



2026-2027 Awana Year

Dear Parents:

Welcome to a new Awana club year! Our first night of Awana will be **Wednesday, August 26, 2026!** I am excited to see what God has in store for our Sparks program (Kindergarten through second grade) at Fairwinds Baptist Church.

This letter is meant to help you and your child know what to expect when they come to Sparks.

Drop off

Club begins each week at 6:30 p.m., and clubbers can be checked-in through the cafeteria beginning at 6:20 p.m. For security reasons, only leaders are permitted past the check-in point.

Clubbers can go to Fast Track in the gym from 6:20 to 6:30 if they are ready to say their section or need to make up sections from a missed week.

Opening Ceremony

We start each Awana night with our opening ceremony in the gym at 6:30. We start with pledges, announcements, song time and prayer.

Handbook Time

The clubbers are broken into groups during handbook time to recite their section. The Sparks program uses the "work through the book together" method, and the Awana calendar lists which section is being worked on each week. With the "work through the book together" method, the groups are able to practice the verse together, discuss the meaning of the verse, and, at the end of handbook time, each clubber will try to recite the verse. Clubbers must say all verses in each section with only two helps from their leader (this includes the Bible reference). It is helpful if your child has already started practicing and memorizing the verse before coming to Awana, although this is not a requirement.

Clubbers who have not completed each section of a book will not earn their completion award at the end of the year. If you have any questions about which sections your child may have missed, please feel free to e-mail me or text me.

Large Group Lesson Time/Awards

Our lessons are fun and Christ-centered. You'll want to ask your clubber at the end of the night what each lesson was about!

Clubbers earn awards after they finish the rank sections (the first 8 sections in the book), when they pass all 4 sections in each jewel section (red jewel or green jewel), and for attendance (blue jewels). Awards are typically handed out once a month. The back of your child's Awana book has a picture showing where to place the awards. If your child forgets to wear their vest on an award night, we will hold their award until the next month's award time since the jewels are extremely small.

Game Time

We finish the night with a fun time of games. Please have your child wear sneakers to club to help keep them safe while playing.

Dismissal

Club ends at **8:00 p.m. sharp**. Please have your child picked up at that time. At the start of the year, parents are provided a card to place in their vehicle with a number associated with their child(ren). At the end of the Awana night, parents should enter the parking lot through the back of the school, come around to the side of the school, and **remain in their cars**. The clubbers will be dismissed through the cafeteria doors and brought to your car.

Whoever is picking up your child must have the number card sitting on the dashboard of their car. If the person picking up your child does not have a number card, the Ministry Director will check their photo ID to ensure they are listed as an authorized pickup person or emergency contact on your registration form. **When you register your child, please be sure to list anyone who might pick up your child from club during the entire club year (e.g. parents, grandparent, sibling, uncle) and all emergency contacts.**

Handbook/Vest

If your child is new to the Sparks program, they will be given a small pamphlet called “Flight 3:16”. Upon passing this pamphlet, your child will be eligible to receive their Awana vest and first Spark’s handbook.

After payment is made, your child will receive the item the next club night. There is a fee for the vest and handbook; however, if you cannot afford the vest or book, please speak to the Awana Ministry Director, Charlotte McGarry.

Please help your child remember to bring their Bible, vest, and Awana book to club each week (even if your child has not learned a section). Please make sure your child’s name is on the outside of their book and inside their vest. Clubbers are welcome to bring a small bag to keep their items in.

Fees

To help offset the cost of Awana, including books, vests, snacks and prizes, we ask that an annual fee of **\$50.00** be paid at the time of registration.

Inclement Weather

Should club have to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the Awana Ministry Director will send an e-mail or automatic text message using the contact information you put into twotimtwo during registration. Please make sure your contact information is correct (<https://fairwinds.twotimtwo.com>).

I am excited about this Awana year and look forward to working with your child!

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