

# WYOMING CHARACTER



*that's what we're made of*

## Character Counts Citizenship



### What is citizenship?

Citizenship includes civic virtues and duties that prescribe how we ought to behave as part of a community. The good citizen knows the laws and obeys them, yes, but that's not all. He or she volunteers and stays informed on the issues of the day, the better to execute their duties

and privileges as a member of a self-governing democratic society. He or she does more than their "fair" share to make society work, now and for future generations. Such a commitment to the public sphere can have many expressions, such as conserving resources,

recycling, using public transportation and cleaning up litter. The good citizen gives more than they take.

Adapted from Josephson Institute of Ethics.

"Whoever renders service to many puts himself in line for greatness - great wealth, great return, great satisfaction, great reputation and great joy."

-Jim Rohn

### Clover

### Connection

- **Head** - being aware of rules/laws and following them.
- **Heart** - treating other people with respect and dignity.
- **Hands** - taking care of the environment.
- **Health** - taking responsibility for your own health choices.

### Citizenship in 4-H:

#### 4-H Club Activity "Adopt a Tree"

Take a field trip outside. Have the club choose a tree somewhere nearby. An option would be to divide into groups and have each group

choose a tree. Have the children make bark rubbings by placing a piece of paper on the trunk and rubbing the paper with the side of a crayon. They can also make leaf rubbings. Help them identify

their tree and find out more about it. Talk about how good citizens take care of the environment, including trees and other plants.

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