

# 4-H Day at the Roundhouse

Monday, February 9th, 2026

**Santa Fe, NM**

Welcome begins at 9:30 a.m. Please be seated and ready before 9:15 a.m.



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# Participation Guide

## WHAT IS 4-H DAY AT THE ROUNDHOUSE?

- An opportunity to learn citizenship through active engagement with your state legislators allowing them to hear what **Youth** have to say, before they make decisions about youth programs, education, health, and safety!
- 4-H Day at the Roundhouse is a time for **Youth** to visit with elected representatives in the New Mexico House and Senate.
- An opportunity to share how 4-H impacts New Mexico families and communities through educational programs and services.
- The chance to provide information that congressional members should know about the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and the 4-H Youth Development Program.

## ROUNDHOUSE DAY TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Review the agenda and know when and where you are to be.
- Review all provided handouts so that you are prepared to visit with your legislators.
- Research your legislators.
- Be positive.
- Be honest. Answer all questions candidly and as truthfully as possible. If you don't know an answer, indicate a willingness to find out and get back with the answer. Do not make up an answer.
- Be a strong and articulate advocate for 4-H. This is your chance to speak up for Extension and the 4-H program.
- Thank officials for their support of the Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H.
- Thank the staff and members of the legislature for their time.
- Ask questions if uncertain.
- Remember you are representing and reflecting the attitudes and feelings of your county and state.
- Members should bring one colored copy of their prepared handout "4-H Grows..." with them to registration.



## ROUNDHOUSE DAY APPEARANCE AND DRESS

- All delegates and chaperones are expected to be professional while participating in 4-H Day at the Roundhouse. Professionalism includes appearance, etiquette, and presentation.
- Grooming cannot be overemphasized. Good grooming refers to the total package of general cleanliness and neatness—hair, make-up, clean shaven, nails and small professional accessories.
- Clothes should be clean and not in need of repair; free of stain and lint; well pressed/ironed; and shoes clean and polished.
- State Leadership Team members (State Officers and State 4-H Ambassadors) are to wear full dress uniform.
- All other youth and adult representatives will wear dress shirts (4-H polos are appropriate **No T-shirts**) and pants or skirts. Your outfit should be complete with leather shoes or boots and a belt.
- Athletic shoes or hats are not to be worn by Roundhouse Day participants or accompanying adults at any time during the event.
- If you wear a skirt or dress, you should wear hose or tights with a knee-length or longer skirt.
- Chaperones are expected to wear business professional dress.
- Wear comfortable and well broken-in professional shoes. You will be on your feet and may have to walk quickly between appointments.

## ROUNDHOUSE DAY CHECKLIST

- Complete mandatory Roundhouse Day training:
  - Watch online sessions.
  - Special Arrangements with your county agent.
- Talk with school officials about getting excused for Roundhouse Day. If you need an absence letter, contact your county agent.
- Do your homework and learn about your legislators.
- Complete the “4-H Grows....” handout and include a photo.
  - Have the handout edited by a teacher or Extension Agent.
  - Delete wording explaining what to write and box around photo.
  - Make color copies for each Legislator you are meeting and bring handouts with you on Roundhouse Day.
- At the conclusion of 4-H Day at the Roundhouse write your legislators and any assistants that helped you a thank you note for their time, interest, and dedication to New Mexico 4-H.



### **SAMPLE HANDWRITTEN THANK YOU NOTE:**

Dear Senator Smith,

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to visit with me during New Mexico 4-H Day at the Roundhouse.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service's 4-H Youth Development Programs, who served over 37,000 youth in 2023.

4-H has really helped me learn to make decisions and set goals. I look forward to the learning more about citizenship and other 4-H projects in the years to come.

Sincerely,

*Chris Clover*

Helping Hands 4-H club member

### **Things to Know About Your Legislator(s):**

Name and proper pronunciation

What they look like

Political party

Length of service in legislature

4-H or Extension background

Committee assignments

Hometown

Profession

### **Cell Phones**

Cell phones will only be allowed for taking photos. Do not make phone calls or text during 4-H Day at the Roundhouse.

### **Parking at the Roundhouse**

Come early and allow time to find a space and walk if necessary.