Is SPARK a good fit for me?

The SPARK program is a good fit for people who enjoy working with young children, and who genuinely want to make an impact in their community. The ability to read is a crucial skill in early education. Students who fail to reach grade level in reading by the time they finish 3rd grade, have a significantly more difficult time catching up to their peers as they get older. SPARK tutors get to help these struggling readers by providing in-school tutoring on a consistent basis. In addition to the reading gains SPARK students make, they form long-lasting personal bonds with their tutors that go beyond the building blocks of literacy.

SPARK Early Literacy Program

For more information on the SPARK Early Literacy Program, 2013, send questions to SPARK@boysgirlsclubs.org

Our mission is to inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

To apply for a SPARK position or for other job listings at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, please visit www.boysgirlsclubs.org, and click on the “employment” tab.

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The SPARK Early Literacy Program is an opportunity to earn some money, and spend time in the Milwaukee Public School system helping young students who need it the most. The SPARK Early Literacy Program is a part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. SPARK tutors work one on one with struggling readers in grades K5-3rd, at one of 10 different Milwaukee Public Schools located throughout the city. Tutors work with the same students at the same school through the duration of the year. This position requires tutors to work 13-15 hours per week for the entire school year.

How does the program work?
As a SPARK tutor, you will be trained and mentored to develop a 30 minute lesson plan for each of your students, three times per week. Trainings are continuous, and our curriculum is developed in conjunction with Dr. Ruth Short from the UW-Milwaukee School of Education.

The chance to work one-on-one with students gives future teachers and community members the benefit of seeing the inner-workings of the Milwaukee Public School system, and seeing student progress helps build your confidence as well.

For education majors, or those considering the field of education, the program gives you a great experience which will help you in the future.

What do I need to do?
If you are seriously considering the SPARK Program, consider arranging your fall schedule so that you have 3 full days of open availability during the MPS school day (between 8AM and 2:30 PM). Only applicants with three days of availability will be considered for positions.

How does AmeriCorps fit in?
The SPARK Program is offered as an AmeriCorps service opportunity. As an AmeriCorps member, you are building a service resume and deferring college expense. The experience will be absolutely life-changing, and open doors you never imagined. For more information about AmeriCorps visit americorps.gov.

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