

# James Tucker 4-H Story

## Santa Fe County

### Novice

#### Part I

My name is James Tucker. I am 11 years old. I like science, math, experiments, and animals. I joined 4-H in November of 2016. I am a third year Novice this year. I joined 4-H because I wanted to show animals and learn something new. I have been showing lambs for six years and Steers for three. This year's projects for me were market beef, rodeo, Basics of Welding, shooting sports (Archery and Rifle), and Market Lamb.

#### Part II

I learned in 4-H about working lambs and steers. This helped me in my everyday life because it takes a lot of time and hard work to get them ready to show. I also learned that with time and patience you can be successful in your project. This helped me with my schoolwork because new things are always hard at the beginning but get easier. Things get easier when I practice more and work harder. Some situations I encountered this year is when I couldn't catch my steer when I first got him. So, I had to take a bucket of feed out there and wait until he came up to the feed bucket and slip the halter on before he pulled his head away and walk him to the fence so I could tie him up to eat. I did this for about a week and then I could just go right up to him and catch and walk him to the fence without help at all. Another challenge I encountered is one of my sheep did not want to brace so we backed him up to the side of the trailer and if he backed up or stepped back his leg would fall off the trailer, and he eventually learned that he should brace and not suck back and pull away from me.

#### Part III

I also learned in 4-H that you must work with people who know more than you do to help you learn new things. This year my lamb breeder helped me to work on showmanship skills and some new tips on feeding sheep and what we should give them if they are sick. This year one of my struggles was when I was teaching my steer to walk, he just would not walk. But I learned I just had to keep trying until he learned that he gets food after he walks and scratches. Which he loves even though he was stubborn he finally started to walk because he knew we would get rewarded.

#### Part IV

As a third-year novice I demonstrated leadership by putting in an application for Novice youth Director for 4-H rodeo. I showed my leadership by help choosing what is the best Ideas for the kids of 4-H rodeo. How I also demonstrated leadership is helped Brynlee Bowdin with show tips on her lamb and daily care and many other weekly things you must do when you have sheep. I also showed leadership to my best friend Levi he decided to show Lambs for the first time this year, so I helped him with showing tips and feeding tips. We also helped them clip their lambs for show because they do not have clippers they can use.

## Part V

The community service projects I worked on this year were clearing trails with Back Country Horseman of New Mexico, which I am a junior member of. The trail projects include cleaning logs off trails, so hikers and horseback riders can enjoy the trails. Our club this year donated cards to the beehive homes for Valentine's Day. We did Roadside clean up a section of Dinkel this year. I helped a family from our church move into their new house. I cleaned our church and helped another family from our church with their water pipes.

## Part VI

4-H has helped me in school because it helped me learn I can do hard things. I have also learned how to construct a schedule to do my schoolwork and do my animals. This year it was super important because I did more projects this year, so I had to. Have a schedule for things I do. 4-H has helped me learn that I can always learn new things and if you put practice in something you want to do you can do which. 4-H has also taught me if you give something hard work you can complete anything will help me when I grow up because I want to be an Ag Mechanic because I really like to deal with motors and engines.