



Spark a Mind News and Events

Party News

Summer is a great time for a science party, whether for a birthday or another occasion. We now offer more high-voltage excitement with new Tesla coil electricity and magnetic levitation demonstrations!

Pick a party theme or talk to us about adapting to your child's current interests. All presentations will be adjusted according to the ages of the participants:

- ❖ Sparks Fly Electricity.
- ❖ Goey, Gaseous, Hot and Cold Chemistry.
- ❖ Defying Gravity with CO₂-Powered Rockets, Centripetal Force and Bouncy Things (best done outside).
- ❖ Magnetism, Motors and Levitation.
- ❖ The Power of Wind and Water with a Flying or Floating Construction Project (one of the following: boat, sail boat, glider, or hot air balloon).
- ❖ Dinosaurs and Volcanoes (includes dinosaur dig and nontoxic chemical eruptions).

Call **(707) 893-7654** or email info@sparkamind.com for more information or to start planning.

Workshops in the Works

We are currently planning with several cities' parks and recreation departments to offer workshops all around Sonoma County starting next autumn. Stay tuned...

New Blog Articles

[Nature and Children](#), May 25, 2012

[Nearby Winners – California State Science Fair](#), May 6, 2012

Thought for the Day

"The problem, often not discovered until late in life, is that when you look for things in life like love, meaning, motivation, it implies they are sitting behind a tree or under a rock. The most successful people in life recognize, that in life they create their own love, they manufacture their own meaning, they generate their own motivation.

"For me, I am driven by two main philosophies, know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."

— Neil deGrasse Tyson, PhD, Astrophysicist
(2012 response on Reddit to the question, "What can you tell a young man looking for motivation in life itself?")
http://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/comments/qccer/i_am_neil_degrasse_tyson_ask_me_anything/c3wgcif

Warm Regards,

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