2026 New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit

The New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit will be held on March 20-22, 2026 at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H Youth from New Mexico enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The Summit will be limited to thirty (30) youth. Applications will be due by February 13th in the State 4-H Office and the cost will be $250.00 per participant and will include housing and meals at the Whittington Center.

The activities throughout the weekend will be a "hands-on" approach. Each individual will have an opportunity to be exposed to all the shooting sports disciplines offered in the New Mexico 4-H Program and will learn safety and techniques to teach and help other youth in those areas. Leadership activities throughout the weekend will allow youth to become spokespersons and ambassadors for the New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports Program and take what they have learned back to their County to be an asset to the program.

This is **not** an event to develop better shooters, but is a leadership event based around the 4-H shooting sports projects and to develop state-wide ambassadors for the program. The application process will give more weight to leadership activities than shooting sports activities. If you have any questions, please contact your County 4-H Agent.

Please turn in the application to your County Extension Agent for their signature and submission to the State 4-H Office.

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