

# 50 WAYS TO CREATE SUMMER SPARKS

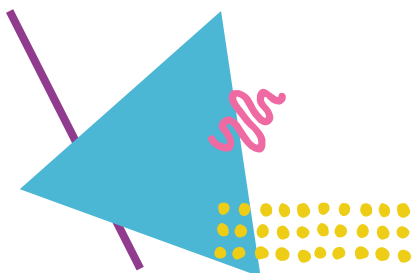
Help your family remember to do good for other kids and families, the environment or animals, or in your community over the summer. These #SparkGoodness ideas were provided by T. A. Barron community members. If you enter your family's Spark ideas on [www.sparkgoodness.com](http://www.sparkgoodness.com), you could win monthly prizes through October 2018.

## ▶ HELPING ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- ▣ Research an endangered animal and share what you learn with friends. (Laurie G.)
- ▣ Grow your own small veggies or herbs in a garden or container. Share your harvest with others! (Themis G.)
- ▣ Help animals by volunteering at an animal clinic or shelter. (Laurie G.)
- ▣ Help a neighbor or friend look for a lost pet. (Keagan M.)
- ▣ Volunteer with a conservation or environmental cleanup effort in your community. (Grason H.)
- ▣ Foster a pet from a no-kill shelter until they find their "forever" home. (Gaia G.)
- ▣ During harsh weather, leave food or water out for neighborhood pets. (Angelica C.)
- ▣ Out for a walk? Tuck a bag into your pocket and pick up trash you spot along the way. (Owen S.)
- ▣ Gather friends and family and spend an afternoon picking up trash in a local park, trail, or walkway. (Grason H.)
- ▣ Show kindness! Instead of killing a bug or pest, release it outdoors. (Amethyst S.)
- ▣ Remember to bring reusable bags to the store the next time your family shops. (T. A. Barron)
- ▣ Plant a tree, shrub, or some flowers in your yard or garden. (T. A. Barron)

## ▶ HELPING OTHER KIDS AND FAMILIES

- Send a handmade card to a friend/family member who doesn't live nearby. (Olivia G.)
- Help a friend or family member who is facing physical challenges with his or her daily tasks. (Shirley H.)
- Give a friend a reason to smile by telling them how much their friendship means to you. (Ashley T.)
- Entertain a baby or young child while his or her parent does chores around the house. (Tevin J.)
- Help a younger child who is learning to skate or ride a bike. (Grason H.)
- Teach a friend or relative how to play a new game, or learn a new craft. (Casey W.)
- Read a story to a child younger than you. (Jacqueline M.)
- Volunteer your time to read to younger children at a local library. (Eva G.)
- Bring some candies or sweet treats to share with your whole class or activity group. (Bonnie W.)
- Make small craft gifts to share with those you love. (Linda B.)
- Put aside a few dollars a month to sponsor a hungry child. (Liesa H.)
- Introduce your favorite childhood story to a young reader. (Elizabeth F.)
- Give new parents a break by bringing them a home-cooked meal. (Kelly N.)
- Help raise money for children in poverty. (Erik R.)



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## ▶ HELPING PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY

- ▶ Donate gently-used clothes or blankets to a local cold-weather shelter. (Annaliese H.)
- ▶ Offer to help an elderly neighbor with a task. (Michelle M.)
- ▶ Are you an expert at a hobby? Volunteer to teach an instructional class at your local library! (Jason O.)
- ▶ Bake something and deliver it to a neighbor. (Lauren S.)
- ▶ Volunteer at a school dance, fundraiser, or spirit event. (Jacqueline M.)
- ▶ Offer to care for a neighbor's pets while they are on vacation. (Mandolin O.)
- ▶ Have a yard sale and donate the profits to your favorite charity. (Natalie T.)
- ▶ Say a special thank you to a doctor or nurse who showed you extraordinary care. (Linda B.)
- ▶ Offer to help a neighbor with yard work or household chores. (Casey W.)
- ▶ If you know an older person with yard chores, offer to help shovel, rake, or mow! (Charley H.)
- ▶ Volunteer to help deliver hot meals to local seniors or healthcare patients. (Josh B.)
- ▶ Collect donations for needy families in your community. (Maureen A.)
- ▶ Gather your used books and donate them to a local library or charity. (T. A. Barron)

## ▶ RANDOM SPARKS OF GOODNESS

- ◎ Give a long-distance "hug" by sending a friend a card or unexpected gift. (Karen A.)
- ◎ Go out of your way to say "thank you" to someone who showed you kindness or a friendly face. (Jacqueline M.)
- ◎ Offer to help someone at the supermarket who is struggling to carry their bags. (Paul T.)
- ◎ Take time to give directions to a tourist or someone new to your city. (Aaron E.)
- ◎ Surprise a neighbor by sweeping their driveway or raking their yard. (Casey W.)
- ◎ Give a child a few "make a wish" pennies next time you see a public fountain. (Lindsey J.)
- ◎ Compliment someone on their drawing or artwork. (Elaine W.)
- ◎ Treat a stranger! Leave a few coins on or near a vending machine. (Bill B.)
- ◎ Surprise a friend with an anonymous gift, just to see the smile on their face, then keep the secret! (Tracey F.)
- ◎ Show sportsmanship during team events by congratulating a player from another team for their efforts. (Cori J.)
- ◎ Open a lemonade stand on a hot day - and give out the lemonade for free! (T. A. Barron)

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