NorState’s Youth Program Characters

**Meet NorState’s Family….TREE**

**Oak TREE – Father**

Oak is a Forest Management Engineer. He’s married to Maple and they have 3 children: Spruce, Apple and Acorn. When Oak is not working he enjoys trimming and pruning shrubs around the family yard and watching Acorn grow.

**Maple TREE – Mother**

Maple is a colorful character with a home based business, Maple’s Candies. When she is not producing maple syrup, sugar, butter and more…she enjoys caring for the family’s three children which is a full time job in itself. Maple says her great parenting skills can be attributed to great advice from Grandma Willow.

**Willow TREE – Grandmother**

A long standing icon to the TREE family, Willow is a gentle soul who enjoys being a grandmother to all. Wise and a great storyteller, Willow enjoys the outdoors, nature and a warm summer breeze.

**Spruce TREE – Teenage Son (14)**

Spruce loves the outdoors and his favorite past-time is snowmobiling or riding ATV, depending on the season. He enjoys bringing his best friend and pet, Dogwood along for the adventures.

**Apple TREE - Daughter (8)**

Apple is a well-mannered girlie-girl. She loves flowers and collecting them as well as leaves for pressing in books and doing dried floral artwork. Her favorite food is grandma Willow’s apple dumplings. She loves taking care of her baby brother, Acorn, and help her mom Maple during the spring time sugar water rush. Apple’s favorite color is green and her favorite pastime is cross-pollenating with other apple-like friends.

**Acorn TREE – Baby boy (2)**

ACORN is just a little TREE trying to grow big and strong in a big forest. He’s fascinated by birds and thinks squirrels tickle. Father Oak is proud of both his 2 evergreen sons.

**Dogwood – family dog**

Dogwood is an older dog, who has been in the Tree family for a few years. He still has some spunk left in him…as he tries to follow his boy Spruce and is very curious about the new member of the Tree family, Acorn. He loves to nip at Apple, which upsets her and makes Spruce give him a treat for some unknown reason. Dogwood is a true TREE family dog.