



Dear Awana Families,

Welcome to Awana! We're excited for your child to join us for a fun-filled Awana Program. Our main goal at Awana is to teach children **Biblical truths** (II Timothy 2:15) and help them build a strong foundation for life. We believe every child is special and that Awana helps them grow in their relationship with God, build self-esteem, and form good relationships with others through teamwork and individual achievements. We look forward to an amazing year!

Sincerely,
Nathan Smith
Awana Commander

Your Child's Awana Success: Key Tips

To help your child get the most out of Awana, please consider these simple tips:

- **Attend Regularly:** Consistent attendance helps your child stay engaged and progress.
- **Be Prepared:** Please ensure your child brings their handbook and bible each week.
- **Be On Time:** Arrive between **5:45-6:00 p.m.** Promptness helps us start smoothly.
- **Encourage:** Show interest in your child's accomplishments and help them review verses throughout the week.
- **Pick Up Promptly:** Please pick up your child promptly at **7:30 p.m.**

Important Dates - Mark your calendars for these key Awana dates:

- **Awana Begins:** September 17, 2025
- **Thanksgiving Break (No Awana):** November 26, 2025
- **Christmas Break (No Awana):** December 24 & 31, 2025
- **Awana Grand Prix:** February 25, 2026
- **Awana Closing Ceremony:** April 1, 2026

Sparks Program (K - 2nd Grade)

Sparks is our Awana program for **Kindergarten through 2nd graders**, designed to ignite their curiosity about God and the Bible. Our goal is to help them build a strong foundation in their relationship with Jesus through engaging lessons, Bible memory verses, and fun activities.

Sparks involves **parent/guardian participation** through a series of handbooks. These handbooks contain verses and activities for you and your child to complete together throughout the year. Each week, clubbers should come ready to recite a memorized verse from their handbook.

Children begin with the **Hang Glider handbook** (regardless of grade), then progress through Wing Runner and Sky Stormer at their own comfortable pace, ensuring they truly learn each verse. If a handbook isn't finished by year-end, simply bring it back the next year to pick up where they left off.

For those who complete a handbook early, an optional **review book** is available. Completing this review earns additional camp scholarship money.

Working on Awana Memory Verses

Awana memory verses and songs are available on Spotify and Apple Music. Searching for "Awana" on either platform will reveal albums containing songs set to the weekly memory verses for different club levels (Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training).

Materials & Costs

We don't want costs to prevent any child from participating. If expenses are a concern, please talk to your director.

Sparks Price List:

- Handbook - HangGlider (K) \$10.00
- Handbook - WingRunner (1) \$10.00
- Handbook - SkyStormer (2) \$10.00
- Uniform Vest - Sizes S – XXL *Optional* \$15.00
- Handbook Bag *Optional* \$ 5.00
- **Payment Options:** Cash or Check can be given to Club Directors.
You can also pay online by scanning this QR Code



Check-In & Check-Out Procedures

Check-In (Starts 5:45 p.m.)

Programming begins at 6:00 p.m.

Please use our electronic system in the upstairs lobby or near the gym entrance. This prints a name tag for your child and a matching parent/guardian tag for pick-up.

- **Cubbies:** Room 235
- **Sparks & T&T:** Gym or Counsel Time Room

Check-Out (7:30 p.m.)

Parents/guardians should report directly to the Awana rooms to pick up clubbers using their parent sticker.

- **Cubbies:** Room 235
- **Sparks & T&T:** Gym

Awana Camp Scholarships

We celebrate handbook completion! Clubbers who finish their handbooks can earn camp scholarships. These scholarships are for the individual, non-transferable, and must be used in the same year they are earned.

Sparks Scholarship Amounts

- \$ 100 - complete one book
 - \$ 125 - complete two books
 - \$ 150 - complete all three Sparks books
 - \$ 50 - additional scholarship for completing Review Book (one per year)
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Weather Updates

Cancellations due to bad weather will be posted on the **First Baptist Church Facebook page** and sent via **email**.

Group Attention: The "Call & Echo" Method

We use a simple "Call & Echo" method to get the group's attention quickly and respectfully.

How it works: A leader says a clear phrase and raises one hand. Everyone stops, freezes, raises their own hand, and loudly echoes the phrase. The leader waits for silence before continuing. All leaders model this, and we'll practice it often to build the habit.

Individual Discipline: Our 3-Step Plan

At Awana, we use a clear 3-Step Behavioral Plan to address misbehavior and keep parents informed, ensuring a positive environment for all.

- **Step 1: Warning** If a child isn't following a rule, their leader will calmly give a First Warning, reminding them of the rule. The child gets a choice: follow the rule or take a break. Leaders will track these warnings.
- **Step 2: Take a Break** If behavior continues, the child will "take a break" in a designated quiet zone for 5 minutes with a director. A "Behavioral Check-In Form" will be completed and given to you at pick-up, detailing the specific behavior.
- **Step 3: Parent Joins Next Awana Night** If a child receives two forms in one night or two in one month, a parent must attend the next Awana night with their child, staying in their small group. This helps us partner with you to support your child's success.

When Behavior Continues or is Severe:

- **Ongoing Issues:** If behavior doesn't improve (even with a parent present), we'll schedule a meeting with you to create a specific plan together.
- **Serious Incidents:** For dangerous behavior, harming others, or property damage, the child will be immediately sent home.