

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 videotaping.
- ✿ 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