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**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**

***AWANA Sparks Preview  
Parent Guide  
(A Preview for Sparks)***

Further Specific Details Can Be Obtained From Our Sparks Director



*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

## Preview to Sparks

The following information is being provided to assist in simplifying the transition to Sparks club in the fall.

### Introduction/Sparks Gate Entrance Booklet

The *Sparks Gate Entrance Booklet* is the first and only (introduction) booklet received in Sparks. Upon completion of this Entrance Booklet the clubber receives a Sparks Membership Card, Uniform Vest, and is eligible to purchase the First of 3 Handbooks (Skipper Handbook) available in Sparks. For returning clubbers who are already in a handbook, they simply resume where they left off last year in Sparks.



### Handbooks/Reviews

Sparks has 3 Handbooks used in their club: **Skipper, Hiker, Climber**. The following sequence of completion is as follows:



First Handbook – ***SPARKS GATE ENTRANCE BOOKLET, SKIPPER HANDBOOK & REVIEW***



Second Handbook - ***HIKER HANDBOOK & REVIEW***



Third Handbook - ***CLIMBER HANDBOOK & REVIEW***

*- Regardless of the age or grade of the child, each clubber will start in the Skipper Handbook. Clubbers will complete the handbook that they were in the previous year before starting a new one. Thus, they need to bring their handbook with them if this applies.*

**Each Handbook consists of:**

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Rank Path	Rank Patch
Bible Drills	RED Jewel
Crafts/Activities	GREEN Jewel
Review Island	Review Patch

- Red Jewel Handbook work must be completed in order as it appears in the handbook. Green Jewel work may be done anytime after passing the rank test and in any order. You are encouraged to begin the green jewels early.
- Review consists of going through the Handbook a 2nd time and then completing the review Island Section

<u>HANDBOOKS</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
SKIPPER	1st BOOK RIBBON
HIKER	2nd BOOK RIBBON
CLIMBER	SPARKY AWARD

If a clubber completes both the Handbook & Review requirements before the end of the club year, there is a Workbook available for each Handbook level.



### 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  
GREEN MEADOW TIME  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
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.

## 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.



We have an AWANA Store that is open quarterly. Clubbers earn shares to spend by completing handbook work as well as other contests, etc. We keep shares for your clubbers in their own envelopes, so they won't lose them. This is a favorite time when they can go shop in the store. 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!

## 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 Skipper Rank Patch	Completion of the Skipper Rank Path.
Sparks Hiker Rank Patch	Completion of the Hiker Rank Path. <i>Only the current rank patch should be worn on the vest (Please remove old patch).</i>
Sparks Climber Rank Patch	Completion of the Climber Rank Path. <i>Only the current rank patch should be worn on the vest (Please remove old patch).</i>
Skipper Crown, Bronze	When earn first jewel
Hiker Crown, Silver	When earn first jewel
Climber Crown, Gold	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.
Skipper Review Emblem Patch	Completion of 9 review sections in handbook
Hiker Review Emblem Patch	Completion of 9 review sections in handbook
Climber Review Emblem Patch	Completion of 9 review sections in handbook
Skipper Workbook Pin	Completion of Skipper Workbook
Hiker Workbook Pin	Completion of Hiker Workbook
Climber Workbook Pin	Completion of Climber Workbook
First Book Award Ribbon	Completion of Skipper Handbook
Second Book Award Ribbon	Completion of Hiker Handbook
Sparky Award Plaque	Completion of all 3 Sparks Handbooks

We hope that the information contained above in this **PREVIEW** of SPARKS will help prepare you and your child for the transition into the Sparks!

Your involvement will make a tremendous difference in the success of your child in AWANA, as well as providing an enriching experience for you. You are encouraged to stay and observe Sparks and share in their evening, anytime.

If you have further questions concerning Sparks, please consult our Sparks Director anytime.

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