

# Palomares 4-H Gazette October 2019

We are getting our projects under way. This month we will also receive our record books and get our awards and pins. We welcome all of our new families who have decided to go through with 4-H and have signed up as members. We look forward to seeing you at project meetings!



## Project Signups

Some of our projects this year are under way. Others will start in the next month or two, and still others are TBD. But whether or not your project starts now, in order to participate in it, you *must* sign up online for those projects through the registration process. Do not forget, and if you have not signed up then please do it soon, or you will not be able to participate. Those who sign up before November 13 will get a \$5 discount per person on the signup price.

## Record Books

This month those of us who submitted them will receive our record books during the community club meeting. These record books list all of our accomplishments, awards, and growths during the past year. By submitting record books, we earn pins for our hat and recognition and honors. Record books are sort of chronicles of our 4-H life that we can use even when we are no longer in 4-H. I once heard a story of a young man who got a job because of all the years of experience and records he showed in his record books (a large type of portfolio he shared at the interview). Record books are awesome, and show us our accomplishments. I strongly encourage everyone to submit records books for the 2019-2020 4-H year. There are always other members who are willing to help you learn how to do it. I have done it for two years now, and despite the hard work I am glad I did it; it is very rewarding. Please give a try at record books for this year. Talk to Jeff Robbins or Andrea Sullivan if you would like to know more.

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# Livestock Awards Dinner



Every year, the Alameda County Fair sponsors a Livestock Awards Dinner. This dinner is known as the Carcass Contest Dinner. It was held in late September after the Fair after all of the livestock are sold and taken to the butcher to be processed. The butchers grade the quality of the meat for Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats and they place the animals for awards by quality first. Some of the things they look for are the yield (total quantity of meat) and the quality (how good it is.) Sometimes the animal's data is not provided because the camera was at the wrong angle to grade the lamb or the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) does a random pull to make sure that the meat is safe for us to eat on the animal instead of grading the meat. Unfortunately, I was pulled by the USDA to make sure my meat was good. But it was all safe! On the other hand, Palomares Sheep Group did very good. Rebecca Marino did very well! She won the Carcass Contest for Sheep and she got second place in Super Lamb with one of her lambs. The dinner is always fun because we get to see our friends from the Fair.

– Grace Sullivan, Sheep Project Member

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4-H monthly club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge.

Please sign up for 4-H online at:  
<https://California.4honline.com>