



## *Today's Spark Awards Dinner*

*April 13th, 2018*

### Nomination Form

This year Outdoor Journeys and Camp Fire are honoring this year's *Today's Spark Awards* at its fourth Annual Fund-Raising Dinner, honoring the amazing individuals, business owners, and community leaders striving to better Inland Southern California's youth, families, and communities.

Please nominate a deserving individual for one of the following awards, one who best fulfills the majority of the criteria below.

- I. **Today's Spark, Tomorrow's Fire--Demonstrating Outstanding Youth Leadership &/or Achievement**  
Our children are our futures. The Spark Award in this category will be presented to the individual child or young adult (7-21) who has best demonstrated:
  - Leadership beyond their years
  - Achieved beyond their years, such as one who has started a profitable business and/or non-profit
  - Impacted the community in a positive way through their actions
  - Their endeavors prove sustainability
  
- II. **Today's Power Spark--Empowering Youth Through Education**  
Knowledge is a factor in creating future leaders. However, applied knowledge is power. This Spark Award reflects an educator whose:
  - Passion creates excitement in the classroom
  - Teaching skills impact their students to go beyond learning and have the ability to apply what they've learned
  - Commitment and caring attitude instills hope for the future, preparation to face and conquer adversity, and confidence to succeed in the real world.
  - Reputation is one that could be summed up as, "Loved by their students."
  
- III. **Today's Well-Being Spark--Healing and Saving Children Through Healthcare**  
Not all of us have the privilege of pristine health, and some are burdened with disease and disorder. The Well-Being Spark will be awarded to an individual in the field of medicine for their ability to:
  - Works as a Board-Certified Physician, Surgeon, Dentist, Nurse, Psychologist, Nutritionist, or any professional who has demonstrated their ability to impact the well-being of our youth
  - Assist our youth in achieving optimum health, perhaps not perfect health, but the best health that particular child/young adult can achieve
  - Create relationships with the patients/clients, further demonstrating support at the psychological level
  - Make a positive impact on the community with their practice

#### IV. Today's Leadership Spark--Creating Leaders Through Youth Enrichment

The world as we know it now is limitless. Providing our youth with experiences outside of the classroom further prepares them to succeed in a global arena. The Today's Leadership Spark Award will go to the individual who best fulfills the following criteria:

- Works with youth organizations, such as sports programs, art programs, youth armed services training (e.g. ROTC, CAP, etc.) and others aimed at youth enrichment
- Teaches how to work together towards a common goal
- Imparts knowledge, a safe space to learn, and a mentoring spirit
- Guides our youth into developing their own individual skills and talents

#### V. Today's Community Service Spark--Nurturing Our Youth by Giving a Helping Hand

Over the last few years, the economic crises have brought on a deluge of challenges to communities and families. Our youth are often overlooked and/or ignored. This award celebrates the achievements of one who:

- Builds a "bridge" for the youth so they are included when they may have been excluded due to their circumstances. (e.g. pastors, foster parents, counsellors, non-profit organizations, etc.)
- Provides our youth resources and opportunities to learn skills enabling them to surpass their adversity and thrive
- Rescues our youth from unsafe, hazardous, and/or abusive environments
- Supports our youth in redirecting them from criminal or dangerous activities and providing a safe place for them

Nominate someone for one or more of these awards by completing the attached form for each nominee. Submit it to Sandra Rutherford at [Sandra@campfiretoday.org](mailto:Sandra@campfiretoday.org). PLEASE PUT **SPARK AWARD NOMINATION** IN THE SUBJECT LINE!

Awardees will be announced on or around February 14, 2018.

For more information about Camp Fire, please call (909) 982-5400 or visit our website at [www.campfiretoday.org](http://www.campfiretoday.org)

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Who are you nominating?

For which award are you nominating this person?

How has this nominee demonstrated the characteristics required to receive such an award? Why do you believe the nominee deserves this award?

What do you believe sets this nominee apart from the others?

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**Nominator's Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit this form, a brief 125 word or less bio of your nominee, and a jpeg photo to [Sandra@campfiretoday.org](mailto:Sandra@campfiretoday.org) no later than January 31, 2018. For more information about The Spark Awards, please call (909) 982-5400 or visit our website at [www.campfiretoday.org](http://www.campfiretoday.org)***