



*that's what we're made of*

## Character Counts RESPONSIBILITY

### What does it mean to be Responsible?

Taking responsibility is a way to show that we are people of character. Being responsible means that we do our part, we control our thoughts and actions, and we strive to do our best. We accept responsibility for our actions and our decisions. You are responsible when you:

- Think before you act or talk.
- Are accountable for your actions.
- Are reliable.
- Set a good example for others.
- Fix your mistakes and clean up your own messes.

Becoming responsible is part of growing up and becoming a person of character. But to have good character, you have to do more than just say you are responsible. You have to take action! Responsible people take care of themselves as well as others and can always be depended on to do the right thing, even when the right thing is the hard thing to do.

*Adapted from Character Counts! by the Josephson Institute.*

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

Abraham Lincoln



### Responsibility in 4-H

4-H members can model responsible behavior by:

- Arriving on time for 4-H meetings.
- Following the behavior guidelines established for club meetings.
- Having talks or demonstrations prepared and practiced when it is their turn to be on the club program.
- Taking turns at providing refreshments, recreation, providing transportation, or calling other members of the group.
- Reading the county and club newsletter and observing deadlines for events and activities.



### Clover Connection

**Head** - Think before you act

**Heart** - Set a good example for others

**Hands** - Do what you say you will

**Health** - Show that you care about yourself and others by making responsible choices.