

## Sparky FAQs

- How do I become a Sparky?
  - Each year, ASU Polytechnic selects 3-5 students to serve as our Sparky. Each Sparky must be a current student maintaining a 2.0 or higher GPA and enrolled in at least 12+ credit hours (6+ graduate hours).
  - Email [andrew.latimer@asu.edu](mailto:andrew.latimer@asu.edu) to set up a try-out time.
  - Sparky Tryouts for the Sun Devil Athletics Sparky role takes place each Spring for the following academic year. Visit <http://www.thesundevils.com/ot/10-sparky-tryout-info.html> for more information
- Who is in the suit?
  - Sparky is played by a select group of highly spirited ASU students whose identity remains confidential in the spirit of tradition.
- Can Sparky talk or make a speech?
  - Sparky cannot speak, however you may request that a ASU staff member accompany Spark to speak on his behalf (pending availability)
- Does Sparky sign autographs?
  - Sparky is able to sign autographs
- Can we do a photo-op with Sparky?
  - Yes. We ask that you let us know ahead of time if there will be a dedicated photo session with Sparky, but he may participate in any photo opportunities that do not violate ASU policy or reflect negatively on the university.
- Can Sparky make an appearance at my event?
  - Depending on availability and transportation, Sparky can appear at most on-campus events. Because Sparky is considered an NCAA Athlete, all off campus appearances, especially at middle and high schools, are subject to specific approval from the Sun Devil Athletics Marketing office and must be requested via the following link: <http://www.thesundevils.com/genrel/request-sparky.html>.
- How do I book Sparky for my event?
  - Please fill out the form located (HERE) at least one week in advance, preferably 2+ weeks. If you are requesting Sparky for an event on the Downtown, Tempe, or West Campuses or off campus, please contact [andrew.latimer@asu.edu](mailto:andrew.latimer@asu.edu)
- How do I book Sparky at another campus?

- You may contact [andrew.latimer@asu.edu](mailto:andrew.latimer@asu.edu) for assistance in finding the local contact at the other campuses. ASU Tempe or Off Campus Sparky Requests are located at <http://www.thesundevils.com/genrel/request-sparky.html>
- How much does it cost to book Sparky?
  - For on campus events, as an NCAA sanctioned mascot, Sparky may not receive compensation for his services; however, he may accept tips for his travel/expenses and you may make a donation to Arizona State University to support the upkeep of the outfit. For off campus appearances, please contact the Sun Devil Athletics marketing office, or visit <http://www.thesundevils.com/genrel/request-sparky.html>
- Can Sparky wear \_\_\_\_\_ at my event?
  - The ASU Polytechnic Sparky Mascot is traditionally in a Maroon jersey as pictured on the Sparky Request page. However, in extremely rare circumstances, other ASU-sanctioned apparel may be worn with considerable notice so we may get the approvals necessary.
- Can Sparky make an appearance at my middle-school or high-school event?
  - While it is possible for Sparky to make appearances at events with middle or high school students, it requires specific approval and consultation with the ASU Sun Devil Athletics Compliance Office to ensure it is in complete adherence to NCAA recruitment regulations. We ask you submit requests to <http://www.thesundevils.com/genrel/request-sparky.html> AT LEAST 2 weeks in advance for events with high populations of these students.
- What do I have to provide for Sparky?
  - You must provide a changing room, water, and parking for Sparky. Additionally, we ask that a on-site contact meet Sparky upon arrival and provide assistance in locating the changing room, describing the duties and specific timeline, etc.