

WYOMING CHARACTER



that's what we're made of

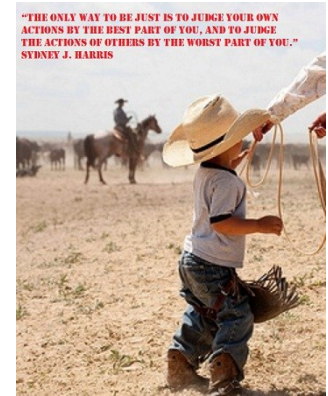


Be Tough But Fair

Character Counts

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Fairness



What does this mean? Tough, but fair means to uphold and enforce standards without being biased. Being accountable for your own actions. Only one thing is clear when it comes to fairness: it is often a matter of perception. Although some decisions are clearly unfair, there is often more than one fair choice. Listen to the views of others with openness, and expect to be heard with equal respect. Don't focus on who is right but on what is right for all concerned. Seek not to overpower but to empower.

Fairness in 4-H

Fairness Do's

- ◆ Treat all people fairly.
- ◆ Listen to others and try to understand what they are feeling and saying.
- ◆ Consider all the facts, including opposing views, before making a decision.
- ◆ Make impartial decisions, using the same criteria, rules, or standards for everyone.
- ◆ Correct your mistakes.

Fairness Don'ts

- ◆ Don't take advantage of other people's mistakes or ignorance.
- ◆ Don't take more than your fair share.
- ◆ Don't let personal preferences, prejudices or other feelings improperly interfere with decisions which should be based on merit.

The Jury Is In

A jury's job is to make a fair decision. Have students work as a jury to decide the fairness of each statement. If the group can't agree you may try to convince them to change their minds based on your opinion. But, you must reach a consensus, meaning only one group judgment per statement. For each statement write agree or disagree & why.

1. An allowance should be based on doing chores around the house.
2. Sometimes promises have to be broken.
3. When sharing, everyone should get an equal amount.
4. If my friends can do something, then I should be able to also.

Clover Connection

My head to clearer thinking

Be open-minded

My heart to greater loyalty

Be fair and just

My hands to larger service

Take only your fair share leaving enough for others

My health to better living

Treat others fairly to boost your own self esteem

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

The Golden Rule