4-H Kids are Cleaning up the Earth

Youth from the 4-H Cloverbud Club, which is a group for 5-8 year olds, have been making their community a better place to live. This club is a joint venture with youth from Bryson City and Cherokee. The Cloverbud Club was honored by being selected to participate in the 2009 Youth Service Challenge. This endeavor is sponsored by Cherokee Reservation Cooperative Extension and funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

The youth began by getting together and brainstorming what they wanted their world to look like. They came up with some great ideas and decided that they could make a difference!

These passionate youth have been cleaning up your community parks and planting trees. Three trees were planted at the Acquoni Family Park in Cherokee, and then three more at the Swain County Recreation baseball fields. Youth and parents alike cleaned up both of these parks, separating trash and recycling.

The trees that the kids have planted are also a part of the “4-H Million Trees” project to help combat global climate change. This is an effort to help reduce atmospheric CO2. This project was created by a California 4-H’er, and she has set a goal of planting one million trees across the continent. So far with the help of 4-Hers in clubs worldwide, over 72,000 trees have been planted.

But wait the kids aren’t done yet......... Keep posted for upcoming news on visits to nursing homes and recycled bird feeders!