



## Natchitoches Parish 4-H Character Counts Poster Contest DUE: February 27, 2009



### Purpose

- Learn about the six pillars of Character Counts.
- Demonstrate communication skills by drawing a poster encouraging or promoting the use of one of the six pillars of Character Counts in our everyday lives.
- Share their knowledge with others.

### Who Can Enter:

- Any bonafide 4-H club member. A 4-H club member is allowed to win each division only once.

### Divisions:

- Division I - 4th, 5th and 6th grades
- Division II - 7th and 8th
- Division III - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades

### Official Rules and Regulations:

4-H club members to draw a poster encouraging or promoting the use of one of the six pillars of Character Counts in our everyday lives.

1. Poster design must be made on 22" X 28" poster board ONLY.
2. DO NOT ATTACH anything to the poster that is more than ½" thick.
3. Do not use jingles, slogans, signs or pictures that are trademark or copyright protected on the poster.
4. You may research Character Counts at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) and [www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org).
5. BE SURE to print name, address, grade in school, school/club name and parish on back of the poster in the upper right-hand corner.
6. The posters turned in become the property of Natchitoches parish 4-H and may be displayed in local public places.
7. Be creative. This is an opportunity for you to build upon what Ms. Laura has taught at your club meetings.
8. The six pillars of Character Counts are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. (See explanation of each of the back of this sheet)
9. Scorecard can be found on the back of this handout.

### Awards:

Certificates will be awarded for first, second, third place in each division.



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**6 Pillars of Character!**

**Trustworthiness:** Be honest, don't deceive, cheat or steal; be reliable-do what you say you'll do; Have the courage to do the right thing; be loyal-stand by your family, friends and country.

**Respect:** Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule; be tolerant of differences; Use good manners, not bad language; don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone; Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

**Responsibility:** Do what you are supposed to do; Persevere: keep on trying!; Always do your best; Use self-control, be self-disciplined; Think before you act-consider the consequences; be accountable for your choices.

**Fairness:** Play by the rules; Take turns and share; be open-minded; listen to others; don't take advantage of others; don't blame others carelessly.

**Caring:** Be kind; be compassionate and show you care; Express gratitude; forgive others; Help people in need.

**Citizenship:** Do your share to make your school and community better; cooperate; Stay informed; Vote; be a good neighbor; Obey laws and rules; Respect authority; protect the environment.

**Character Counts! Poster Contest Score Card**

Total of 10 points

- \_\_\_\_\_/5      Poster encourages or promotes the use of one of the six pillars of Character Counts in our everyday lives.. (5 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_/1      Used a 22'X 28' Poster Board-1/4 of a poster board(1 point)
- \_\_\_\_\_/1      Did not attach anything to the poster that is more than ½' thick (1 point)
- \_\_\_\_\_/1      Artistic (1 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_/1      Has the Character Word(s) printed on the poster clearly (1 point)
- \_\_\_\_\_/1      On back of poster appropriate information was given (1 point):  
Name  
Mailing Address  
Grade  
School/Club Name  
Parish