



# What Parents Need to Know

## FAQs for Club Year 2025-2026

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### 1. What is Sparks?

- To find out quickly about Sparks, be sure to **watch the Sparks parent video** at [www.southlife.org/awana](http://www.southlife.org/awana)
- Awana Sparks is a weekly, Bible-based club program for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. It features Scripture memorization and basic Bible truths kids can understand. The program materials assist and encourage parents to actively participate in their child's spiritual development.
- In addition to the important Biblical teaching, our Sparks build relationships with their table leader and friends during handbook time and enjoy singing and playing games together each week. Special nights provide fun to each week as we dress up or play games based on the theme.

### 2. When do Sparks meet?

- Time: Awana meets most Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Clubbers are not to be dropped off until 6:20 p.m. and picked up promptly at 8:00 p.m.**
- Awana begins on September 10, 2025 and concludes with our Awards Ceremony on April 29, 2026.

### 3. What is the cost?

- The **registration fee** is \$12 per clubber and helps to cover awards, prizes and special nights. (Visitors are an important part of the Awana program, so there is no charge for visitors. When a visitor comes 3 times will need to pay the registration fee and purchase supplies.)
- If you have a financial hardship, please let us know as we do have scholarships available.
- You will need to purchase the required **handbook** (\$13) and **vest** (\$15). Handbooks and vests should be brought EVERY night. **Jewels and prizes will not be given unless child is wearing their vest.** Books and supplies are available through the Awana Office in the South Life Center, before and during Club. Items can also be ordered online ([southlife.org/awana](http://southlife.org/awana)) and picked up in the Awana Office.

### 4. Where does my child go?

- Park on the east side of the building (covered entrance) for quickest access to children's ministry
- **Check-in:** All children must be checked in at a kiosk to receive name label and parent claim ticket. Children are then dropped off and picked up in their classroom by an adult with the claim ticket.

*Kindergarten* - room 211

*1st grade* - room 213

*2nd grade* - room 212

### 5. What is the schedule for the evening?

- Every child will have handbook time (time to say their section to their leader and/or begin work on the next section), game time, and Bible time.
- All children will participate in game time and **gym shoes** must be worn (no sandals or boots).

## 6. Which book will my child need?

- Children work through the books at their own pace (typically one per year). If your child is in Kindergarten, or this is their first year in Sparks, they will be in the HangGlider book.

**HangGlider** - first book

**WingRunner** - second book

**SkyStormer** - third book

- **Sections must be completed in the order they are in the book.**
- When your child finishes their handbook, they should then complete the review in the handbook.
- What if my child finished the book and review quickly? If both are completed by mid-March, we recommend purchasing the **Frequent Flyer book** (extra credit) for \$15, available in the Awana office.
- Can my child complete more than one book this year?
  - Kindergarteners can only complete HangGlider, the review and extra credit book
  - 1<sup>st</sup> graders can complete the HangGlider and WingRunner books (and review)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders can complete the HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer books (and review)

## 7. What is my involvement as a parent?

- It is vital that you **spend time at home each week** working with your child on their Bible memory and handbook.
- A good goal is to say/complete **2 sections per week** in order to finish their handbook.
- Digital resources are available at [awanaplus.com](http://awanaplus.com)
- Follow the Facebook page (Awana at South Church, Lansing) for weekly updates and explanation of the theme nights listed on the calendar on the back of your child's book.

## 8. What about snow days?

- If the weather is threatening (i.e. snow storm), to find out if Awana is still meeting, you may:
  1. check our website home page [www.southlife.org](http://www.southlife.org) - you can also sign up to get a text alert
  2. check our Awana Facebook page.
  3. call the church office before it closes at 4:30 pm

NOTE: If schools were closed and the conditions have improved, we **will** generally still meet.

*If you have any questions about the Awana program or other children's programs at South Church, please call the church office at (517) 322-2000.*



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