Job Description for the Parent As Cheerleader

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Under the general direction of heredity, environment, learned parenting skills and self, during all varieties and types of unbearable stress moments, The Parent as Cheerleader is concerned with ‘imperfect’ effectiveness versus maximum ‘greatness’ in plugging for their child’s success in the ‘game of life.’

Persons taking this job will no doubt be called upon to serve as pre-game trainer in many instances. If found remaining on the field for a long period of time, once the game has gotten under way, they will be penalized by having to take all of the blame should the team lose.

While they may be called on to ‘referee’ at certain points in the game, persons taking this job are cautioned to re-read the authoritative textbook on Children’s Laws which states:

While you sit in judgement of your children,
your children sit in judgement of you.

Finally, while the major function of this job is cheerleading, responsibilities will rotate around team captain, coach, general manager and ball-boy functions as well.

SPECIFIC JOB ASSIGNMENTS

THE PARENT AS CHEERLEADER:

Aims to understand the purposes of the child’s misbehavior vs. simply reacting to the misbehavior itself.

Attempts to gain the cooperation of the child during friendly moments vs. demanding compliance from the child in the midst of conflict.

Aims to develop control over their own decision-making behavior in the face of the child’s misbehavior vs. attempting to control the child’s behavior as a means of discipline.