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## What's NOT easy about the Spark Activity Tracker?

Monday, November 18, 2013

I began to write this morning about my completing the Welcome Guide which seemed ironic since I've been a member for over 4 years. Isn't it a bit late for a "welcome?"

I admit I did it initially for the 500 points I would earn. Yesterday was a rest day from exercise – no fitness points. We would be eating out so I planned to skip nutrition tracking as well. Plus, I saw on friend feed that another long time sparker had completed the guide.

It turned out to be a very well designed index to the site and a reminder of all that's available, where to find it and the philosophy behind the program. I'm glad I investigated it.

Then somehow as I tried to spin for my login points this morning, I got a pop-up about the Spark Activity Tracker - \$59.95. I understand that the site is free and advertisements are a fact of life and sometimes useful but this one won't go away. I close it and it comes back, over and over again. I cannot spin for my login points. Does this mean the end of my current streak?

I know this tracker is valuable and many people use it to support their healthy lifestyle. However, staying active has never been my problem – overeating is. A device to monitor what I'm putting into my mouth - now THAT I'd buy in a minute.

Hmm, I see a link to FAQ. I think my question will be "how do I make this thing go away?"

Edit: I turned off my computer, rebooted and the popup is gone - so far anyway. Login points earned and the streak continues.

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**MARYJEANSL**

So, what wasn't easy was getting rid of the ad? Hmmmmmm... I wouldn't ever spend that much money on such a thing, even though it sounds nice, but my family wanted Christmas ideas, so I decided to ask for it. I hope it's worth the money they will have paid. I'm generally not into gadgets, and I dislike wearing a pedometer, so I will see. Back to the original topic, I hate ads too, and if I had had that problem, I probably would have refused to even consider buying it, just on principle.

2758 days ago





**CD14034154**

Brooklyn,



I love it, when we unexpectedly solve our own dilemma!!! Way to go GIRL!!!

Be blessed,

- Nancy Jean -

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2763 days ago



**ONEKIDSMOM**

I have had a link sent to me by my son for something called Airofit.... that's coming out NEXT October (2014) that purports to track your dietary INTAKE. Sounds too good to be true but the geek in me wants to try it.



2763 days ago



**MERRYMARY42**

I really dislike the ads and the popups, and I have not filled out the welcome, I plan on it, but seem to have less time to do my sparks, but maybe Wednesday, tomorrow I will be busy, but for



500 points, I will

2764 days ago



**MNNICE**

I agree that for us "oldtimers", the welcome guide was a good review. I think we sometimes need to just get back to the basics.



2764 days ago



**BOOKAPHILE**

You already found the "cure" I would have suggested. I'm glad your streak won't be interrupted.



I also did the welcome guide for the points and found it a good review.

2764 days ago



**GINIEMIE**

I saw the pop up, but am not interested either. As you said if it measures the food I put in, I might consider it. I bought the fit flex this summer after losing my fitbit. I've spent my share for tracking exercise devices.



2764 days ago



**SUZYMOBILE**

I'd better not get that popup because (a) I hate the new Start page and all the ads, and (b) I've determined that I don't want the Tracker anyway. I still like my old pedometer, where I can read the time and the data while I'm walking.



2764 days ago



**DR1939**



2764 days ago



**CD13758606**

Technology is very frustrating! A marketer (sparkpeople or not) uses any means to get your attention. What you described is a glitch, more likely because of "browser" issues (from ie or chrome). What you did to solve it was the right thing to do. I could tell you to clear your cache, that would give you better performance, among other things. But you get the point.



In the very least, go to your help section for your browser, and learn how to turn OFF the pop ups. This will save your insanity!



I do not mind all the advertisements, even the ones that target me through tracking and cookies. But I absolutely HATE the floaters that I occasionally click on when they get in my way. When I explore an ad, I like to do it "incognito" so I don't get endless solicitations from an unknown source.

Technology creates a love-hate relationship, and we can no longer live without it.

I love sparkpeople and hope they can continue offering services for free. I will support them by purchasing their products if it fits my need.



Spark on past the technical challenges!  
2764 days ago



**AUNT63**

I haven't had the pop up that you got, but there are many pop ups that do come up. I find them annoying, but understand the need for advertising on this free site. I will look into changing to Chrome on my lap top with ad blockers to see if that helps.  
2765 days ago



**SLIMMERJESSE**

I've had many issues with the ads on this site. I'll leave it at that. Glad the problem is solved for you.  
2765 days ago



**CELIAMINER**

Sorry you had the problem. I have an ad blocker on my Firefox and recently downloaded one for Chrome.  
2765 days ago



**CD14119060**



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**RIDLEYRIDER**

I've never gotten the pop-up either, but occasionally when I try to spin I get a large screen that says I don't have the right 'credentials' or some such thing to continue! I close it out, try again, and it keeps coming back, arghh!!

2765 days ago



**MISCHAKEO**

I do not like the popups either but I love the free Spark. I will check out that welcome guide. I am glad your disappeared.  
2765 days ago



**DOVESEYES**

Sorry it's not happening to me. But I did change from Internet Explorer to Firefox a while ago to stop the video ads playing and slowing up my system, that may be why I don't get it.  
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