



## SPARK

*(Youth Submission)*

**What is your “Spark” in 4-H and why? What action step(s) have you taken or do you plan to take to help this spark become a flame?**

A spark is a passion for a self-identified interest or skill, or a capacity that metaphorically lights a fire in a young person’s life, providing energy, joy, purpose and direction. It is different than just a mere leisure activity in that:

1. **Sparks create actions** that not only contribute to the benefit of the young person, but also society at large;
2. **Sparks provide the intrinsic fuel** for a young person’s growth in knowledge and skill;
3. **Sparks enhance a young person’s networks** as he or she encounters others with similar sparks, particularly adults with expertise who can facilitate learning and opportunities for engagement.

For more information about Facilitating Youth Sparks:

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