



2025-2026 Awana Year

Dear Parents:

Welcome to a new and exciting Awana club year!!! I am ready to see what God has in store for the Sparks program (Kindergarten through second grade) at Fairwinds Baptist Church this year. The first night of Awana is **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**. This letter is intended to let you know what your child can expect when coming to the Sparks program.

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 purposes, only leaders are permitted past the check-in point. Parents are not permitted to enter the gym. 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 with a fun opening ceremony in the gym. The clubbers say the Pledges, sing a few songs and have a time of prayer. This time spent praising God is an important way to begin our club night.

Handbook Time

Clubbers are assigned to a color team and broken into groups to recite their section(s). Our Sparks program continues to utilize the “work through the book together” method. The Awana calendar will list what section(s) is/are 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 and say 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, but not a requirement.

If your child misses a night of Awana and still wants to finish their book by the end of the year, they can come to club the next week and say their verse(s) from the week(s) missed during Fast Track. Fast Track is offered during check-in time in the gym (from 6:20 to 6:30) for clubbers who are prepared to say their verse(s) upon arrival to club. However, your child must come prepared to say their section as the leader will not be able to help them learn the section. If your child did not complete their prior books, they can use this same process to go back and finish their books. Clubbers who have not completed each section of any book will not earn their completion awards at the end of the year. If you have any questions about what 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!

We typically hand out any earned awards once a month. Clubbers earn an award when they have passed all four sections in the jewel section (red jewel or green jewel) as well as for attendance. Please see the back of your child’s Awana book for placement of the awards. If your child forgets to wear their vest to club, we will hold their award until the next month’s award time since the jewels are extremely small.

Game Time

We finish our night with a fun game time. Please have your child wear sneakers to club to 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 which is 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 the child does not have a number card, the Ministry Director will check the person's photo ID to ensure they were listed on the emergency contact sheet when you registered your child. **When you register your child, please be careful 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 (\$15.00) and the first Spark's handbook (\$15.00). After an item is purchased, your child will receive the item(s) 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 in their vest. Clubbers are welcome to bring a small bag to keep their items in.

Dues

To offset the cost of Awana, we ask that clubbers who are able pay the annual fee of \$25.00 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 so make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date (we use the information you put onto twotimtvo during the registration process, <https://fairwinds.twotimtvo.com>).

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

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