

Teamwork Mentality

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Click, click, click, click! Right after the drumsticks' sounds, all the instruments start to play melodies. After the astonishing performance, we left the stage to a big cheer. Those beautiful memories are still swinging in my head.

A few years ago, I belonged to a school music band. All of us were beginners at first, yet we reached our precious goal. It was my best teamwork ever. When I looked back on this experience, I realized that something important drove us to become so strong as less confident beginners. That is teamwork mentality, which means the way of thinking as a team. You know, we also have a lot of teamwork at school. With a good teamwork mentality, a team can produce fantastic results from ordinary elements. And it will make team activity more efficient and fun. Today I'm going to tell you how to build a teamwork mentality from what I learned in my music band.

One day, we practiced our own instruments together. At that time, we found that the guitar player made mistakes and stopped playing in same part again and again. Then I suggested to him how to rearrange only that part to make it simpler. And the drummer said that mistake would not be conspicuous in a heartfelt performance. I thought we might fail if we changed the whole part, but in the end, we changed the guitar part into something simple but powerful. After that, the music became smoother, and all the members felt more excited and had a stronger connection. This was because not only did the guitar part improve, but also everyone threw away the anxiety of making mistakes. I could not imagine what would happen if everyone blamed that guitar player, and put him in a stressful situation. Fortunately, we did not consider the mistake as one member's fault, instead, we turned it into success by backing each other up. What I want to say is that the power of support and encouragement of team members is one of the keys to building a good teamwork mentality.

I remember the day of the live concert, we didn't practice together. Instead, we played hide-and-seek, drew pictures on the blackboard, and played whatever we wanted. Through those amusements, we created a friendly atmosphere before the approaching intense performance. Having some fun with teammates made our team bond stronger and gave us momentum as we headed for our goal. After 4 clicks -the drummer's signal, we concentrated well and started the performance with the best state of mind. Though there were some small mistakes, every member performed with great confidence. This is the second point I learned from my team on how to build a teamwork mentality, which is fostering a positive and friendly teamwork environment.

I'd like to conclude my presentation by highlighting two key aspects of how to build an excellent teamwork mentality. A successful team not only needs the support of each other since they share the same level of responsibilities and rights as a team, but it also requires a favorable environment to boost the bond of team members. Thank you.