

SPARK STORYTELLING GUIDELINES

OUR MISSION

SPARK'S mission is to promote the art of oral storytelling in Northeast Ohio, the Ohio River Valley and upper Appalachia by mentoring community members to share personal stories that reflect the unique struggles and successes of the region.

WHAT DOES SPARK STAND FOR?

Storytelling to Promote Acceptance, Respect and Kindness.

CONDUCT AND ETHICS

SPARK Storytelling is committed to:

- Seeking a diverse group of voices and representation and providing equal opportunity to coaches and storytellers.
- Treating every individual with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Providing a safe and judgment-free workshoping environment for coaches and tellers.
- Acting honestly, truthfully and with integrity.

SPARK Storytellers should:

- Tell a story, true as they remember it.
- Tell a story that's YOURS to tell.
- Tell a story that's on theme.
- Tell a story with language that falls within a PG-13 rating.

SPARK Storytellers should not:

- Perform a stand-up comedy routine.
- Make another's race, sexual orientation, body type or disability a storyline or punchline.
- Use a voice other than your own. No fake accents.
- Read directly from notes. Try your best to memorize your story. Note cards are acceptable.

ZERO TOLERANCE

SPARK Storytelling is dedicated to workshoping and performing live storytelling free from harassment or bullying related to: sexual preference, race, ethnic background, religious beliefs or disability. SPARK reserves the right to revoke, suspend or ban any storytellers or coaches from participating in SPARK events if our zero-tolerance policy is violated.