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## Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe cadets hit community milestone

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – The cadets with the 10th class of the Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe Program have contributed more than 40 hours of personal service and service projects to Wyoming communities over the past four months and the program has contributed more than 14,600 hours since its inception.

“Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe cadets earn their GED, learn life skills needed as they become adults and give back to Wyoming communities by assisting during their residential phase and for years after they graduate,” said Don Smith, Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe Program director.

As cadets, the teenagers learn about different aspects of Wyoming through classes, tours and service projects. Each cadet volunteers no less than 40 hours during the five-month course.

The services the cadets have provided range from volunteering with veterans organizations to helping animal rescue programs.

The program helps to instill the value of responsible citizenship and show the cadets, all of whom are high school dropouts, that service provides its own rewards. For Wyoming, the cadet’s efforts, since the program began, translated into \$109,600 worth of effort, with more community service projects planned.

The Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe program currently has 23 students enrolled and is accepting applications for Class 11.

Class 11 begins Jan. 9, 2011. Youth ages 16-18 years old, male or female, who have dropped out of high school may apply. For application information, contact the program’s admissions officer, Adam Benson, at 307-836-7512, or visit [www.wyomingyouthchallenge.com](http://www.wyomingyouthchallenge.com).

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100911-O-9999J-122 – Cadets with the Wyoming Youth Challenge Program honor veterans at a veterans memorial in Guernsey, Wyo., Sept. 11. Cadets come from across Wyoming to the Camp Guernsey based program to earn their GEDs and learn life skills. Cadets have volunteered more than 14,600 hours of service to Wyoming communities. The Wyoming Youth Challenge program currently has 23 students enrolled and is accepting applications for Class 11. Class 11 begins Jan. 9, 2011. Youth ages 16-18 years old, male or female, who have dropped out of high school may apply. For application information, contact the program's admissions officer, Adam Benson, at 307-836-7512, or visit [www.wyomingyouthchallenge.com](http://www.wyomingyouthchallenge.com).