

Springtime

Spring tends to be a busy season here at the Character Counts In Iowa office. 

Our Calendar of Events is full of great opportunities, plus we are just announcing our summer workshop schedule.

In case you haven't had time to take a look:

April 16: An All Star Evening

April 27: Character Counts Day at the Ballpark Don't forget – if you get your tickets ordered before April 15, you'll be entered into a drawing to throw out the first pitch!

May 4: Exercise Your Character Day

May 7: Chick-fil-A Leadercast

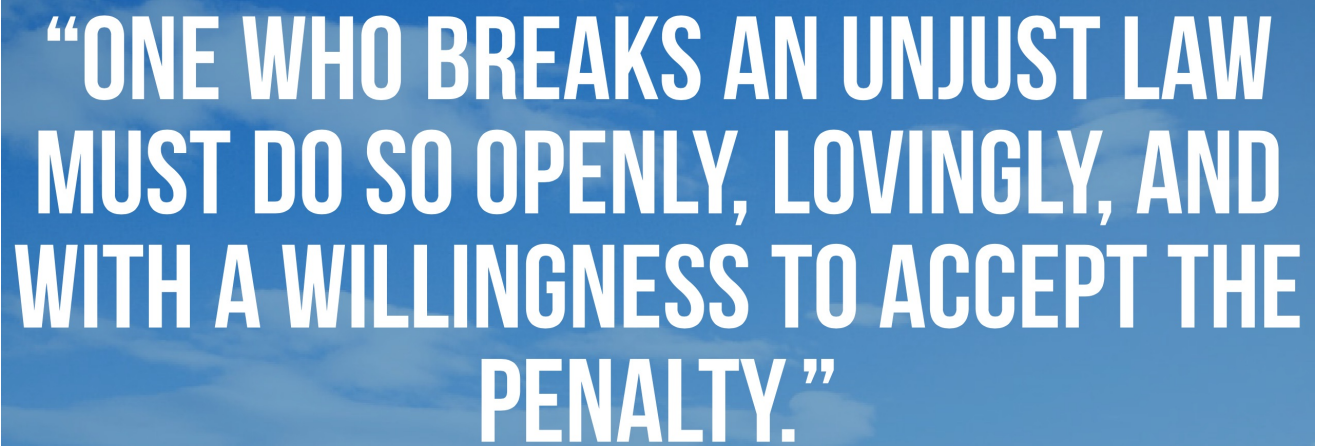
June 17: The first day of our summer workshop season! Check out the full calendar to see the complete schedule.

July 8: Iowa Character Award nominations are due.

Of course, throughout the spring and summer, we'll continue to post to this blog, and our Twitter & Facebook accounts to share information and resources with you.

Happy Spring!

Willful defiance



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There are many reasons why we find it easy to break certain laws (especially when we think we won't get caught).

- We don't understand the purpose behind the law
- We understand the purpose but still think it is dumb
- We understand the purpose and agree it's sensible, but we don't want to pay the price of complying

And then, of course, there are the laws that we disobey because we believe them to be unjust. Sometimes a willful defiance of the law is morally justified as a means of protesting unjust laws.

From Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 1963:

“One who breaks an unjust law must do so openly, lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the penalty. I submit that an individual who breaks a law that his conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is really expressing the highest respect for the law.”