

## **What Sparks Parents Need to Know for Club Year 2020-2021**

*Dear Parents, We consider it a privilege to partner with you in the spiritual growth of your child. This is an unusual year. Will we meet in person this year? Yes, when we are allowed, we are planning to meet back at church on Wednesday nights. Until that time, we are glad you are joining us for Awana @ Home.*



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**What does Awana stand for?** The founders of Awana derived the name from **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed** as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

### **What book is my child in?**

- Sparks books must be completed in order. They build upon each other. HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer.
- The plan is for 1 handbook to be completed each year, but if your child begins Sparks as a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, they can complete more than 1 book.



### **What supplies do I receive when I join?**

- Handbook (\$11)
- Flight 3:16 (HangGlider only) – complete before starting book
- Who Will be King booklet – goes along with the first few Zooms.
- Coloring/activity booklet
- Bible Biography booklet (WingRunner & SkyStormer only)

### **Do I need a vest?**

- Technically, yes. Awards will be given out that attach to vests. If we were meeting all together, it's fun to have every Spark in a matching vest.
- Since Awana is at home, one is not needed. However, you can order a vest (\$11) anytime – perhaps even have your child wear the vest during your Awana @ Home time.

## What does the registration fee cover?

- Registration fee is \$10 per clubber per year. This helps cover the patches they earn, wings & jewels, and their end-of-the-year award, plus any prizes/surprises during the year.

## What should I as a parent be doing?



- It is vital that you **spend time at home** each week working with your child on their Bible memory and handbook. 3 days for 5 minutes.
- The handbooks are divided into red jewels and green jewels. Read to or with your child each section, including the Bible Biographies.
  - HangGlider books have the complete biography in their book. We have printed out the complete biographies for the WingRunner and SkyStormer books.
- Help your child memorize the verse(s) in each section. When complete, sign your name.
- Since we are not meeting in person, the Bring a Friend section can be skipped.
- We recommend doing 2-3 sections each week, but you can certainly work at your own pace.
- We have given you a coloring/activity book for your child to complete if you'd like.
- Join the Awana at South Church, Lansing Facebook group. We will be posting information weekly. Check your email for weekly Sparks notes from Mrs. Risch.
- Consider choosing a family goal for completing sections, and then give a reward when the goal is met.

## Is there a Zoom time for Sparks?

- Yes! Mrs. Risch will be giving a 15-minute Bible lesson each week from 7:00 – 7:15 pm. These Zooms are not required, but we'd love to have you join. Link is in your email.
- You may also go to [www.awanaplus.com](http://www.awanaplus.com) Awana has created this great resource for Sparks – lesson videos, music, parent pages

## What does the Review circle mean?

- After completing the Handbook once, your child can go through the handbook again for extra prizes. For the review, only complete the sections with the gold Review circle.

## Is there more my child can do after finishing the handbook and review?

- Yes, each handbook has a separate extra-credit book called the Frequent Flyer (or “Flip-book”).
- Once your child has completed the handbook AND the review, the corresponding “flip-book” can be purchased (\$10). Contact Nancy in the church office.

## When/how will my clubber get their awards?

- We are planning 4 pick-up parties.
  - October 28 (time TBD) we will hand out the Book patch, wings and earned jewels.
  - January 6 (time TBD) we will hand out jewels.
  - February 24 (time TBD) we will hand out jewels.
  - April 28 (time TBD) we will collect handbooks to get ready for final awards.
  - May 5 or 12 we will pass out final awards.