



SPARK THE WAVE'S ROOTS

- Born in 2004 by a dedicated group of volunteers.
- 100 years of combined experience in the youth service field.
- 3/4 of the volunteer staff are high school or college students.

MISSION

- To empower youth through educational programs to be great volunteers and community leaders.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- We believe every teen deserves a chance to change the world through service and learn what it means to be a great citizen.

HOW IS SPARK THE WAVE DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE?

- Seminars (1/2 day to multi-day leadership institutes) & a 6-day camp (*WAVE WEEK*)
- Mentoring (For any teen that completes *WAVE WEEK* or one of our seminars)

WHAT WILL THE YOUTH LEARN?

- Topics: communication, leadership, group dynamics, motivation, diversity awareness, project planning, conflict resolution, fundraising, personality assessment and more.
- Curriculum: experiencing the lessons, not enduring long lectures.
- Participants: plan a project and perform community service at the camp.

HOW IS THIS GOING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY?

- Teens who volunteer do better in school, are less likely to get into trouble and report higher satisfaction with their lives.
- 2/3 of today's adult volunteers began volunteering when they were youth.

HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS DOES SPARK THE WAVE REACH?

- Our goal is to meaningfully engage 1700 teens in 2008.

WHAT IS SPARK THE WAVE'S BUDGET?

- Our budget for FY 2008 is \$175,000.
- Greater than 80% goes directly towards program delivery.

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