



Awana Parent Information 2021-2022

Awana is a weekly children's Bible club that offers a safe, positive environment to learn about God, hear the Gospel, and memorize key verses about life and godliness. The Awana name is derived from 2 Timothy 2:15, *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* (NKJV). Thus, the Awana name stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.

Awana Clubs are filled with high energy, fun, discipleship and spiritual growth. Each club is age appropriate and teaches that God is real, that He loves us very much and sent His Son, Jesus Christ. We partner with parents to help develop spiritually strong children who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. The 90-minute meetings are divided into three rotations:

- Game Time, comprised of exciting team-oriented games that stress healthy competition and good sportsmanship.
- Handbook Time is a small group time where children work with their leaders to recite verses they have memorized and learn and understand the meaning of God's Word.
- Large Group (or Counsel Time) is a time where the groups come together to hear a Bible lesson and how to apply it in their lives.

Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m. and dismissal is at 7:40 p.m. Please refer to the Cubbies calendar and Sparks/T&T calendar for special nights and meeting schedule. Handbooks are given after completion of an entrance booklet each year. Children work to complete one handbook per year. In order to do so, it is important for parents to set aside consistent time to encourage and help their child complete sections each week. You may be surprised what your child can learn!

What to Bring to Club: All clubbers should wear their uniform in order to receive awards. They should bring their handbooks each week. Sparks and T & T should also bring a bible each week. We use the New King James Version for handbooks, but clubbers can bring any version they like. We have bibles available for anyone who may need one free of charge.

What Not to Bring to Club: Cell Phones, toys, food or drink. These are distractions, so if you do bring them, please leave them at the check-in desk until the end of club.

We offer three clubs at Church On the Rock:

CUBBIES:



Cubbies is a 2-year program for Age 3 – pre-K (must be 3 by Sept. 1st)

Cubbies Director is Kayla Esposito 813-719-5555

Cubbies use a pace program in which all clubbers complete the same section.

Parental involvement during the week is encouraged as you lead your child through handbook sections called “Bear Hugs” combining basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help your Cubbie grasp simple biblical truths. Clubbers who join during the year will complete the entrance booklet and then will begin their lesson with the same Bear Hug the rest of the Cubbies are learning. The clubbers earn patches as they progress. Those who complete their handbook will receive a book ribbon at the end-of-the-year awards.

SPARKS:



Sparks is a 3-year program for Kindergarten – 2nd Grade.

Sparks Director is Alysa Herndon (813) 486-1782

After completing the Flight 3:16 entrance booklet, Sparks work in handbooks at their own pace, beginning with HangGlider, then WingRunner, and SkyStormer. Sparks need parental involvement as they are learning to read and memorize. In order for a Spark to complete a book in one year, 2-3 sections need to be passed most nights. As Sparkies work in their handbooks, they receive awards to be displayed on their uniform. Awards are described in the handbooks and they include patches, pilot wings, jewels, review patches and extra credit pins. Refer to the handbook for proper placement of patches, flight wings, and jewels. One book is allowed to be completed per year, and those who finish early will do the book review or a Frequent Flyer book if appropriate. Those completing book 1 and 2 will receive a book ribbon at the end-of-the-year awards, and a clubber who completes all 3 books will receive the Sparky Plaque.



T & T is a 4-year program for 3th – 6th Grade.

T & T Director is Karen Herndon: 813-523-1153

All T & T will complete a Start Zone before moving into their handbook. They will receive a new handbook each year and work together to complete one section per week in order to finish a handbook per year. Sections include answering questions from Bible passages and scripture memorization. Patches are earned as they progress that they can sew or iron on their uniforms. Each completed book will earn an award at the end of the year: Alpha Award for completing 1 handbook, Excellence Award for 2 books, Challenge Award for 3 books, and the Timothy Award after completing all 4 books.

DUES AND COSTS:

Awana Dues are \$20 per year or \$10 semester per clubber for first two children in a family. There will be no dues charge for each additional child. What are the dues for? To help offset the cost of awards, entrance booklets, prizes, Awana store, special events, etc. All handbooks are \$10 each. If books are lost, they will need to purchase a new book, which is why it is good to develop the habit of keeping books and uniforms in a certain place or in a book bag. Vests for Cubbies and Sparks are \$10 each. The T & T jerseys are \$15. These can be paid in full at the time of registration or you can make payments throughout the year. Financial assistance is available upon request. We do not want costs to keep a child from participating!

PRIZE CARDS: (Sparks & T & T)

Clubbers will earn a prize card is earned for every 4 handbook sections completed. T & T can earn an additional prize card for each silver unit completed in their book, and 2 prize cards for each gold unit completed. They will use their prize cards to purchase treats and snacks at the Awana Store!

Another way to earn a prize card is through accumulation of points that they earn by being in attendance, wearing their uniform, bringing their bible, bringing a friend, and participating in theme nights. They will earn a prize card for every 100 points accumulated.

SECTION STANDARDS: (Sparks and T & T)

We have section standards to ensure that kids are really learning scripture, to ensure fairness for clubbers and consistency among leaders.

1. All parts of a section should be completed in one sitting – verses, questions and activities.
2. No more than 2 helps per section, not per verse.
3. Clubbers must recite the Bible reference with the verse.

Sparks must complete the sections in their book in order. The handbooks follow the bible chronologically. The Bring a Friend section may be skipped temporarily, but must be completed before the end of the year to receive the book award.

T & T does not have to complete sections in order. They should follow the T & T book schedule each week to stay with their group. They may go back and complete missed sections anytime during the year.

Remember, our goal in Awana is to be a tool to help parents in the discipleship and spiritual growth of your children, that they may come to know, love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ! Scripture memory helps them to know and love God (Matthew 22:37), to protect their hearts and mind from sin (Psalm 119.11), to prepare and equip them to share God's Truth with others (1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17), and gives encouragement as they learn the truths and promises of God.