

SPARK.

Student Pathways to **A**dventure, **R**esilience & **K**nowledge
an after-school & summer program for ages 12-18.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

3:30- 7:00

beginning Sept. 24

LOCATION:

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YOUTH CENTER**

ON THE CORNER OF VAUGHN AVE AND 3RD ST.

(SPARK has no religious affiliation)

WE ALSO UTILIZE

THE BRETTEG COMMUNITY CENTER

skateboarding, rock climbing,
canoeing, kayaking, cooking,
fishing, reading, beading,
coding, fly tying, board games,
music lessons, martial arts,
parkour, gymnastics, film
making, theater, sewing,
costume design, puppetry,
drumming, baaga'adowewin,
yoga, dance, DJ-ing, archery,
school of rock, field trips,
slack-lining, crossfit, painting,
graphic design, sculpture,
pottery, blacksmithing,
mountain biking, concerts, wild
ricing, BMX, sports, sailing,
beat-boxing

THE ONLY LIMIT IS OUR IMAGINATION!

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The SPARK after-school and summer program is the result of many local agencies, organizations, and individuals collaborating to create a fun, safe, inspiring, adventurous space for tweens and teens to ignite their inner superhero.

The goal is for students to build personal resilience by discovering activities that “light them up,” and get them excited about life! **Research has shown that teens who develop healthy relationships with positive adults and who find activities and pursuits that they are passionate about are less likely to engage with drugs, alcohol, smoking and other risky behaviors.**

Our mentors will be working with the students to help them learn about themselves, what they are passionate about and how to pursue those interests in healthy ways. The youth who participate will be exposed regularly to new activities, lessons, games, sports, hobbies, and skills. Much of the programming will be tailored to the interests of the students who are involved.

Details:

- * *The program is open to students ages 12 and up.*
- * *There is no cost to participate in the program.*
- * *The hours are currently **Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-7:00.** beginning **Tuesday Sept 24th.***
- * *Students can walk to the Bretting Center with a SPARK mentor after school, or walk there on their own.*
- * *Transportation home (including Marengo and Bad River) at 6:00pm and 7:00pm via BART is available for students who are interested.*

To register your child for the program, please fill out the form found at: bit.ly/spark-reg

If you have questions, please call the **SPARK program coordinator, Scott Griffiths at 715.255.0509.**

This project is the collaborative effort of Ashland County Health and Human Services, UW Extension 4-H the City of Ashland Parks and Rec Department, the School District of Ashland, Northland College’s SOEI, Bay Area Rural Transit and this year we are contracting with the United Presbyterian Congregational Church for the use of their Youth Center space as the new home of the SPARK after-school program. SPARK has no religious affiliation. SPARK is made possible with a generous grant from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families-Brighter Futures Initiative.

We hope to see your student soon!
Sincerely,

Scott Griffiths

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

- skateboarding
- rock climbing
- canoeing
- kayaking
- cooking
- fishing
- reading
- beading
- coding
- fly tying
- board games
- music lessons
- martial arts
- parkour
- gymnastics
- film making
- sewing
- costume design
- puppetry
- African drumming
- yoga
- dance
- DJ-ing
- archery
- school of rock
- field trips
- slack-lining
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