



4-H CHARACTER CONNECTIONS

A 4-H Citizenship Newsletter

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what are you doing?

Help collect 1 MILLION pull tabs!

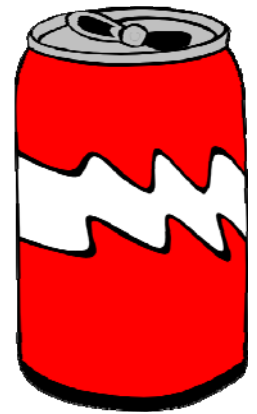
Here's a great way to recycle and raise money for a great cause! The 4-H Citizenship Board is challenging 4-H clubs to collect soda can pull tabs in support of the Ronald McDonald Houses of Louisiana.

Use a clean recycled milk jug or coffee can to collect your tabs.

Be sure to place a collection box near your school vending machines, too! Make posters to encourage all your classmates to participate.

We'll collect them for recycling each month and post results on the website.

The collection runs through May 1, 2010.



WINDOW BOX OMK Hero Blankets

WANTED: Reading Mentors

WHO: 9-12 grade 4-Hers

WHAT: Mentor Workshop

WHEN: December 10

The Teen Mentoring program will begin in January. Get your supplies and backpacks at the workshop. Shirts will be ordered when training is completed.

OMK = Operation Military Kids, a 4-H program that supports kids who have family members deployed in the armed services.

The Hero Blankets project is a simple no-sew idea for children 0-4 years old. Each blanket is wrapped around a stuffed animal to present to the family along with some military family resources and information. As the parent is leaving the child is given this huggable to hang on to.

This is a great 4-H Club project! One yard of fleece fabric will make 2 blankets. Members can collect money to purchase the fleece and have a workshop to make the blankets.

Directions are posted online and available from the 4-H Office. Let us know if you would like to get involved and volunteers will lend a hand.

The Hero Blankets will be given out for January deployments.



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Be the Change!

"Everybody needs a hug!
It changes your metabolism."

-Leo Buscaglia

British rail passengers may be well known for their indifference to others, but 112 total strangers put aside their usual cultural reserve to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people hugging for 60 seconds. Find out more at <http://www.dailygood.org/more.php?n=3921>

Hug as many people as you can today. There's a pretty good chance you'll get lots of hugs in return!

Character Counts!

D	P	R	O	M	I	S	E	S	U	Y	Y	X	Accountable
G	E	P	E	R	S	O	N	B	O	N	T	N	Citizenship
W	R	T	I	S	U	Y	D	T	Y	L	S	E	Community
H	S	E	E	H	P	P	E	S	K	U	E	Y	Determination
A	E	I	S	R	S	E	R	U	N	F	N	T	Hard Work
R	V	L	N	P	M	N	C	R	A	H	O	I	Helpful
D	E	A	P	C	O	I	E	T	H	T	H	N	Honesty
W	R	W	N	F	E	N	N	Z	T	U	R	U	Laws
O	A	S	E	L	U	R	S	A	I	R	M	M	Obey
R	N	Y	E	B	O	L	E	I	T	T	C	M	Perseverance
K	C	T	E	S	A	E	L	P	B	I	I	O	Person
V	E	S	U	C	C	E	S	S	G	L	O	C	Please
E	L	B	A	T	N	U	O	C	C	A	E	N	Promises
													Respect
													Responsible
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													Thank You
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Holiday Cards for Seniors

Each year a local senior care facility sponsors an Angel Tree. Ornaments with resident's names are hung on the tree with a secret wish attached. Local citizens and businesses select an ornament and become a "secret Santa" for each resident.

Once the ornaments are gone, the tree is left bare...but not for long!

Once again the 4-H Teen Leadership Club will sponsor holiday cards and candy canes to decorate the tree.

If you would like to send a holiday greeting to senior resident, drop by the 4-H Office to pick out a card beginning December 10th. (We're looking for card donations too. Drop off any unused cards you have on hand from previous years.)

Seniors like getting cards from youth and hearing about the things you like to do, your favorite hobbies, books and music, and holiday wishes. We need cards and gifts for 125 seniors.

You may want to include a small gift with your card, such as:

- Hand lotion
- Vaseline
- Lip balm
- Brush/comb
- Hair products
- Shaving products
- Scented soaps
- Bath/Shower gel
- Socks
- Slippers
- Knit hat/scarf

We'll drop off our donations on the 19th before we leave for the Teen Leadership Trip.

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