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Re: Excused absences for 4-H Youth Development Program activities and events.
(NNF-Shiprock Jr Livestock Oct 2nd to Oct 4th, 2019 in Shiprock, NM)

To Whom It May Concern:

4-H is an educational program similar to the vocational programs offered in the public school system. It is a non-formal, practical, learn-by-doing, educational program.

The 4-H Youth Development Program assists youth in establishing life goals and has a commitment to help youth make a positive step toward tomorrow. We help create their vision of the future, we help youth become productive citizens, and we act as catalysts for positive change to meet the needs of a diverse and changing society. Through their 4-H involvement, 4-H youth are prepared to be a positive influence for a better world tomorrow.

The mission of 4-H is to assist all youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, responsible, and contributing members of society. This mission is carried out through the involvement of parents, volunteer leaders, and the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and New Mexico State University; who organize and conduct educational subject-project experiences in community and family settings.

As many of the 4-H projects are completed in the spring and summer, 4-H is a continuation of education after school and during the summer months. I request that 4-H youth be excused so that they might complete their project work just as FFA, FCCLA, and athletics are excused when these students miss classes. We fully support the fact that all youth should be required to do their make-up work, and we hope that teachers are encouraged to work with the youth in these matters.

Thank you for your help as we all strive to make New Mexico's greatest natural resource – our youth – prepared for tomorrow's world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Landers", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Kathy Landers

McKinley County Program Director and Tribal Extension Coordinator