1, 2025 at 5pm.
Registration may be paid by cash or check, make checks payable to SJC 4-H
Council.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE IFA YOUTH ANIMAL NUTRITION GRANT PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H A PROGRAM OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION IS.....



*COME PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION AT THE
EXTENSION OFFICE!*



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences
Cooperative Extension Service
Extension 4-H Youth Development

DUE DATES

BEEF: NOV. 14TH

SWINE, SHEEP/GOAT: FEB. 6TH



**APPLICATION IS ONLY OPEN TO SAN JUAN COUNTY YOUTH.
THIS IS A BLIND SELECTION PROCESS. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED TWO
WEEKS AFTER THE DUE DATE**



A Note from NMSU

NMSU Admissions Tip:

November – Make NMSU Your Home

Living on campus keeps you close
to classes, events, and friends.

You'll be part of a vibrant,
welcoming community with access
to resources and support. Explore
housing and apply early at
housing.nmsu.edu.

Last chance!

2025 4-H Buckle

If you would like order a 2025 NM
4-H Buckle please complete the
order form and mail payment to the
state 4-H Office.

\$80/buckle





Please **ENROLL** in shooting sports projects **ZSUITEs** and contact the coaches prior to attending practice.

Air Rifle/ .22 Small Bore Rifle

Amber James 505-860-7265

Greg Cresswell 505-320-3093

The first meeting for both Senior Air Rifle and Senior .22 Smallbore will be held on November 5 at the San Juan Wildlife Federation Range at 7:00 pm.

Contact Amber James (505-860-7265) or Greg Cresswell (505-320-3039) with any questions.

*Novice and junior rifle meeting will be held in January.

PLEASE CONTACT THE COACHES FOR MORE INFORMATION



Archery Program

David Meador 505-419-4355

David Rhodes 505-860-1173

Orientation January 2026 at Expert Archery, Practice TBA

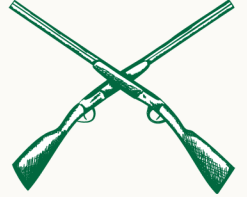


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Shotgun Program

Jordan Hockenhull 505-716-1939
Jourdyn Hockenhull 505-330-4149



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H SHOTGUN SCHEDULE (2025/2026)

<i>October 2025</i>	<i>November 2025</i>	<i>December 2025</i>	<i>January 2026</i>
NO PRACTICE FOR THIS MONTH	16th Safety Orientation prior to practice 12:00 PM @SJWF Range	7th Safety Orientation prior to practice 12:00 PM FOR SENIORS SIGNED UP BEFORE 11/26	4 th Practice 12:00 PM
	23 rd 12:00 PM	14 th 12:00 PM	11 th Practice 12:00 PM
	26th LAST DAY FOR SENIOR SIGN UPS AT 4H OFFICE		25 th Practice 12:00 PM

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

*JR DISTRICT SHOOT TBD *

JR PRACTICES FOLLOWING THE STATE SHOOT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

*COUNTY SHOOT MARCH 15th *

EVERY SENIOR SHOOTER MUST ATTEND AT LEAST HALF OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED PRACTICES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE TEAM

EVERY SHOOTER MUST ATTEND A SAFETY ORIENTATION AND SIGN A COPY OF THE RULES FOR THE SHOTGUN PROGRAM BEFORE SHOOTING

EVERYONE MUST BE SIGNED UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE SHOOTING



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, 6:30pm

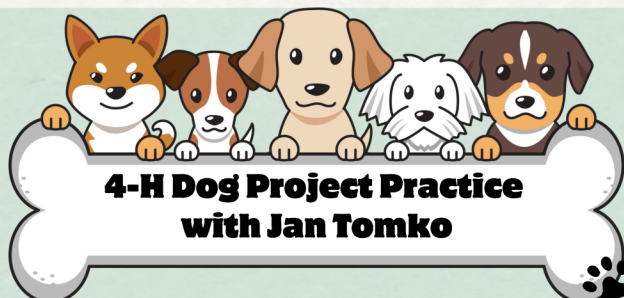
February 24, 2026 Classroom

April 21, 2026 Lamb Barn

June 23, 2026 Lamb Barn

Dairy Goat Project Leader---

Jason Oberholser 505-592-2551



McGee Park Lamb Barn

November 11th @ 6pm

McGee Park Rabbit Barn

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

March 10th & 24th

April 14th & 28th

May 12th

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 3rd Thursday monthly
6:30-8pm**

Nov 20th: Showmanship, flipping rabbit (yes rabbit)

Dec 18th: Grooming, sanitation and health

Jan 15th: Evaluating a rabbit, terms

Feb 19th: Breeding, gestation, meat pen info

March 19th: Indoor rabbit exhibits

April 16th: Tattooing

May 21st: Mock Showmanship

June 18th: Fair entry forms, mock show

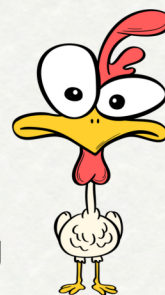
July 16th: Rabbit fun day

All meetings will be held in Rabbit Barn @ McGee Park

For questions contact:

**Brooke Klitzke
970-764-7036**

Interested in showing poultry? Be sure to sign up for the poultry project in zsuites to be notified of our upcoming workshops!





SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO



2026 SCHEDULED RODEOS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>
February 7th	Indoor
March 7th	Indoor
April 18th	Indoor
May 9th	Indoor
June 09th	Indoor
July 11th	Indoor

TBA State 4-H Rodeo

4-H RODEO

ATTENTION!!!

Please pay and turn in
paperwork at least 10 days
before each Rodeo monthly!!!
Late Fee will APPLY



2026 PRACTICE DATES

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



4-H RODEO

Rodeo Awards Banquet
December 17th
at the Poultry Barn
McGee Park
6 pm

Meetings:

Tuesdays before each point Rodeo
at Day 3 Church at the Extension Office, Aztec
6 PM

McGee Park

Is only open for public riding and barrel practice on certain days and times they are as follows:

Barrel Practice Monday and Wednesday 9:00am-9:00pm

Public Riding (NO BARRELS) Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm

There are times we have events scheduled and close public riding/ barrel practice but its not very often and they can always call 505-325-5561 to double check.



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H HOOOF BEAT GANG



The San Juan County Hoofbeat Gang is a 4-H Horse project group that focuses on developing horse riding skills and promoting safety. The club is all about learning, riding, and having fun with horses while building lifelong skills. Members learn about horse care, safety, riding, and showmanship even if they don't own a horse! Through hands-on activities, clinics, and shows, you'll develop responsibility, confidence, and teamwork. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced rider, this club offers a supportive place to grow your knowledge, meet friends, and share your love of horses. Competitive participation in horse shows is optional but encouraged for members to demonstrate their skills.



**GENERAL INFORMATION:
NOVICE, JUNIOR AND SENIORS
NO HORSES REQUIRED**



**MEET AT MCGEE PARK RIDING ARENA
MEETING DATES:**

JAN. 26TH

FEB. 23RD

MAR. 23RD

APR 27TH

MAY 18TH



**HOW DO I JOIN THE
HOOFBAT GANG?**

- ENROLL IN THE HORSE PROJECT IN ZSUITES
- CONTACT THE PROJECT LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SKILLS:
ENGLISH RIDING
BARRELS/POLES
EQUINE NUTRITION
HIPPOLOGY
TRAIL RIDING
AND MANY MORE...**

**EQUINE SKILLS: JUNE 22ND
HALTER SHOWING JULY 20TH
SHOWMANSHIP SEPT. 28TH
EQUIPMENT FITTING OCT. 26TH
GROUND WORK NOV. 16TH**



**LEADER
MIRANDA MEADOR
(505)419-4355**



**CO LEADER
LILY EAVENSON
(505)402-9518**



LEARN, COMPETE, AND GROW — JOIN OUR 4-H HORSE JUDGING, HIPPOLOGY, & HORSE BOWL TEAMS!



Have a child who loves horses — or is just curious about learning more? You don't need to own a horse to join any of these exciting 4-H equine education contests! These events are open to Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members and are designed to build knowledge, confidence, and teamwork while having fun.

HORSE JUDGING

Participants learn to evaluate horses based on conformation, movement, and performance.

Members study balance, muscling, breed characteristics, and how well horses perform in various classes such as Western Pleasure, Reining, or Trail.

Novice & Junior members can compete at County and District Contests.

Senior members advance to State Contest, with top teams earning a chance to compete nationally. Judging helps youth develop public speaking, decision-making, and confidence — all without needing to own or ride a horse.

HIPPOLOGY ("STUDY OF THE HORSE")

This hands-on event combines everything from horse anatomy and nutrition to tack identification and equine health. Youth rotate through stations, complete written tests, and may participate in team problem-solving scenarios.

Hippology brings classroom learning to life, encouraging teamwork and critical thinking.

Members gain skills useful in veterinary science, equine therapy, and animal management careers.

HORSE BOWL

If your child enjoys trivia or competition, Horse Bowl is a fast-paced, buzzer-style game show covering all aspects of horse science and 4-H materials. Teams face off to answer questions quickly and accurately — a fun and energetic way to learn!

Horse Bowl is a team-based event that encourages camaraderie, quick thinking, and deep horse knowledge.

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

Novice (ages 9–11): County and District contests

Junior (ages 12–13): County and District contests

Senior (ages 14–18): County and State contests, with opportunities for national qualification

All contests follow New Mexico 4-H and NMSU rules and resources — materials and practice guides are provided during practices!



TRAVELING HORSE JUDGING TEAM

In addition to county-level opportunities, we're building a Traveling Horse Judging Team for members ready to take their skills to the next level! The traveling team will represent San Juan County 4-H at events such as:

 Arizona Nationals

 National Western Stock Show (Denver)

 Oklahoma Youth Expo
...and more!

Team members will grow through real-world judging experiences and represent our community at some of the biggest youth competitions in the country.

INTERESTED?

Whether your child dreams of working with horses or simply wants to learn more about them, these programs offer incredible life skills and leadership growth.

For more information or to sign up, contact:
Horse Judging Coach: Audrey Winters –
(505) 419-1238

2025

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 4-H DOG PRACTICE FAIRBOARD 6:30	12	13	14 RE-ENROLLMENT DUE 4-H BANQUET 6PM	15
16	17 HOOFBEAT BANQUET	18	19	20 HOP ALONG	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  THANKSGIVING SJC EXTENSION CLOSED	28	29
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UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

Dec. 1st- Deadline for SLR

Dec 8- 6pm Gingerbread contest, McGee Park
Multipurpose building room D

Dec. 16th -New Extension Office grand opening 2-4pm

Dec. 24th -Jan.2nd office closed (Holiday Break)



San Juan Extension Website



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