

CLUB COSTS

Yearly Fee (this includes dues, 1st year uniform, handbook, awards, special evenings)	\$30.00
Optional Expenses	
Handbook Bag	\$ 7.00
Frequent Flyer	\$10.00
Badge Magic	\$ 1.00

Replacements for Entrance Booklets & Weekly Awards

First items are FREE; if they are lost or damaged, replacements can be purchased.

Replacement charges range from \$0.25 to \$2.00 depending on the item.

Store Night - May 8, 2024

Each week clubbers can earn Awana Store Dollars during club by attendance and completing sections. Secretaries will keep track of and hold onto the dollars until this special night.. Clubbers can use these earned Awana Store Dollars to purchase items during Store Night.

Parents are expected to remain on campus when their children are participating in any children's ministry program. If for some reason you cannot be on campus one evening, please leave a phone number with the Director, Leigh Law, or one of the Secretaries where you can be reached.

Sparks Calendar 2023-2024

August

- 23 Kick-off Night in Gym
- 30 Sparks

September

- 6 Sparks
- 13 Sparks
- 20 Sparks - Team Color Night
- 27 Sparks

October

- 4 Sparks
- 11 Spark
- 18 Sparks
- 25 Sparks - Bible Character
(Dress up as your favorite Bible character)

November

- 1 No Club - Children's Missions Conf.
- 8 Sparks
- 15 Sparks - Dress up as a Pilgrim or Indian.
(No weapons please)
- 22 No Sparks - Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Sparks

December

- 6 No Sparks - Nativity Practice
- 13 No Sparks - Nativity Practice
- 20 No Sparks - Christmas Break
- 27 No Sparks - Christmas Break

January

- 3 Sparks
- 10 Sparks
- 17 Sparks - Slipper Night
(Wear your silly or favorite slippers)
- 24 Sparks
- 31 Sparks

February

- 7 Sparks
- 14 Sparks
- 21 Sparks - Stuffed Animal
Night (Bring only 1)
- 28 Sparks

March

- 6 Sparks
- 13 Sparks
- 20 Sparks - Hat Night (Wear your
silly or favorite hat)
- 27 Sparks

April

- 3 No Sparks - Easter Break
- 10 Sparks
- 17 Sparks
- 24 Sparks

May

- 1 Sparks - Cubbies visit Sparks
- 8 Store Night
- 15 End of Year Party
- 22 Awards Ceremony
Wednesday Night @ 6:30pm
In the Gym

Welcome to Sparks



We enjoy the privilege of working with your child and to come alongside you in their spiritual training. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this most crucial time in the life of your child—the time when they so willingly receive the things of God with the faith of a child. We are here to serve you in any way we can!

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Welcome, Parents!

Sparks, a three year Awana program for children in grades K5-2, is built on two premises:

1. Young children can and should receive spiritual training.
2. Home is the primary place for spiritual training.

The purpose of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and train them to serve Him. Games, puppets, crafts, awards, and other activities create an atmosphere where fun and learning go hand in hand.

Check-In: Each week club begins with your child checking in with the Sparks secretary. They will collect dues and check for the following items: uniform, handbook, church attendance, and visitors.

Cost: There is a yearly fee of \$30.00. This fee includes dues, uniform, handbook, supplies, special nights, End of Year Store and awards. There are optional expenses such as Badge Magic and a Handbook Bag...please see the Secretary for details.

Club Attendance: Clubbers can receive this award four times per club year. Clubbers are allowed two unexcused absences per quarter. Upon achieving this goal, clubbers will receive a blue jewel for their wings.

Church Attendance: Clubbers can receive this award two times per club year. Clubbers are allowed a maximum of two unexcused absences per quarter. Upon achieving this goal, clubbers will receive a church attendance patch to be sewn onto the pocket of the vest.

Note: If your clubber's absence can be excused, please send a note to the secretary the following week so the absence will not be marked as unexcused. The following reasons for being absent are excused: sickness, travel, and death of a family member. Other reasons are left up to the discretion of the Sparks Director. Clubbers begin earning attendance awards on the first night of club.

Handbook Time: Following Opening Ceremony each week (prayer, pledges, Sparks key verse, singing of Sparks theme song), clubbers head to Handbook Time. They divide into smaller groups, where leaders listen to them recite the sections they have **prepared ahead of time**. Awana has set a standard of **two helps per sections** if needed. If more help is required, your clubber will be asked to study it some more and try again. The goal of Sparks is for children to hide God's Word in their hearts, not simply to repeat the verse after someone else says it to them.

Entrance Booklet: Clubbers will receive an entrance booklet on their first night of club. The first one is FREE; however, a replacement is \$1. Once your child has completed this short booklet, will receive a Membership Card to be kept in the buttoned uniform pocket.

Handbook & Uniform: Your child has worked hard and is now an official member of Sparks. They are now eligible to purchase a uniform and handbook! The Sparks vest is very important, because it provides your clubber with a place to proudly display awards, gives a feeling of identity with the club, and provides motivation to achieve. *Note: Clubbers who earn awards and do not have a uniform will have their awards held until one is acquired. Awards are presented during club, but only to those in uniform.*

The handbook is the core of the Sparks program. It is full of foundational truths to help establish the Word of God in. Each handbook is divided into three parts and contains numerous sections. A section is from one signature box to another.

Part 1-Rank: Upon completion, your clubber will receive an Emblem patch to be sewn on the uniform. The emblem will not be removed as in the past. The next emblem will go below the previous year's emblem.

Part 2-Red & Green Jewel Sections: These sections are focused on the memorization of God's Word, precept upon precept. Therefore, **they must be completed in order.** Clubbers receive **Jewels** to adorn their wings as sections are completed. When all of the Red & Green Jewels are complete, clubbers receive the **Book Award.** *Note regarding the "Visitor" section: clubbers are encouraged to invite a friend early in the year so visitors can get the most out of the club year. A service project can be done to fulfill this section if a visitor cannot be found. Parents, grandparents, and siblings are welcome to "visit," however, they will **NOT** be counted as a "visitor" with regards to the completion of this section.*

Part 3-Review: Once the book is finished, your clubber should review it by completing all designated review sections for a second time. Reviewing helps establish the Word of God in your child. When the review is complete, clubbers will receive a **Review Patch** to be sewn on the vest. *Note: **NO helps are given in the Review.***

Extra Credit: After the Review, extra credit work is given, and an extra credit pin can be earned to wear on the review patch.

A Few Final Words on Sections: *Statements* in **BOLD TYPE** must be recited by the clubber. *Questions* in **BOLD TYPE** will be asked by the leader. **Clubbers should be able to recite the reference with the verse.** The maximum number of helps is 2 per section. ***New*** Our goal is 1-2 sections a week. We would rather they hide God's Word in their heart for a lifetime than to quickly say a verse and get nothing from it today. *This will allow your child to complete & review his/her book in one year.*

The goal is the same for each clubber, regardless of ability: to hide God's Word in their heart. Do not be in a hurry to finish a book and fill the uniform with awards. Take time to explain the sections and questions. Children have an amazing capacity to memorize. Take advantage of it NOW...but keep the focus on the eternal rewards.

Bible Lesson Time: Following Handbook Time, clubbers gather for singing and Bible lesson time. Valuable lessons are taught from the Word of God, and special guests occasionally visit and share. Clubbers will learn much during this time!

Game Time: This is undoubtedly a highlight of the evening. Sparkies take their places on their respective color lines. It is an exciting time, as the clubbers participate in various games unique to Awana and the Awana circle. There is no limit to the fun that can be had with a few bean bags, bowling pins, relay batons, and balloons.

Closing Ceremony: This is a special time of night when the hard work and diligence of all our clubbers is rewarded. A moment of prayer is enjoyed as our Sparkies lay their petitions at the foot of the throne. You will not want to miss this precious time! **Parents, please refrain from conversation in the gym at this time...Thank you!**

Memorization

The key is repetition! Set a weekly goal for your clubber to accomplish...read through the sections once, twice, three times...for just five minutes a day, and you will be amazed what your child can do. Some of the best times for review are at bedtime and in the car.

Uniform Emblems

All emblems should be sewn onto the uniform. The emblems have a special backing that allows them to be ironed on; however, it tends to wear off over time. *Badge Magic permanent adhesive is available to purchase from Sparks to help with patch placement for those who do not sew.*