



What Parents Need to Know

FAQs for Club Year 2019-2020

1. What is Sparks?

- Awana Sparks is a weekly, Bible-based club program for Kindergarten through 2nd 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.

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 11, 2019 and concludes with our Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2020.

3. What is the cost?

- The **registration fee** is \$10 per clubber and covers 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 they are considered a clubber and will need to pay the registration fee and purchase supplies.)
- You will need to purchase the required **handbook** (\$10) and **vest** (\$11). Handbooks and vests should be brought to club EVERY night. **Jewels and prizes will not be given unless clubber 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 and picked up in the Awana Office.

4. Where does my child go?

- **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 clubber will have handbook time (time to say their section to their leader or 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?

- The handbooks are completed in the order below. Clubbers work through them at their own pace (usually one per year).

HangGlider - first book

WingRunner - second book

SkyStormer - third book

- **Book sections must be completed in the order they are in the book.** If/when your child finishes their handbook AND the review in the handbook by mid-March, we recommend purchasing the **Frequent Flyer book** (extra credit) for \$10.

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 for clubbers is to say/complete **2 sections per week** in order to finish their handbook.
- Digital resources are available at awana.org/sparksdownload
- Follow the Facebook page for weekly updates, special events, and announcements (i.e., the Grand Prix is Friday, January 31, 2020).

8. Who can I talk to about my child during the year?

- If you have specific questions about your child's progress, please talk with your child's grade level leader (they are available each evening), or call Kathy Risch in the church office during the week:

Kindergarten: Kari Lambright

First Grade: Erica Post

Second Grade: Lisa Iverson

9. What about snow days?

- If the weather is threatening (i.e. snow storm), to find out if club is still meeting, you may:
 1. check our website home page 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 us at 322-2000.

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