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SPARKS CONFERENCE

Gig Harbor, WA

May 5-7, 2023

What is Sparks? It's an interactive, hands-on adventure for educators **in their first six years of teaching or education support**. It is a way for you to connect with each other and with the WEA. More than anything else, Sparks gives you the chance to discuss and learn more about issues that concern you with others like you from around the area.

Sparks is not like other conferences. It's a time when you can learn, but by attending you're giving a gift to yourself. We're inviting you to apply to attend Rainier UniServ Council's (RUC) Sparks Conference starting on the evening of **Friday, May 5, 2023 - Sunday, May 7, 2023**. It's an opportunity to have fun and learn with **no cost** to you. ***All expenses -- lodging (double occupancy), mileage and meals - will be paid by the Council.*** You'll have time to get to know other teachers/specialists and other school employees, and you'll have time to chill out.

In Sparks, we attempt to cover subjects like conflict management, planning for your financial future, and whatever else you want to talk about! You will be in a small group of people who are also newer members of RUC. We will be responsive to your wants, needs and desires (yes, there will be chocolate at times.)

It's a casual atmosphere, and you get a chance to talk about some of the things that you're doing that you're proud of. **Did we mention that as a participant you qualify for clock hours/training hours?**

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful adventure.

Interested? Have questions?

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