



Spark Ignite is a NEW program at Spark Homeschool Academy designed for students 11-17 who are wanting MORE out of their homeschool cooperative experience.

10:00-10:30 Morning Activities

****IGNITE SESSION****

10:35 - 10:55 Group Discussion

10:55 - 12:10 Choice of Activity

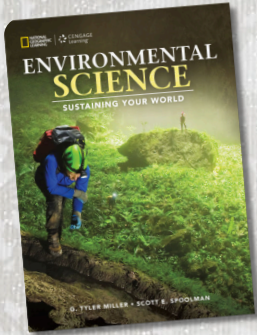
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch

1:15 - 2:00 Regular Mixed-Age
Class Option



Students enrolled in the Ignite program will join together with all ages and families in the morning for group activities before heading to a separate facility, the Wieboldt building, with the Ignite teachers to begin their lessons.

Spark Ignite will take the place of the traditional first and second hour classes.



The Fall of 2026 semester will be offering *Environmental Studies* as their Ignite program. Students will be using National Geographic's *Environmental Students: Sustaining Your World* as the spine. Students are **highly encouraged** to read one chapter per week of this book before attending class. Families interested in using the Ignite course as part of their homeschool curriculum are encouraged to complete the assigned homework, approximately 4 hours of reading, reflection, and activities. The fall semester with in-class and at-home activities would cover ½ credit of Environmental Science to homeschooled high schoolers.

Creative Pathway

Each week will cover one chapter of the book. Two distinct activities, led by different teachers, will be offered each week, allowing students to choose the option that best aligns with their interests. No two weeks will be alike, allowing students to try a variety of activities and allowing groups to change each week.

Examples:

Week 1 will cover *The Environment and Sustainability*. After the group discussion, students can choose between a guided hike with nature journaling or remaining indoors for an artistic lesson on creating powerful and emotional art to encourage environmental change.

Week 7 will cover *Saving Species and Ecosystem Services*. Students can select a gardening class focusing on promoting native pollinators, or they can choose to create a species protection campaign, developing and implementing ideas to raise awareness and fundraise for an endangered species of their choice.



The Afternoon

After lunch, students will rejoin the main schedule and take a traditional extra-curricular class of their choosing. Class offerings are subject to teacher proposals but typically include crafts, theater, life skills, music, etc.



Tweens and Capacity

Tweens (aged 11 and 12) may not feel ready for this program. These students may opt to remain in our traditional Spark program in the Gathering Place.

Spark Ignite will have a maximum capacity of 20 students and a minimum capacity of 10 students.

The Cost

Families can expect to pay the family membership fees, approximately **\$20-\$40 per student for the Ignite Program**, and the class fee for the afternoon class selection (typically around \$20 per class).

Ignite students will need to source a copy of the spine textbook, available second-hand for approximately **\$10** with shipping.