



*that's what we're made of*

## Character Counts

### Citizenship

#### What is Citizenship:

Do your share to make your school and community better:

- Cooperate
- Get involved in community affairs
- Stay informed; vote
- Be a good neighbor
- Obey laws and rules
- Respect authority
- Protect the environment
- Volunteer

#### Citizenship in 4-H:

Rules to encourage citizenship:

Divide the club into small groups of four or five members. Assign each group one of the following areas in school: classroom, library, lunchroom, playground, and bathrooms.

Instruct each group to come up with a list of rules designed to protect the rights of school citizens who use that area. Have students write their rules on a sheet of flip chart paper. Ask them to phrase their rules as positive statements whenever possible. Have groups present their lists, discuss similarities and differences and be prepared to defend the rules which were created.

Think about your 4-H club, what areas do you share as a group? Now repeat the activity and come up with rules that will help protect the rights of 4-H members who use the areas. Remember to share!

Members need to learn the importance of contributing to their school and community. They should have compassion and show kindness towards others. They should also show humility and consider the needs of others. Serving and helping others is also of great importance. Building citizenship skills helps members feel that they can be contributors to others and can do work that benefits their community. This shows them that their lives are important now and sets a foundation for becoming active citizens in adulthood.



We may never know all the good a simple smile can do. May no one ever come to you without going away better and happier. May everyone see kindness in your face, in your eyes, and in your smile. Love is a fruit in season at all times.

-Mother Theresa

#### Clover Connection

**Head** - Make sound decisions.

**Heart** - Be loyal and care about your community.

**Hands** - Do something productive.

**Health** - Take care of those that may be in