

NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp Scholarship Application

Completed Applications Due: **Sunday, March 1, 2026, by 5:00 PM**

Applications must be emailed to Jen Loewen at: JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com
by the deadline.

No Late Applications will be Accepted

Biggs Contracting Services Inc. has generously provided the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee with funding for **THREE** El Paso County 4-H members to attend the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp program on **June 28 – July 10, 2026**. Members ages 13 to 17 are invited to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

The NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp's purpose is to teach the safe use and stewardship of firearms. In addition to the recreational and competitive shooting curriculum, hunting, camping and survival skills are added as part of the total experience. For more information on the NRA, the Whittington Center and Adventure Camp, please visit: <http://www.nrawc.org/wc-experience/youth-programs/>

Please note: *This camp is conducted by the NRA, not by Colorado State University Extension 4-H. The opportunities provided to the camp participants, as well as the opinions and viewpoints expressed by the instructors and camp staff, do not necessarily represent those of Colorado State University – Extension/4-H.*

Requirements for Applicants:

- Youth must be 4-H members in good standing and enrolled in at least one 4-H Shooting Sports Project in El Paso County 4-H.
- Youth must be between 13 and 17 years old (actual age) at the time travel.
- Youth must submit a complete application, including essay questions, by the deadline.
- If requested, youth must be able to attend an interview with Extension Staff and the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee.
- Youth must be able to travel to the NRA Whittington Center **June 28 – July 10, 2026** and be able to attend the duration of the camp.
- If chosen to attend, youth participants must be able to provide a current physical before camp begins.
- Youth must be able to travel under a strenuous schedule (health, homesickness, physical stamina, comfortable with traveling, hiking, camping, meeting new people, and trying new foods and activities, etc.).
- While the registration fees are covered by the scholarship, youth may want to bring spending money for other items such as gifts or souvenirs.
- Youth must be willing and have the time to write thank you notes and give a short presentation to donating organizations and other interested groups. Therefore, youth must have an interest, availability and willingness to speak publicly (based upon their experiences on this trip) on a prearranged basis.
- Youth must agree to complete the online New Mexico Hunter Education training as a prerequisite to attending class at Adventure Camp. Participants must complete the test, print the certificate and send it in prior to attending the camp.
 - <http://www.hunter-ed.com/newmexico/>

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Birth Date: _____ **4-H Age:** _____

Years in 4-H: _____ **Grade in School:** _____

Current 4-H Projects: _____

Do you have transportation to the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM? _____

(Trip award is not dependent on this answer – transportation may be available.)

Non 4-H Positions of Responsibility: (Student Council, FFA, FBLA, music groups, etc.): _____

On a separate page please answer the following four questions. Please type (or neatly write) your response and use no more than one page per question. Primary criterion for assessing your answers will be their content; however, spelling and grammar will be considered.

1. Describe how 4-H has impacted your life.
2. Explain how one of your 4-H projects has changed your understanding of that project area.
3. Describe an event, activity or a person that has had a big impact on you.
4. How has your participation in 4-H shooting sports changed how you view or handle firearms and archery equipment?