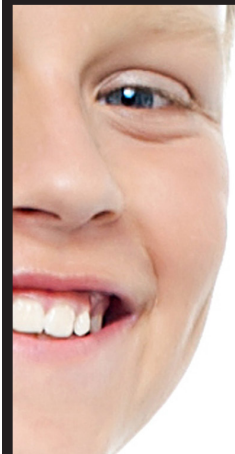




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Parents' Handbook

From the Awana Ministry Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-18 Awana Year! Our directors and leaders have been busy planning a fun and rewarding time for your children. It is our goal to help them make friends, build their Bible knowledge through Scripture memory, and teach them how to live in a godly way. We are here to partner with you in these efforts. Please communicate any needs, questions, or comments to your child's leader, director or to us. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Please be sure to keep the Awana calendar handy so that you will be aware of special nights and events. There will be times that you may need to make special preparations in order for your child to be ready for club—such as dress up days, Bring-A-Friend night, etc. As always, your aid in helping your clubber with their handbook is invaluable. Some children will need your help to memorize their sections, while others may only need some motivational structure.

Please be sure that you include your email address with your registration so that we can send you reminders, event information, etc. We strive to work with all children regardless of their needs and abilities, but we cannot make accommodations if we are not aware of the challenges. Please let us know if your child needs any accommodations.

Also, please make sure that we are aware of any allergies or medical needs so that we can keep your child safe. We trust that the handbook that you are reading will answer most of your questions about the Awana program, but should you have any questions that are not answered here, please ask.

John and Jessica Antolick
Awana Ministry Directors

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General Information

Awana is an international youth program offered by our church as a positive influence in the development of our area's young people. The Awana name is derived from a verse in the Bible found in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed." Our club is one of over 10,000 clubs around the world, and our charter number is 2427.

We encourage you to work with your child to help him or her learn the work in the handbooks. With your help and our exciting program, we will see tremendous growth in the children. Take a few minutes a day to review, and we're sure your child will surprise you on how he or she can accomplish the goals set forth in the program. Our people are committed and dedicated to serving as leaders, and we trust to see great and mighty things happen in our club this year.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Age/Grade</u>
Sparks	Grades K, 1, & 2
T&T (Truth & Training)	Grades 3 - 4

Club Cancellation Policy

During the winter months, if Abington Heights School District cancels school for the day or afterschool activities, then we will not have club that night. If they have early dismissal, we will not have club that night.

Dues

In order to cover the cost of running an excellent Awana program, dues this year will be \$20 per child for the year, not to exceed \$60 per family for the year, or \$2 per family per week.

Schedule

Wednesday 6:30-8:15 pm

Segments of Club Time

All club meetings are divided into three segments:

Small Group Time

Large Group Time

Game Time

Small Group Time – Consists of interactions between individual clubbers and their leader as clubbers recite memory work and discuss Bible reading assignments for comprehension. When the leader is satisfied that the clubber has covered the handbook material adequately, he/she will sign the handbook for awards. Note: See the Handbook section that follows for more important details.

Large Group Time – Includes singing and instruction from the Bible, covering a variety of topics relevant to growing up in and coping with the pressures of today's society as a Christian. The gospel is the key emphasis in our program.

Game time – offers clubbers the opportunity to participate as team members in physical activities, which can help develop team spirit, good sportsmanship, coordination skills, and self-confidence. Although games are competitive in nature and winning is desirable, leaders are encouraged to give top priority to building and preserving each clubbers' self-esteem. Also, we encourage the parents of all clubbers to have their children wear sneakers to help prevent accidents during game time.

Sparks and T&T Handbook Information

To keep the pace required for finishing one handbook during the Awana year, clubbers will need to work on their handbooks at home. Parental encouragement and help will greatly enhance a clubber's prospects for keeping the required pace. A pace of about one or two sections per week with regular attendance should be adequate to complete the handbook by the end of the club year. Awana's website, www.awana.org, has links to different sites with products that aid in memorizing Scripture. If you have any questions, please see your child's leader.

Specifically for Sparks Clubbers

After finishing their HangGlider handbook, clubbers should then complete all review sections. Each book includes a CD with wonderful helps for clubbers in memorizing Scripture and understanding passages. There is also extra credit for those completing handbook reviews.

Books	Description
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<i>Entrance Book – Flight 3:16</i>	
1st year	Sparks HangGlider Handbook – Green <i>(Creation through Joshua. It includes 12 exciting biographies of Bible characters)</i>
2nd year	WingRunner Handbook – Blue <i>(Judges through the birth of Christ)</i>
3rd year	SkyStormer Handbook – Red <i>(Birth of Christ through Revelation)</i>

Specifically for T&T Clubbers

Grades 3 and 4 will complete Awana's latest release, Evidence of Grace. Clubbers will earn an achievement patch for completion of each section. Handbook completion awards will be given at the end of the club year at the awards' ceremony.

Sparks and T&T

General Information

Meetings

Weekly meetings for Sparks and T&T will be held each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:15 at the church. **Please bring children no earlier than 6:15 pm, as we do not have all the leaders present before that time to ensure your children's safety.** Because of the compressed time schedule, all Sparks and T&T clubbers need to be at opening ceremonies by 6:30 pm in the church auditorium. Parents are asked to pick up their children at 8:15 pm.

Costs

Handbooks: The first entrance booklet is free. Upon completion of this booklet, a clubber may purchase the first Awana handbook.

Uniforms: Awana requires that each clubber be in uniform in order to receive the awards earned by that clubber. Also, team points are given at club meetings for clubbers who are in uniform. The uniform can be purchased at the registration table. Prices are as follows:

Club	Handbook	Book	Uniform
Sparks	HangGlider, WingRunner, SkyStormer	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.50
	Frequent Flyer Extra Credit	\$ 9.00	
T&T	3rd–4th grade	\$ 10.00	\$ 16.00

Uniform Sizes:

Sparks vest – XL only

Ultimate Adventure T-shirt – YS, YM, YL, AS, AM

Special Notes

Please understand that no child will be turned away due to the lack of finances. If there is a need, please let us know. Clubbers need to write their names in ink on their handbooks and on their uniform tag.



Awards for Sparks

Red, blue, and green jewels for the Sparks clubbers will be distributed individually. Patches, ribbons, and plaques will be awarded at the end of the Awana year in April.

Awards for T&T

Each clubber will be a part of a color team and will participate weekly for team victory. Top honors will be decided by individual clubber points, accumulated game time scores, and for points awarded at the discretion of leaders for behavior that is noted to be exceptional.

Points awarded to individuals and to teams as listed below:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Category</u>
300	Bringing Visitors
200	Completing Section
100	Bringing Handbook
100	Wearing Uniform
100	Bringing Dues
100	Bringing Bible
100	Being Present
100	Sunday School Attendance
100	Wearing Sneakers



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T&T

Director	Reid Anderson	607-205-0483
Secretary	Jessica Antolick	570-504-4705

Games

Director	Rich Benedict	570-563-1022
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Parents, if you have further questions after going through the handbook, please feel free to make use of the phone numbers above any time throughout the year.



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