



that's what we're made of



Citizenship?

Citizenship is about relationships and values with cooperation linking it all together. Cooperation is a basic life skill that helps us work successfully in groups and interact harmoniously with others. In 4-H what does good cooperation look like?

People who cooperate:

- ◆ Model working together with others.
- ◆ Work together with people in their home life, 4-H clubs and community.
- ◆ Make good decisions and choices.
- ◆ Have positive relationships with other 4-H members and volunteer leaders.

People who cooperate realize:



- ◆ They can do more working together than they can do alone.
- ◆ Every person has a unique contribution to add to the group.
- ◆ Success is gained when everyone works together.
- ◆ Two heads are better than one.
- ◆ Things in life come easier if you know how to get along and cooperate with others



The story of "Old Warwick"

By James W. Moore

One summer evening a man got lost while driving through the countryside. As he tried to read a map, he accidentally drove off the road and landed in a ditch. Although he wasn't hurt, his car was stuck deep in the mud. The man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help. Warwick can get you out of the ditch, the farmer said, pointing to an old mule. The man looked at the haggardly mule, then looked back at the farmer, who repeated, Yep, old Warwick can do the job. The man figured he had nothing to lose. The two men and Warwick made their way back to the ditch. The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With a snap of the reins he shouted, Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick! The mule pulled the car from the ditch with very little effort. The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule and asked, "Why did you call out all those names before you called Warwick to pull?" The farmer grinned and replied, Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling.



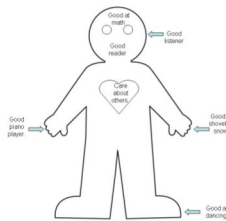
Quote of the month: "No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helped you." ~Althea Gibson



Cooperation Activity Corner?

Supplies:

- 1-piece of butcher paper for each participant large enough to trace their body
- Markers to trace with
- Tape to hang papers around room



Directions:

Give each person a piece of paper and have them lay down on the paper, while a partner traces their body. Once each person has been traced, ask each person to write on their body parts the positive things they can do with the body part to strengthen others and their community. Allow time for everyone to share with the group their creation and then display them around the room for others to view.

This activity is a positive way to help participants recognize what they are good at and what they have to offer a group, their family, their community and so forth.

Processing questions:

Ask these questions at the conclusion of the activity.

- Did you think of positive traits about yourself that you had not recognized before.
- Were you surprised at the many things you have to offer others?
- Is it hard to say nice things about yourself?
- Is a group or community stronger when many people contribute and have strengthens to share?
- Can a group or community accomplish more with more people?