

Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program

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Promoting Good Sportsmanship

Helping good kids become good sports

4-H teaches young people how to become contributing, competent, and capable adults.

Parents can help by setting a good example and demonstrating the qualities of good sportsmanship before, during, and after competitions.

Tips for good sportsmanship

- Do not boo, heckle, or make insulting comments.
- Praise your children and their friends.
- Keep quiet during all introductions and announcements.
- Do not leave an event immediately after your child finishes competing.
- Be polite. Use constructive criticism in private and compliment in public.
- Do not block other people's views when taking pictures or video taping.
- Be honest and respectful, using good judgment and acceptable language at all times.
- Do not sit or stand in aisles or main traffic areas.
- Don't litter.

Teach and encourage your child to:

- Follow rules
- Be honest and fair in words and actions
- Treat people and animals with kindness and respect
- Be prompt for all events during competition
- Accept judges' suggestions and results with a positive attitude
- Congratulate the winners
- Represent the county with pride, leaving a good impression with others
- Refrain from complaining or blaming others when he or she doesn't win
- Be proud of accomplishments but not to brag or act conceited Say thank you