

San Joaquin County Teachers: Strike some sparks of interest in Astronomy when you nominate your students to receive a telescope from the Stockton Astronomical Society.



Figure 1: *Some past Striking Sparks winners*

We are the Stockton Astronomical Society and through our Striking Sparks Telescope Awards Program, we aim to promote science education in San Joaquin County and engender an interest in Astronomy in our youth. We think it's time to strike some sparks of interest by providing telescopes and mentoring to open up the Universe to young minds.

We award our telescopes each April or May and begin the following year's program shortly thereafter.

For an application packet, visit www.stocktonastro.org, go to the "Resources" page, and look near the bottom of the "Downloads" list.

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Figure 2: *2013 winners with Astronaut General Thomas P. Stafford*