

AWANA Ministry 2011 - 2012

Greetings to Parents & Guardians!

We are so excited about our new year of AWANA, and your child's involvement! We've put this packet together to give you an overview of what to expect from the AWANA program this year.

As you may already know, AWANA is a Wednesday evening Bible-centered ministry for children age 3 through 6th grade. This program is based on learning God's Word, through memory, lessons, and fun. Through scriptures and consistent teaching, our clubbers learn about the reality of God and the truth of the Bible.

Included inside is also the commitment we hope you will make to your child to make the most out of their experience in AWANA! Together, let's work to create a spiritually nurturing environment to help your children grow, not only in knowledge, but in faith.

We hope that you will take a moment to talk to us about any concerns or joys throughout the year. The AWANA ministry is just one of many of Liberty Evangelical Free Church. If you're not already a member of the Liberty church family, we hope that you'll take time before or after club to meet and talk to any of our greeters about what Liberty may have to offer beyond AWANAs! At AWANA, it's our desire to minister to your entire family, not just your child!

In His service,

Peter Decious
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Welcome to Liberty Evangelical Free Church. We are excited about our Awana ministry and the impact it can make in the lives of youth.

Our Weekly Services

Each Sunday, we gather together in the Activity Center at our Ministry Center. This service is designated for you to worship God and magnify His Holy Name.

- Worship Service 9:30 am
- Sunday School10:50 am

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Our Purpose

With the Liberty which is ours in Christ, we choose to love, honor, and obey our Lord. Glorifying Him in all we do, we endeavor to spread the light of His gospel to our community and to the world and to encourage one another to walk in the Spirit until He comes again.

Welcome to AWANA

*Study to show yourself approved unto God, workmen who are not ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

II Timothy 2:15

AWANA is one of the most vital evangelistic tools available to New Testament churches today. Our AWANA-chartered church currently offers three clubs for boys and girls from 3 years old through the 6th grade.

Cubbies	3 years old to pre-kindergarten
Sparks	K - 2nd grade
Truth & Training	3rd - 6th grades

Our clubs meet each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will begin with our AWANA Kickoff on **September 7** for a fun time of games, food and AWANA registration. Our first club will begin on **September 21** and will end with our Awards night on **April 28, 2011**.

Liberty's Goal

Our aim is to make growing disciples of Christ. A disciple should always endeavor to be more like Christ by being established in the disciplines of God's Word, prayer, fellowship, and witnessing. A disciple displays Christ's character, values, and discipline in their ministry as gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

AWANA's Goal

To reach boys and girls (and their families) with the Gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

- KNOW, LOVE, & SERVE -

Special Activities and Events

ADOPT-A-CLUB: In more than 100 nations around the world, there are children who would welcome an Awana club of their very own, and there are existing clubs which only survive because of the generosity of clubs like our. This year, our Awana club will receive offerings for the Missions Fund to help provide for and support Awana Clubs in India. We are asking clubbers to bring in gifts of love to help bring the joy of Awana—and Jesus Christ—to the children in India.



The AWANA Store



The Store is open to all Sparks and T&T clubbers 2 times during the club year. Clubbers spend the "AWANA Shares" they have earned by means of attendance, wearing their uniform, participating in games and completing handbook sections. Kids use their shares on Store Night to buy fun toys; some choose to buy gifts for their family or friends. All clubbers look forward to "store night". If you have any items that you would like to donate to this store, please bring them to Awana and mark them "store". Thank-you!



Hobo Festival

On October 26th, have your kids don their favorite "hobo" attire and join us for an old fashion harvest festival.

Canned Food Drive

We encourage clubbers to bring a can of food each time they come to club. These items will be donated to the Pella Food Pantry just before Thanksgiving.



Grand Prix: An excellent parent/child relationship builder designed to encourage achievement in something other than athletic pursuits. Clubbers compete for design and speed trophies. Everyone starts with a kit to build a car from a block of pine wood. Kits will be sold well in advance. We also have a cake decorating and poster contest that day as well.

Parents Night: Come and see your clubber in action. Meet your children's leaders, enjoy refreshments, and see what AWANA is all about. *We will also have a service project night and invite ALL parents to join their kids and leaders for a night of service.*



Theme Nights

We use theme nights to keep things fun and exciting. We have added a few new theme nights this year. This year we are going to also take a few of those nights and incorporate the theme into our club night. It's going to be a fun and exciting year!



Awards Night and Reception

Parents and all family members are encouraged to attend this wonderful evening for your clubbers. They will be presented special awards they have received throughout the year.

2011-2012 AWANA CALENDAR



September

Sept. 7.....Awana Kick Off
 Sept. 14...NO AWANA (Leader's mtg.)
 Sept. 21.....Club Begins
 Sept. 28.....Pajama Night

October

Oct. 5Missionary Night
 Oct. 12..... Food Drive Kickoff
 Oct. 19..... Hat Night
 Oct. 26 Hobo Festival

November

Nov. 2Missionary Night
 Nov. 9 Loose Change Night
 Nov. 16..... Super Hero Night
 Nov. 23NO AWANA
 Nov. 30 Bring a Friend Night

December

Dec. 7.....Missionary Night
 Dec. 14 Store Night
 Dec. 21NO AWANA
 Dec. 28NO AWANA

January

Jan. 4 Missionary Night
 Jan. 11Backwards Night
 Jan. 18.....Bring a Friend Night
 Jan. 25 Bible Character Night

February

Feb. 1.....Missionary Night
 Feb. 8Crazy Hair Night
 Feb. 15 Hugs & Kisses Night
 Feb. 22 Loose Change Night
 Feb. 29 GRAND PRIX
 Early start—6:00 pm

March

March 7Missionary Night
 March 14NO AWANA
 March 21 Measles Night
 March 28 Toga Night

April

April 4 Broken & Bruised
 April 11Store Night
 April 18 Award's Night

Club Expenses

Dues

Our Awana club is subsidized by dues paid by each family. These dues are used to purchase awards, teaching materials, special events, and Awana store supplies. Yearly dues are **\$20** per clubber. While these dues in now way cover our operating costs, they do help defer some of the expenses of running our club.

We want all clubbers to be able to attend club and have books and uniforms. If the cost of these items would impose a financial hardship for your family, please contact the Awana Commander, Peter Decious (641-949-6438). Financial assistance is available.

Handbooks

- Cubbies.....\$10.00
- Sparks.....\$10.00
- Truth & Training.....\$10.00

Uniform

Uniforms are required for all clubbers once they have completed their club's Entrance Booklet. Your uniform should be purchased so you can put your earned awards on it. The prices for uniforms are as follows:

	Cubbies	Sparks	Truth & Training
New	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Sizes	Small (4) Medium (5) Large (6) X-Large (8) XX-Large (10)	Small (6) Medium (8) Large (10) X-Large (12) XX-Large (14)	<p>- 3rd/4th Grade - Youth - 12 14 Adult - Sm Med Lrg</p> <p>- 5th/6th Grade - Youth - Med Large Adult - Sm Med Lrg</p>

If you have any old uniforms that would benefit a child, that cannot afford one, please bring it to AWANA and it will be passed on.

General Guidelines and Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to teach acceptable behavior, not merely a set of rules. By setting and enforcing club standards, AWANA leaders attain a consistent standard of acceptable conduct.

AWANA uses a five-count method to bring order and quiet. It is for the whole group. The Director or person in charge will slowly count 1-2-3-4-5 at which time there should be absolute silence.

AWANA uses a three-count method as a discipline device. This is used anytime during the club to discipline individual clubbers who are disruptive or misbehaving. The clubber will be warned by the Director or person in charge with a count of "1". If misbehavior continues they will be warned again with a count of "2" and may be taken to the Commander for counseling. If the clubber still refuses to behave appropriately, they will receive a "3" and will be taken home or their parents called. They will not be allowed to return to club until he/she is willing to follow the rules and behave properly.

During Handbook Time, everyone is expected to respect others saying verses by being as quiet as possible.

- **NO RUNNING** before, during or after club, except during Game Time.
- **NO GUM** or **FOOD** allowed, except when club planned.
- **NO BULLYING.** Any problems that need our attention should be communicated to a leader, secretary, director, or commander. We do not tolerate any child bullying or deliberate harming another child. I ask that all conversation be done in a private, loving and Godly manner. We will handle the matter promptly.
- **NO PHYSICAL AGGRESSION** will be tolerated before, during, or after club. Acts of willful, deliberate physical aggression will result in an automatic two week suspension from club. A personal meeting with the parents and Commander will be required before the child will be allowed back into club. This may be done in the home, if it can not be done at the church.
- **NO FOUL LANGUAGE** or **GESTURES** will be used before, during, or after club.
- **NO PLAYING in PARKING LOT** before or after club.
- **NO PUSHING, SHOVING OR ROUGH HOUSING** at any time before, during or after club.
- **DISPLAY CARE and RESPECT** for all church property and others.

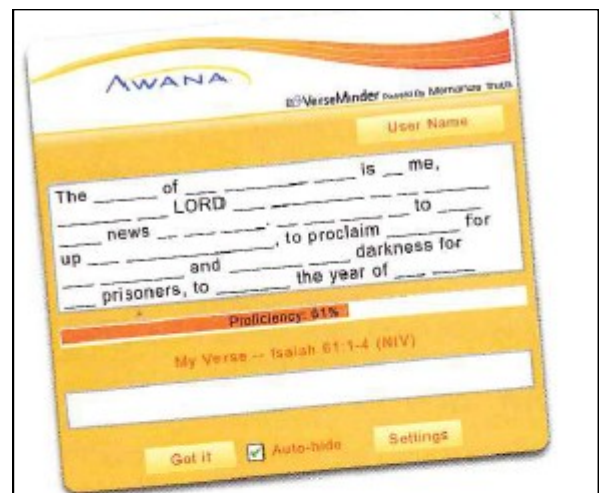
Game Time is a privilege, and we do not want anyone to miss it. In the case of misbehavior, however, the person in charge may revoke Game Time privileges for a night as an act of discipline.

If we have a problem with your child we will bring it to your attention. We may suggest that a child take a week or more off from AWANA, this is an affective tool that we have occasionally implemented. Please cooperate with us; our goal is to improve a behavior problem and not to embarrass the child. Once the problem is under control the child is welcomed back.

Your Involvement is Needed

Moms and Dads, Grandparents, and anyone else special in an AWANA clubber's life. You are essential in helping your AWANA Clubber(s) to get the most enjoyment and fulfillment out of the AWANA Club.

- Encourage your AWANA Clubber(s) to attend AWANA every week. Not only will consistency help the child(ren) to excel, but he or she is also a member of a color team that depends on each child's participation. Be sure that your AWANA Clubber(s) arrives on time! Promptness helps our ministry stay on track.
- AWANA Clubber(s) are required to wear his or her uniform, brings their Bible and handbook. Clubbers will be awarded AWANA shares for each of these things. If they do not have a uniform or have not earned one yet, casual clothes and tennis shoes should be worn. Any T-shirt with inappropriate material printed on them will be addressed with the parent prior to the next club night.
- Contact your child's Leader with questions or concerns. If after talking to the Leader, your questions are not adequately answered, contact the Club Director or Commander.
- **Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with them reading and reviewing their Handbook material.** If they do not have a Bible, please contact the club director. No child should be trying to complete their Handbook without a Bible. We use the NIV (New International Version) of the Bible and have plenty of them.
- Encourage your child by familiarizing yourself with their Handbook, especially the Activities. Often these sections require more time and involve home related tasks and activities.
- Remind them to spend 5-10 minutes each day on verses. Memorizing is hard work but your involvement will validate the child's efforts and motivate him or her to complete the handbook within the year. AWANA Clubber(s) will be limited to a maximum number of sections each night, according to the group they participate in.
- Always encourage your AWANA Clubber(s). Children have much more fun when someone shows an interest in their accomplishments.
- All parents are welcome to attend any club, any night with their child and also help out in the ministry.
- We welcome those who would like to serve the Lord and impact the lives of youth by volunteering some of your time. If you are interested in this vital service, please let us know by visiting with the Club Director or Commander.



Awana VerseMinder Powered by Memorize Truth

Help students and leaders hide God's Word in their hearts! VerseMinder™ is an interactive Scripture memory tool that periodically drills you on verses on your computer! This special Awana edition includes TruthScripts™ verses, as well as every verse from Sparks *HangGlider* through the Journey Electives. Just set your preferences! Order from Memorize Truth at verseminder.com and click on the Awana Edition link.

AWANA Policies

These guidelines apply to most of our AWANA Clubbers. Separate AWANA Clubs will have their own guidelines set by AWANA Intl. regarding working in handbooks, etc.

1. Given our location, no clubber will be allowed to walk home.
2. If a clubber does not have a uniform, awards will not be given. When a clubber does obtain a uniform, all back awards will be given. If a child has earned the uniform and chooses not to wear it after instructed to do so, they will not receive any of their points for the club nights that follow this instruction.
3. A clubber is eligible to purchase a book and a uniform upon completion of their Entrance Test.
4. Uniform neatness must be maintained throughout the entire club time. Shoes: Sparks and T & T clubbers must wear tennis shoes, since they will be running on the game circle. Cubbies may wear any type of appropriate footwear.
5. Verses should be memorized word for word with one help per verse, according to the AWANA guidelines. We use the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible.
6. It is critical to complete work in Handbook in order to participate in Game Time activities.
7. We suggest clubbers carry a bag of some kind to keep their books, Bibles and any papers we need to send home with them. There are some nice AWANA bags available in the AWANA catalog, however, an AWANA bag is not required. See the AWANA secretary or call the church office if you would like to see them.
10. Cubbies (ages 3 & 4) must be picked up in the Cubbies room.
11. If there is no school because of bad weather, there will be no AWANA. If Pella public schools are dismissed early or cancelled due to bad weather, there will be no AWANA.



In the event that club is cancelled, due to bad weather or other unforeseen factors, notice of cancellation will be announced on KCWN (99.9 FM) and KRLS (92.1 FM) radio stations as well as on our website www.libertyefree.org. If there is no school because of bad weather, there is no AWANA. If Pella public schools are dismissed early or cancelled due to bad weather, there will be no AWANA.

Check "Liberty AWANA" on Facebook

Wellness Policy

Children SHOULD NOT attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:



- Fever – 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge
- Bad Cough – coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an anti-biotic, they must have been on the anti-biotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending Awana



Injuries

You're child's safety is our utmost priority. Occasionally, we have bumps and bruises when children play the AWANA games. We have several leaders who can assist with an injured child. We need to have your home and cell phones on file, in the event, that we need to contact you. Please fill out the contact information form the first evening of AWANA and turn them into our secretaries.

Contact Information

It is very important that we have emergency contact information for every clubber. If you bring a friend, please be ready to provide the friend's emergency contact information. A grace period of one club night will be extended. If after the second night of club, this information is not yet provided, they will not be allowed to return to club until it's provided.



- Parent's Name, cell number (if available), phone number
- Alternate Emergency Contact & phone number

Cubbies

(3 years – Preschool)

What happens at Cubbies?

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club program for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Our purpose is to help your children to take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God’s ways...in routine activities...passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program is designed to help leaders and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do in the same truth that you have worked on at home. Our story, games, and activities, will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really “cement” that week’s truth into our Cubbies’ minds!

Introduction/Bear Hug Brochure

The *Bear Hug Brochure* is the first and only (introduction) booklet received in Cubbies. Upon completion of this Entrance Booklet the clubber is eligible to purchase their Handbook available in Cubbies.



Handbooks/Reviews

Celebrations Handbook - Hopper and Jumper: Includes memory verses and activities divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week’s Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the next week. Then they repeat the memory verse to their leader at club. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree supplemental section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are optional, and not required for book completion.



Book One and Two: A supplemental book filled with activities and verses that help lay a foundation for Godly character. Children work in the book with their parents, and recite the verses to their leader at Cubbies Club. If desired, this book may be used at the same time as the Celebration Handbook. Children may begin at any time and work at their own pace. *This is not required material.*



Memory Work Order

Bear Hug Brochure: Each Cubbie must complete this brochure before work in the handbook may begin.

Handbook:

Learning Level A - Complete one Bear Hug each week. All children work on the same Bear Hug at the same time. If your child has missed a week of club, be sure to check the schedule for the current week's Bear Hugs (maximum of 3 in one day). Do not do any future Bear Hugs.

Learning Level B - Under the Apple Tree may be done after the current Bear Hug and any missed Bear Hugs are completed. When you complete an activity, sign it and have your child recite any verses to the leader at club. Your child will receive a special stamp on his hand, and apple stickers for his book.

Learning Level C - Cubbies Character Builder sections may be done after the current Cubbies clubber has recited the current Bear Hug, any missed Bear Hugs, and Under the Apple Tree activities. A special Cubbies Bear sticker is given for each completed character lesson. These count toward the maximum of 3 Bear Hugs in a day.

Requirements for memory work

- Cubbies are allowed two “helps” per Bear Hug.
- Bear hugs must be recited in one session. If there are two verses in the Bear Hug, both must be recited at one session and in the order they appear.
- Four-year-olds must recite the verses AND the reference. Three-year-olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
- Cubbie clubbers will recite the verses they have learned at home to their Cubbies leader during club.



Tips on How Parents Can Help

- Help your child learn each weekly Bear Hug.
- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child...morning and evening.
- Check the schedule and calendar for what Bear Hug to work on for the next week.
- Read each week's Bear Hug to your child and follow the simple instructions.
- Listen to your child recite the verse and sign your name. Be encouraging!
- Only one Bear Hug will be done per week. The Cubbies will all recite the same Bear Hug each week.
- Be sure your child wears the uniform vest to club. The uniform is where their awards are displayed plus helping with motivating them to learn and work in their books.
- Bring your child to club on time, so we can begin and end promptly. Be sure to come to the Cubbies room to pick up your child after club.

Items Available to Purchase (not required)



CUBBIES HANDBOOK MUSIC: Kids can have a blast while memorizing Scripture. Includes all the verses in the handbooks set to music. Also includes the Cubbies Theme Song.








CUBBIES HANDBOOK BAG: Your Cubbies won't lose their handbooks anymore! This blue twill bag with a red handle will keep everything they need for Cubbies together. And they won't get them mixed up either, because there is space for their names. 11" x 13".

Awards

When a clubber has completed the requirements to earn an Award, the Award will be issued to them during the Award Ceremony. **AN AWARD WILL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CLUBBER DOES NOT WEAR THEIR UNIFORM!** Therefore, each clubber should purchase their vest **before** they are eligible for their first Award and wear their vest to each club meeting.

What are the awards?

Achievement patches		Completion of the Lamb paths and Elephant paths in a handbook
Year 1 Book Award		Completion of one Celebrations handbook
Year 2 Book Award		Completion of both Celebrations handbook
Zebra or Giraffe patches		Earned for Sunday school and church attendance
Cubbie Bear patches		Completion of Cubbies Character builders in the supplemental books

Schedule

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their child checked-into club 10 minutes before the beginning of club at 6:30 p.m. Each club night consists of *story and song time, handbook time, game time, snack time, craft time, and Awards Ceremony.*

(All clubbers should be picked-up by Parents/Guardians no later than 5 min. after Dismissal at 8:00 p.m.)

Sparks

(Kindergarten-2nd Grade)

Introduction/Sparks Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet



First, each Sparkie revs up with *Flight 3:16*, the updated Sparks entrance booklet. *Flight 3:16* teaches basic Bible truths and a salvation message in an attractive comic-strip format. After completing the entrance booklet, Sparkies move on to the first handbook.

Handbooks

Innovative Sparks® resources – including a new entrance booklet, two flight-themed handbooks, new extra-credit materials and more – get kids excited about the gospel.

Biographies of Bible characters are included throughout the handbooks to help Sparkies understand the people they read about are real. With a helpful audio CD included in each handbook, kids and their parents can listen to the biographies come alive through exciting, dramatic readings, complete with music and sound effects!



Sparks HangGlider Handbook with Audio Handbook & CD

Takes Sparks on a chronological adventure through the Bible! Twelve exciting biographies show kids that Bible characters were real people. HangGlider covers Genesis to Joshua. The flight-themed handbook also comes with a review CD featuring dramatic readings of each biography — with music and sound effects — and a timeline to help Sparkies follow along. - *Regardless of the age or grade of the child, each clubber will start in the HangGlider Handbook. Clubbers will complete the handbook that they were in the previous year before starting a new one.*



Sparks WingRunner Handbook with Audio Handbook & CD

Takes Sparks on a chronological adventure through the Bible! Twelve exciting biographies show kids that Bible characters were real people. WingRunner explores Judges to the birth of Christ. Each flight-themed handbook also comes with a review CD featuring dramatic readings of each biography — with music and sound effects — and a timeline to help Sparkies follow along



Sparks SkyStormer Handbook

Takes children on a chronological adventure through the Bible! Twelve exciting biographies show kids that Bible characters were real people. SkyStormer covers the birth of Christ to Revelation and comes with a review CD featuring dramatic readings of each biography—with music and sound effects—and a timeline to help Sparkies follow along.

Extra Credit Cards

If a clubber completes both the Handbook & Review requirements before the end of the club year, there are Frequent-Flyer Extra Credit Cards for HangGlider and WingRunner and a SkyStormer available.



Frequent-Flyer Extra Credit Cards

In addition to built-in review in each handbook, the brand new *Frequent Flyer* Extra Credit Cards help kids have lots of extra fun. These cards include all the verses from the corresponding handbook, as well as new memory verses, entertaining activities parents can do with their Sparkies and fun facts about aviation.

COMPLETING HANDBOOKS IN ORDER

All sections must be done in order as it appears in the handbook.

Schedule

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their child checked-into club 5-10 minutes before the Opening Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. ***Please do not bring clubbers before 6:20.***

OPENING and FLAG CEREMONY
LARGE GROUP TIME
HANDBOOK (SPARKLE) TIME
GAME TIME
CLUB DISMISSED

All clubbers should be picked-up by Parents/Guardians ***promptly at 8:00 pm***, unless other arrangements have been made. We appreciate Parents/Guardians picking up your clubbers inside the lobby or gym for safety's sake.

Game Time:

Every Awana Club meeting includes a 30 minute high-energy Game Time session in the gym each week. Awana games are designed to teach kids team work and sportsmanship, will allowing them to have fun and burn some energy. The Awana Game Circle has universal appeal. Kids everywhere love Awana games! Everyone participates. Please make sure that your child wears tennis shoes to club each night. For safety, if your child doesn't have on appropriate shoes, he/she will be asked to sit out of game time.

Attendance

Sparks has 4 quarters of Awarding Club Attendance. **You are only allowed 1 absence during each quarter to still meet requirements for club attendance awards.** A form will be sent home about attendance in Sunday School/Church. Sunday School Awards are presented on a semester basis. (This is based on the Honor System for Sunday School/Church attendance at other churches.) **You are only allowed 2 absences during each semester to still meet requirements for Sunday School Awards.** *Sunday School and Club Attendance requirements are waived for a second handbook completed in a club year.*

Parental Assistance

Because many Sparks cannot yet read/or comprehend the verses and instructions in the Handbooks, **parent involvement is essential for a successful clubber.** The Leader will work with your child, however, due to limited Handbook Time, it is not possible for a clubber to correctly learn a verse during Handbook Time. The verses are better learned and understood at home by the clubber if they are reviewed a few minutes **each day.** Sparks is a self-paced program. To complete a handbook in one year, it is recommended that a clubber complete at least 2 sections of memory work each week. ***A clubber may say only five sections of memory work a night. Any number of non-memory sections pertaining to attendance, reading, questions, or crafts may be done.*** After completion of the current handbook, a clubber may go back and complete work in any past handbook at any rate with no section limits.

** It would be helpful to attach a note mentioning the sections your child is prepared to complete on the Handbook they are working in, thus expediting for the Leader, what sections are to be completed, each week of club.

Awards

When a clubber has completed the requirements to earn an Award, the Award will be issued to them during the Award Ceremony of Green Meadow Time. **AN AWARD WILL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CLUBBER DOES NOT WEAR THE SPARKS VEST!** Therefore, each clubber should purchase their vest **before** they are eligible for their first Award (Rank Patch) and wear their vest to each club meeting.

What are the awards – Sparks?

Sparks Rank Patch.....	Completion of the Rank Path (Please remove old patches when receiving new rank patch for each book).
Sparks Pilot Wings	When earn first jewel
Jewel, Blue.....	Club Attendance award may be earned for each of four club periods. One absence will be allowed per period for this award. Club Director will determine exceptions.
Jewel, Green	Completion of Activity Sections
Jewel, Red.....	Completion of Bible Drills Sections
SS Attendance Emblem	A Sunday School Attendance Award may be earned by attending any Sunday School for each of two club semesters. Two unexcused and any number of excused absences will be allowed per club period. Club Director will determine exceptions.
Review Emblem Patch.....	Completion of review sections in handbook
Workbook Pin.....	Completion of Extra Credit Cards/Workbook
First Book Award Ribbon.....	Completion of HangGlider Handbook
Second Book Award Ribbon	Completion of WingRunner Handbook
Sparky Award Plaque	Completion of all 3 Sparks Handbooks

Truth & Training (T&T)

(3rd /4th Grade & 5th/6th Grade)

Introduction/Start Zone Entrance Booklet

The *Start Zone Entrance Booklet* is the first (introduction) booklet received in T&T. Upon completion of this Entrance Booklet the clubber is eligible to purchase the Book 1 Handbook available in T&T.



Handbooks/Reviews

The T&T program has four handbooks called *The Ultimate Adventure Series* for 3rd/4th Graders and *The Ultimate Challenge Series* for 5th/6th Graders. Clubbers are taught that the “ultimate adventure” is a Christian's relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ultimate Adventure Series Book One and *Book Two* are each divided into eight Discoveries. *The Ultimate Challenge Series Book One* and *Book Two* are exclusively for 5th & 6th Graders and are each divided into eight Challenges. Each Discovery or Challenge has seven sections, adding up to 56 sections in each of the handbooks.

All sections in the T&T handbooks should be passed in order. There are just two exceptions. One is bringing friends to club. The other is the missionary interview. Clubbers can continue working through their books even if these two sections are not completed. Sections may be signed, but an achievement seal cannot be awarded until all sections in that Discovery or Challenge are completed.



*1st book for 3rd/4th Grade – START ZONE ENTRANCE BOOKLET, THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE BOOK ONE & REVIEW TEST **



*2nd Book for 3rd/4th Grade - THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE BOOK TWO & REVIEW TEST **



1st Book for 5th/6th Grade - THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE BOOK ONE



2nd Book for 5th/6th Grade - THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE BOOK TWO

Extra Credit

At the end of each Discovery or Challenge there are “Silver” and “Gold” extra-credit sections. A clubber must complete ALL of the Silver or Gold sections to receive a Silver Seal or Gold Seal at the end of the year. Silver and Gold sections may be done in any order. However, a Silver Seal must be earned before a Gold Seal.

Silver and Gold sections can be quite difficult. Here are some examples:

- Write down 10 instructions received throughout the day, and then find 10 instructions God gives in His Word.
- Read and report on a missionary biography.
- Make five awesome invitations to AWANA, and then hand them out to friends.
- Write a song or poem of praise to God.
- Make up a game to help you and others learn the books of the Bible.
- Make a list of 20 different names found in the Bible for the Lord Jesus.
- Learn how to say John 3:16 in another language.

Review

Review is central to the T&T program. While the word “review” may not be used, the concept is integrated throughout the handbooks. If you read through an entire handbook, the clubbers are constantly asked to give the questions, answers, and backup verses in some form. This happens in the regular sections and in the Silver and Gold sections. Also, the first section of *Book Two* is a review of *Book One*.

In addition, certificates and pins are available for clubbers who can recite four questions, eight answers for each question and a backup verse for each answer. That’s a total book review in one sitting! Thirty-two review verses!

Section Features

Here’s a typical section from a T&T handbook.



Other section features not shown in this sample are:



BrainCheck

The leader asks the clubber questions to make sure he or she understands the verses or concepts taught. The clubber is required to answer the question or questions to pass the section.



WordWise

Defines difficult words



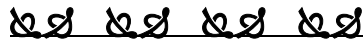
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An explanation of an unfamiliar concept

Each Handbook consists of:

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
DISCOVERIES/CHALLENGES	ACHIEVEMENT SEALS
HANDBOOK REVIEW/TEST REVIEW	CERTIFICATE AND PIN

T&T is a self-paced program. To complete a handbook in one year, it is recommended that a clubber complete 2 sections at a minimum each week.



Awards

When a clubber has completed the requirements to earn an Award, the Award will be issued to them during the Award Ceremony of Council Time. **AN AWARD WILL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CLUBBER DOES NOT WEAR THEIR UNIFORM!** Therefore, each clubber should purchase their uniform shirt **before** they are eligible for their first Award (Book Award Badge) and wear their shirt to each club meeting.

What are the awards?

Ultimate Adventure Streamwood Award Bar	Once Start Zone is completed (3rd/4th Grade)
Discovery Ultimate Adventure Award Bones (8).....	Completion of each Discovery (3rd/4th Grade)
Ultimate Challenge Award Emblems (8).....	Completion of each Challenge (5th/6th Grade)
Silver Pin	Completion of all 16 Silver sections
Gold Pin.....	Completion of all 16 Gold sections
Handbook Review Certificate and Pin.....	Completion of Handbook Review Test
Alpha Award & Pin	Completion of one Handbook
Excellence Award Trophy & Pin.....	Completion of two Handbooks
Challenge Award & Pin.....	Completion of three Handbooks
Timothy Trophy & Pin	Completion of four Handbooks

Schedule

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their child checked-into club 10 minutes before the beginning of club at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY
HANDBOOK TIME
GAME TIME
COUNCIL TIME (Large Group Time)
CLUB DISMISSED

(All clubbers should be picked-up by Parents/Guardians no later than 5 min.
after Dismissal at 8:00 p.m.)

Game Time:

Every Awana Club meeting includes a 30 minute high-energy Game Time session in the gym each week. Awana games are designed to teach kids team work and sportsmanship, will allowing them to have fun and burn some energy. The Awana Game Circle has universal appeal. Kids everywhere love Awana games! Everyone participates. Please make sure that your child wears tennis shoes to club each night. For safety, if your child doesn't have on appropriate shoes, he/she will be asked to sit out of game time.