



Barksdale Baptist Church

Awana Club Ministry (Condensed Manual)

2021-2022



Weekly Club Schedule

September through May, Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:45 PM

We begin Opening Ceremony promptly at 6:15 pm each Wednesday. Upon arrival we request that parents or authorized adults sign in their Cubbie aged children at check-in table.. We ask that all first time Spark and T&T clubbers be accompanied by an adult or guardian to the main foyer to complete our registration form, all other clubbers are to check in and report to the Awana Room until called to Opening Ceremony in our Sanctuary.

Clubbers should be promptly picked up by 7:45 pm. If you will be late picking up your child we ask to contact us asap so we can make adjustments. Cubbies parents or an authorized adult will need to go to the Cubbie room. No Clubber will be allowed to leave the building without a parent or an authorized adult.

Sparks and T&T clubbers may be picked up in the Awana Room or church foyer. Parents on Barksdale Property will have their child/children delivered to them when the club has ended.

Awana Club meetings are not held on certain Wednesdays due to holidays or conflicts with other church activities. Club calendars are available from the Awana office and from the church web site at www.barksdalebaptist.org. Please note that if the Bossier Parish Schools are closed our Awana Club will be closed as well.

Finances

Registration Fee for all clubs is \$45 per child. Registration fees pay for club dues and help cover the cost of awards. No child needs to be excluded due to financial pressures. A payment plan is available for registration fees with a deposit and weekly payment commitment. Please see our Awana Secretary to set up a payment plan that works for your family.

Non-payments: If a payment is not completed or in process, we will not be able to afford to provide club items. We try **very hard** to make fairness important in Barksdale's Awana Club to all clubbers and families. If you are not able to pay, please speak with an Awana officers (Commander, Club Director, or Secretaries) to find a comfortable agreement so you and your child can have the best this club has to offer.

Clubber's Guidelines

We need parent/guardian assistance to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly club meeting, our club has established clubber guidelines for behavior. Your assistance with the following will help us provide for your child the best Awana has to offer. Respect your fellow clubbers. Treat them as you wish to be treated. Remain on the church property at all times. Leave all food, drink, and chewing gum at home. Respond to the **Five-Count** – stop what you are doing, become quiet, and listen to your leader. Bring your Bible and handbook to club each week. Wear your uniform and athletic shoes (no sandals, due to safety purposes. Improper foot attire will prompt not participation in Game Time.) every week. Unless the theme night specifies not to wear uniform (Non-scary Costume, etc...). No electronic devices or toys at club. Clubbers may turn in their mobile phones and receive them back after club.

Note to Parents:

Awana is a structured and scripture based club ministry. During the club night, any trained Awana Leader may use the Awana approved **Five Count** and **Three-Count** for attention and disciplinary purposes.

Five Count

This is a count down from 5 to 1 attention to get the group to stop talking and listen for directions and/or information the group needs to know about. Once a trained Awana Leader raises their hand and loudly speaks 5 other leaders and clubbers are to hold up their hand and discontinue talking and disruptions. This continues 4, 3, 2, 1 until the group is quiet.

Three-Count

1 count; a disruptive clubber will be asked by the director/leader to settle down and warn him or her of the consequences. If the clubber continues,

2 count; the clubber will be brought to the commander who will encourage the clubber to obey club rules and then allow the clubber to return to his/her club. If the clubber continues to disrupt,

3 count; the clubber will be taken out of their club and either brought to his or her parents, or the parents will be notified when they pick up their child. A meeting of the parents, pastor, commander & clubber may be arranged. If behavior is corrected, the clubber may return the following club night.

More about Barksdale's Awana Club Ministry

If you would like to know more detailed information about Barksdale's Awana Club Ministry our Club Instructions/Manual is available to anyone who would like a copy.

Coronavirus Safety Procedures; We will have mask (two types for comfort) available for clubbers and/or leaders/volunteers to receive at check-in and return at the close of club. We will take these mask wash, dry, and iron them for the following week, as per CDC guidelines. If the BPSB (Bossier Parish School Board) requires schools to wear mask, for the safety as BPSB instructs we will follow their requirements. If your child does not want to wear a mask, it is not mandatory but we would like to do what we can to help in the efforts of safety for all children and adults in Barksdale's Awana Club.

WHY UNIFORMS?

An important part of Awana is unity and discipline, not just with children, but adult leaders alike. Awana uses uniforms to assist in this effort. Wearing uniforms establishes an identity for each clubber. They are also a neat place to display awards. T-shirts are available to wear, but awards cannot be displayed.

TENNIS SHOES! It is very important for your child to wear tennis shoes due to the nature of Game Time. An injury can result if your child trips while participating in Game Time. Shoes that cannot slip off feet is acceptable as well. We may have to have any child not wearing the correct footwear to set out of Game Time for safety purposes.

The following page is for either Cubbies, Sparks, or T&T. This information will explain the club description, handbook, verse expectations, and other information for you to understand Awana Club Ministry at Barksdale Baptist Church a little better. Thank you for supporting Barksdale Baptist Awana Club Ministry. We will post information on our Awana Facebook page, if you a friend please make a request to Barksdale BC Awana Clubs.



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Cubbies

Cubbies (3-4 Year Olds): Cubbies celebrate the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son, and His Word.

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Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies Club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games, or all their Cubbies friends, they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior.

Cubbies helps you lead your child to God early so your child will respect and trust Him for life.

CUBBIES PARENT ROLE

Cubbies encourages parental involvement. Your child's handbooks feature parent-child activities for home. You will lead your child through handbook sections, called Bear Hugs, to prepare for the next club gathering. Each Bear Hug includes optional activities, called "Under the Apple Tree," for reviewing Bible verses and lessons learned earlier.

At club, your Cubbie will review the verse you helped teach at home. Working through the handbook with your child develops your spiritual leadership and helps you instill your child with a lifelong Biblical worldview.

The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers.

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple Biblical truths. One handbook is completed in a club year. Each handbook contains 26 Bear Hug sections along with four special-day sections.

CUBBIES CURRICULUM;

Awards and Vest

Preschoolers love coming to church in their Cubbies uniform vests! And the opportunity to earn exciting awards helps children stay focused so they can learn God's Word.

1. AppleSeed Trail Emblem 2. HoneyComb Trail Emblem 3. Red Apple Achievement Emblem 4. Green Apple Achievement Emblem 5. Awana GO Emblem

Please note our Drop-off for Cubbies is a little different from T&T and Sparks.

Check in your child at the check-in table in the main foyer on the Awana side. Then walk your child to the designated Cubbie Room (through the Awana Room and down the hallway).

Take their bag (and coat) and their book to the current designated room.

Give your Cubbie a bear hug and tell them to have fun!

CUBBIES DROP-OFF & BATHROOM POLICY

BATHROOM POLICY: Cubbies should: ● Use facility unassisted. ● Be able to express the need to go BEFORE they do. ● May wear a pull up if they are a first year student but please note they CANNOT be changed by a volunteer. The Parent will be notified and requested after subsequent accident to remain on the premises until successfully potty trained. ● Must come to club in a clean, unsoiled manner. ● Use the facility prior to drop off each evening.

*Parents: We understand many are in a transitional stage in potty training and we are asking that first year cubbies be capable of letting a leader know when he or she needs to use the facility and should be able to use it unassisted. While we understand accidents may happen, we cannot facilitate regular changes of pull ups or clothing. Second year students need to be pull-up and diaper free.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see the commander, club director, or secretary.

Sparks

Sparks (K-2nd Grade): Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, which in-turn helps to build a strong foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

Sparks@ ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games, and spending time with leaders and friends. Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank: HangGlider@, WingRunner@ and SkyStormer™. Each year Sparks clubbers will: • Explore the Biographies of People of the Bible • Memorize Bible Verses • Complete Handbook Activities The handbooks and take your child on a journey through the entire Bible!

SPARKS CLUB

Sparks curriculum is comprised of three handbooks. Each handbook builds a foundation of Biblical wisdom through memory verse drills, crafts, activities, and review of key doctrine and Bible facts.

Before working in the first handbook, all newcomers to Sparks will complete an entrance booklet – Flight 3:16 – that centers on the gospel message of John 3:16. WingRunner and SkyStormer handbooks challenge Sparkies to learn about 15 more verses than the preceding book. *Clubbers will complete the books in consecutive order.

SPARKS PARENTS

Parents play a leading role in their child's spiritual development.

Invest in your child's growing faith by reading and discussing the Bible and the handbook sections with your child and by helping him/her memorize the verses. Use the Parent Ideas section in each handbook to help your child understand the biographies and see how they fit in the Bible. Sparks Bookwalks are online tools that walk you through your child's handbook to help YOU help your child. Optional parent handbooks (HangGlider, WingRunner, and SkyStormer) from Awana at Home correspond to your child's handbooks. These books make it easy to learn more about the Bible and answer your child's questions.

Parents can help their children prepare each week.

LISTEN: Each handbook includes an audio CD with readings of all the Bible biographies, memory verses and character stories featuring Sparky the Firefly and his friends Chloe, Jacob, and Joel.

SPEAK: Help your child say the verse aloud. Repeat phrase by phrase. Review every night before going to bed. Say it together while driving.

ACTIVITY: Write out the entire verse and repeat. Create puzzles together to put the verse in the proper order. Create fun games and learn together.

SPARKS AWARDS ;

Sparkies love the classic red vest and the awards they earn in Sparks that display their progress.

Here is a description of the items on the vest:

1. Sparks Emblem
2. HangGlider Rank Emblem
3. WingRunner Rank Emblem
4. SkyStormer Rank Emblem
5. HangGlider Review Emblem
6. HangGlider Pilot Wings and Jewels
7. HangGlider Extra Credit Pin
8. Church Attendance Emblems*
9. Awana GO Emblem

Sparky Award To earn a Sparky Award, a clubber must complete the three Sparks handbooks, which involves memorizing 150 verses. The recipient must have completed second grade.

Award Distribution Earned awards will be presented at the during closing ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend the Award Ceremony (Please check the Awana Theme Night for more information).

The Sparky Award and pin, along with certificates, will be handed out during closing ceremonies at the end of the Awana year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see the commander, club director, or secretary.

T&T (Truth & Training)

Truth & Training (3rd-6th Grade): T&T engages kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace.

All clubbers in grades 3-6 will be using Awana's Mission handbooks in NIV '84 (New International Version). Each of the 30 sections guides for a total learning experience aimed at long-term discipleship. It is encouraged that clubbers bring their Bible to Awana, as they will need one in Handbook Time. We will have extra Bibles handy for those who need one.

Handbook Time is assigned according to grade level with respectful leaders. Our trained leaders will guide the clubbers through their handbooks focusing on relationship building and discipleship.

A Start Zone booklet will be given to clubbers in 3rd grade or to any clubber who hasn't completed the Start Zone in the past. The Start Zone consists of two sections. The first will walk students through the gospel and the second gives an overview of basic Bible information. Each section contains questions to answer and verse memory and must be completed in order to be eligible for a book award. We have provided an option for clubbers to read and write or read and recite at least one scripture in sections to help them complete their handbook. These are available to our leaders and are in the Awana Office.

The handbook consists of lessons each including an introductory activity, Bible study, prayer section guiding them on how to specifically pray for different countries in the world, and optional extra credit opportunities to dive deeper into their Scripture memory and study of God's Word.

Gold and silver extra credit sections are optional to complete and are NOT required to receive an end of the year book award.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The T&T curriculum has been built to encourage parents or guardians to become involved in their child's spiritual development in greater ways. The handbook includes simple activities in the "Start Here" activity for parents to participate in their child's handbook experience. We also ask that you please work with your child each week to help them learn their verses so they are prepared when they come to club.

Awards will be given out at the beginning of closing ceremony time (located in the church auditorium or Awana Room). When your child qualifies for an award, they will receive it the following week.

End of Year Awards At the conclusion of the Awana year, participation certificates or book awards will be distributed at our last week of Awana (See Awana Theme Nights).

Completion of one book: Alpha Award and Pin Completion. Completion of two books: Excellence Award and Pin. Completion of three books: Challenge Award and Pin. Completion of four books: Timothy Award and Pin

Recognizing the high caliber of students that emerge from Awana Youth Ministries, some colleges are eager to provide scholarships for students who have reached various levels of achievement within the Awana curriculum. Those who are awarded the Timothy Award are eligible to receive future scholarship money to participating colleges.

Awards For every four sections passed, clubbers will earn a patch for their uniform as well as Awana Bucks to spend at our Awana store. Clubbers have the opportunity to earn up to eight emblems per Awana year. Clubbers must be wearing their uniform shirts to receive their awards.

For silver and gold extra credit awards, an entire section of silver and an entire section of gold must be completed prior to being awarded the appropriate patch. Clubbers can receive up to four gold and four silver patches per Awana year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see the commander, club director, or secretary.

Barksdale's Awana Calendar

2021-2022

2021		2022	
August		January	
8	Leaders/Volunteers Meeting	5	Minute to Win/AmazinGrace Night
25	Early Registration	12	Fashion Disaster Night
		19	Verse Night
September		26	Planet Night
1	Sundae Night		
8	Lifesaver Night	February	
15	Regular Club Night	2	Drive-in Movie Night
22	Freckles Night	9	Kids Run It Night
29	Thgin Sdrawkcab Night	16	Valentine Party
		23	Regular Club
October		March	
6	Memory Challenge Night	2	Pastor Blaster
13	Fall Break - No Club	9	Talent Night
20	Regular Club Night	16	Spring Break - No Club
27	Trunk or Treat	23	Regular Club Night
November		30	Copycat Night
3	OCC Shoebox Night	April	<i>Easter Break 15-18</i>
10	Regular Club Night	6	Leader Favorite Night
17	Lots of Food Night	13	Weather Night
24	Thanksgiving Break - No Club	20	Future Night
December		27	Turtle Race Night
1	Regular Club Night	May	
8	Glow Night	4	Balloon Night
15	Christmas Party	11	Awana Store
22	Christmas Break - No Club	18	Awana Award Ceremony
29	New Year's Break - No Club	25	No Awana – School Closed

Theme Nights are subject to change, but we will let clubbers know in advance.

Awana is open with the Bossier Parish Schools.

If the weather is bad enough for school to close, Barksdale Awana will also be closed.

If for some reason Barksdale Baptist Church decides to cancel services, we will do our best to contact each family.

We have Facebook, but only to club members for the safety of our clubbers.

Please make sure we have your current contact information.



Awana Registration 2021-22 Please Print



We respect the mask mandate; we will provide if needed. Please see Club Info Sheet.

Have a mask Need a mask Mask refusal Other

Child's Name _____ Home Phone _____
 Address _____ Cell # _____
 City/State _____ Zip Code _____
 Parent's Names _____ E-mail _____
 Birth Date ____/____/____ Age ____ Grade _____ Boy ____ Girl ____
 Child's Hobbies and Likes: _____ School _____
 Allergies/Restrictions _____ Church Home _____
 Other contact: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$45.00, in addition to items below.

Please check the following:

- _____ 3rd Grade (T&T must be ages 8 - 9 by Sept. 1)
- _____ 4th Grade (T&T must be ages 9 - 10 by Sept. 1)
- _____ 5th Grade (T&T must be ages 10 - 11 by Sept. 1)
- _____ 6th Grade (T&T must be ages 11 - 12 by Sept. 1)

Please check if a uniform is being purchased & indicate size (includes uniform awards):

_____ Green Jersey **\$16** S (30") _____ M (34") _____ L (36") _____ AS (38") _____ AM (41") _____
 _____ Blue Jersey **\$16** S (30") _____ M (34") _____ L (36") _____ AS (38") _____ AM (41") _____

Handbook: **\$10**

_____ Grace in Action (3rd Grade) _____ Evidence of Grace (4th Grade)
 _____ Agents of Grace (5th Grade) _____ Discovery of Grace (6th Grade)

Optional:

_____ T&T bag \$12 _____ CD \$10 _____ Green or Blue T-Shirt \$12 (Sizes _____)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – No experience necessary – Training provided

Are you willing to serve as an Awana Leader? Yes _____ No _____ Substitute _____

Which Club? Cubbies (3-4 yr olds) _____ Sparks (K-2nd) _____ T&T Clubs (3rd-6th) _____

I have read the Registration and Information form and I will do my part to help my child to do their best. Agree _____ Disagree _____

PAYING: Make checks payable to Barksdale Baptist Church (memo: Awana)

Fees Paid by: Check # _____ Cash \$ _____
 Payment Plan Total \$ _____
 Deposit Amount \$ _____
 Balance Due \$ _____
 Weekly Commitment Amount \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Registration received by _____ on ____/____/2021-22

Name or Initials

Date



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We respect the mask mandate; upon BPSB instructions. Please see Club Info Sheet.

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Child's Name _____ Home Phone _____
 Address _____ Cell # _____
 City/State _____ Zip Code _____
 Parent's Names _____ E-mail _____
 Birth Date ____/____/____ Age _____ Grade _____ Boy _____ Girl _____
 Child's Hobbies and Likes: _____ School _____
 Allergies/Restrictions _____ Church Home _____
 Other contact: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$45.00, in addition to items below.

Please check the following:

- _____ Kindergarten (Spark must be ages 5 - 6 by Sept. 1)
- _____ 1st Grade (Spark must be ages 6 - 7 by Sept. 1)
- _____ 2nd Grade (Spark must be ages 7 - 8 by Sept. 1)

Please check if a uniform is being purchased & indicate size (price includes uniform awards): (used for 3 years)

_____ Sparky Vest **\$14** M (8) _____ L (10) _____ XL (12) _____ XXL (14) _____ XXXL (16) _____

Handbook (Extra Credit): **\$10**

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| _____ HandGlider (Kindergarten) | _____ ECC HandGlider (Kindergarten) |
| _____ WingRunner (1 st Grade) | _____ ECC WingRunner (1 st Grade) |
| _____ SkyStormer (2 nd Grade) | _____ ECC SkyStormer (2 nd Grade) |

Optional:

_____ Sparky bag \$10 _____ CD \$10 _____ Sparky T-Shirt \$12 (Sizes _____)

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Are you willing to serve as an Awana Volunteer? Yes _____ No _____ Substitute _____

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Please check one of the following (All Cubbies must be potty trained):

_____ Cubbies – Age 3 (Cubbies must be age 3 by Sept. 1)
 _____ Cubbies – Age 4 (Cubbies must be age 4 by Sept. 1)

Please check if a uniform needs to be purchased & indicate size (price includes uniform awards):

_____ Cubbies Vest **\$14** M (5) _____ L (6) _____ XL (8) _____ XXL (10) _____

Handbook: **\$10**

_____ Honeycomb (odd years)
 _____ Appleseed (even years) 2021-22

Bag (optional):

_____ Cubbies bag **\$10**

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