



September 14, 2011
through
May 16, 2012



Parent & Worker Handbook



AWANA

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Do your best to present yourself
to God as one approved,
a workman who does not need
to be ashamed and who correctly
handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Our weekly AWANA program is designed to give boys and girls, Kindergarten - 6th grade the opportunity to build lasting friendships, establish positive role models, hide God's word in their heart and provide practical life lessons in a safe and fun Christian environment.

A regular AWANA meeting is divided into three parts:

- **Game Time** - Gives children the chance to play fun games while learning teamwork, leadership and communication skills.
- **Handbook Time** - Provides children the opportunity to develop relationships in a small group while working together on memorizing scripture.
- **Council Time** - Offers children practical life lessons in Christian living and character development.



Leader Responsibilities and Expectations

1. Be on time - at least 10 minutes before club starts.
2. If you are going to be absent, call your Director and room leader.
3. Be in uniform—we expect the children to wear their uniform as well.
4. Familiarize yourself with the church's Discipline Policy (page 10).
5. Be and participate with your group of kids all night (I.E. games, council time, etc.)
6. Leaders are encouraged to work on a handbook and memorizing scripture along with the clubbers.
7. Have a good attitude—it rubs off on the children.
8. Be a cheerleader for your group.
9. Participation in theme nights is strongly encouraged.
10. Attend the fall AWANA Ministry Conference October 8, 2011. This is not mandatory, but highly recommended for all leaders.



Parent Responsibilities and Expectations

1. Please drop off in the student center and pick up your child in their designated room. **We will not dismiss a child on their own without prior written notice from a parent.** This is a safety measure and it also allows you an opportunity to speak with leaders and see how your child is progressing.
2. Your child(ren) need to come in uniform if they have earned one. A uniform must be worn during the opening ceremony and during the awards ceremony in order to receive awards.
3. A child's success in AWANA depends greatly upon parental support at home. Spending time helping them with their handbooks makes such a difference!

SPARKS Store

Children will earn "AWANA shares" (play money) that can be used in the AWANA store. The AWANA store will be held every few months (see calendar) and the store will contain a variety of prizes - no two stores are alike! The ways that children can earn "AWANA shares" are listed below:

- 1 share per section finished
- 1 share for coming to club
- 5 shares for bringing a new friend

TNT Party Prizes

There will be two party events held for TNT clubbers who have completed a certain number of sections: A Pizza and Game Party will be held during the Jan 18th meeting for those who have completed 24 or more sections. An Ice Cream and Water Works Party will be held on May 9th if they have completed 30 or more sections.

In addition, TNT Clubbers will earn a small candy treat for each section completed during Handbook time. They can also earn candy treats for inviting a friend or bringing their Bible each meeting.

Directors also have discretion to hand out "rewards or shares" for good behavior, kind deeds, helpful attitudes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Clubs

Sparks: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Truth and Training: 3rd – 6th Grade

- Pals: 3rd & 4th Grade boys
- Chums: 3rd & 4th Grade girls
- Pioneers: 5th & 6th Grade boys
- Guards: 5th & 6th Grade girls

Cost

Registration: \$30.00 / child-for the academic year

Uniforms

- Sparks Vests: \$10.00
- Truth & Training Shirts: \$14.00

Used uniforms may be available. Please see club secretary for availability.

Replacement Handbooks and Entrance Booklets*

- Handbooks: \$10.00
- Entrance Booklet: \$0.25

**Handbooks and Entrance Booklets are earned by the clubber, and the first one is given free. If a clubber loses his or her Handbook or Entrance Booklet, then the above prices are in effect.*

Attendance

Clubbers earn awards for club attendance and Sunday School attendance. To earn these awards your child must have no more than one unexcused absence per Club quarter and one unexcused absence per Sunday School 1/2 year. Additional excused absences will be allowed for sickness, vacations, etc. A note must be given to the club secretary for any excused absences.

Handbooks

1. Clubbers must have their handbook at club to receive credit for sections passed. If your book is lost or misplaced, please discuss this with your leader.
2. Sections are passed when recited to an AWANA leader.
3. If your child memorizes the verse in a version other than that listed in the handbook please bring in a copy of the verse and the version used in order to receive credit.
4. No more than two helps per section are given to receive credit.
5. Depending on number of helpers, clubbers may be limited to the number of sections they may pass during class time.
6. Sparks: once you have completed the rank path you may work on red jewels and green jewels concurrently. Red jewels must be worked in order. Green jewels can be worked in any order. Upon completion of a book, talk to your secretary about review as each level is different. Truth & Training: sections must be worked in order. Upon completion of entire book child may work on the optional silver badge and then the optional gold badge.
7. Sections calling for crafts or an outing should be done outside of club time with the child's parent.
8. For sections requiring praying or writing to a missionary the secretaries have cards with missionary info. Clubbers may also choose a personal missionary whom their family supports.

Awards

Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Sparkies have the opportunity to complete three handbooks. They will start off as HangGliders, then become WingRunners and finish as a SkyStormer. Below are the awards each Sparkie has the opportunity to earn.

- **First Book Award** – Awarded upon completion of any of the three Sparky handbooks
- **Second Book Award** – Awarded upon completion of the HangGlider or Wingrunner handbook
- **Sparky Award** – Awarded upon completion of all three Sparky handbooks

Truth & Training (3rd-6th Grade) This level of the AWANA program offers four handbooks for the children to work through. Below are the awards each T&T child has the opportunity to earn.

- **First Book Award** – Awarded upon completion of the first handbook
- **Excellence Award** – Awarded upon completion of any two handbooks
- **Third Book Award** – Awarded upon completion of any three handbooks
- **Timothy Trophy** – Awarded upon completion of all four handbooks



AWANA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sparks

6:30 - 6:35 pm	Opening Ceremony	Student Center
6:35 - 7:05 pm	Handbook	Classroom
7:05 - 7:35 pm	Games	Student Center
7:35 - 8:00 pm	Council Time	L115/L117
8:00 - 8:10 pm	Awards & announcements with families	L115/L117



Truth and Training

6:30 - 6:35 pm	Opening Ceremony	Student Center
6:35 - 7:05 pm	Boys - Handbook	Classroom
	Girls - Games	Student Center
7:05 - 7:35 pm	Council Time	L124/L126
7:35 - 8:00 pm	Boys - Games	Student Center
	Girls - Handbook	Classroom
8:00 - 8:10 pm	Awards & Announcements with families	L124/L126



Cubbies (Leaders' children 3 & 4 years old)

6:30 - 6:35 pm	Opening Ceremony	Student Center
6:35 - 8:10 pm	Lesson, Games & Special Activities	L118

LOWER LEVEL

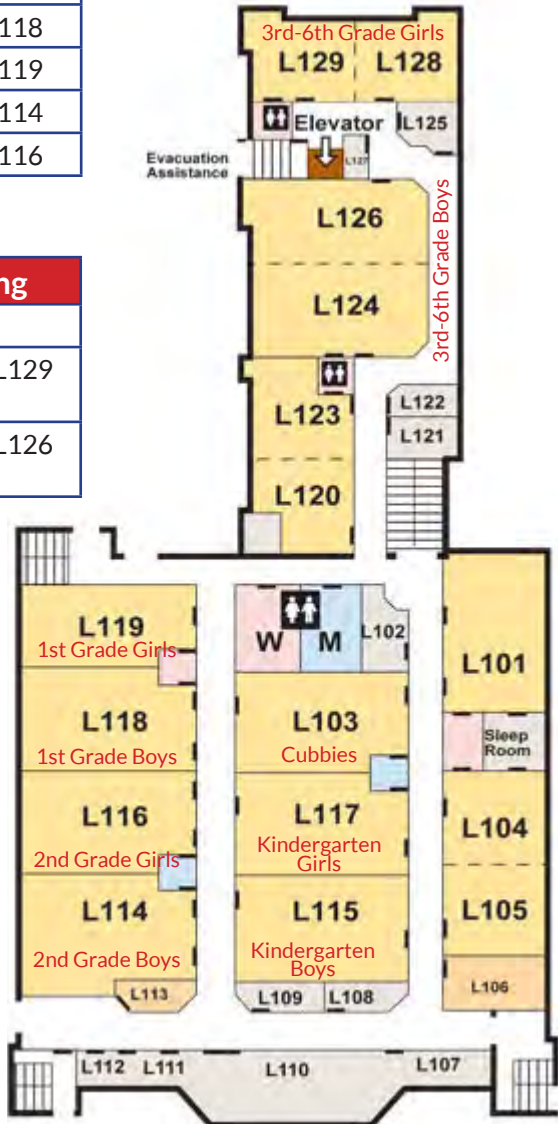
Cubbies & Sparks

	Room
Cubbies	L103
Kindergarten Boys	L115
Kindergarten Girls	L117
1st Grade Boys	L118
1st Grade Girls	L119
2nd Grade Boys	L114
2nd Grade Girls	L116



Truth & Training

	Room
3rd-6th Grade Girls	L128/L129
3rd-6th Grade Boys	L124/L126



CALENDAR

September

- 9/14 • Club Begins
- 9/21 • Regular Meeting
- 9/28 • Fruit & Family Night

October

- 10/5 • Regular Meeting
- 10/8 • AWANA Ministry Conference
- 10/12 • Bible Hero Night
- 10/19 • Regular Meeting
- 10/26 • Praying Pumpkin Night

November

- 11/2 • Regular Meeting
- 11/9 • Patriotic Night
- 11/16 • Tin Can Tally Night
- 11/23 • No AWANA
- 11/30 • Regular Meeting

December

- 12/7 • AWANA Christmas Party

January

- 1/11 • Regular Meeting
- 1/18 • Spark Store/TNT Prize
- 1/25 • Missionary Night

February

- 2/1 • Regular Meeting
- 2/8 • Crazy Apple Night
- 2/15 • Club Colors & Crazy Hair Night
- 2/22 • No AWANA
(Mid-Winter Break)
- 2/29 • Regular Meeting

March

- 3/7 • Measles Night
- 3/14 • Drive In Movie Night
- 3/21 • Pastors Popcorn & Pajama Night
- 3/28 • Regular Meeting

April

- 4/4 • Book Night
- 4/11 • Regular Meeting
- 4/18 • No AWANA
(Spring Break)
- 4/25 • Regular Meeting

May

- 5/2 • Fisherman Night
- 5/5 • Grand Prix Workshop
- 5/9 • Store Night/TNT Party
- 5/12 • AWANA Grand Prix
- 5/16 • Awards Night

THEME NIGHTS 2011-2012

Theme nights are special evenings designed to encourage team spirit and overall fun. Children who participate will receive additional AWANA shares/treats.

DOUBLE SHARE NIGHT • These special nights will be announced the week before – could happen anytime!

9/28 Fruits of the Spirit and Family Night

Clubbers invite their parents /guardians to come to AWANA. This is a good time to connect with your child's leader and class.

10/12 Bible Hero Night

Clubbers dress up as their favorite bible hero, or they may tell the story of their hero from the bible! Great night to invite friends!

10/26 Praying Pumpkin Night

Each small group will decorate a pumpkin. We will have prized and will use them to decorate the Harvest Festival.

11/9 Patriotic Night

Wear red, white and blue! We'll write letters to send to a service man or woman serving our country. Let's show our support!

11/16 Tin Can Tally Night

Clubbers will bring in canned goods to help feed our community.

12/7 AWANA Family Christmas Celebration

1/25 Missionary Night

A surprise missionary will talk about their work for the Lord and share about of the country they have visited.

2/8 Crazy Apple Night

Clubber's need to bring in an apple to use at game and council times!

2/15 Crazy Hair Night & Club Colors

Style, color, fix up, put down and create your crazy Hair look for the night! Very fun – don't miss it!

3/7 Measles Night

Give your leader a good case of the measles! Each section you pass earns you one red dot to place on your leader.

3/21 Pastors , Popcorn and Pajama Night

Pastors from church are invited to join in AWANA. Clubbers get to wear their most comfy pajamas! Popcorn will be eaten during Handbook time.

4/4 Book Night

Clubbers bring their favorite book to club. We will play games with old books and more importantly, we will focus on God's book the BIBLE at council time.

5/2 Fisherman Night

Clubbers dress for a fishing trip. Games will be centered on fishing, and we'll hear a "BIG FISH" story at council Time.

NORTHSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH DISCIPLINE POLICY

It is the prayer and goal of the Children's Ministry staff that a child feel loved and safe when they are in any of the children's programs offered at Northshore Baptist Church. The understanding of the staff and workers is that effective discipline only takes place in an atmosphere of unconditional love. It is in this attitude of unconditional love that we try to administer discipline in the classroom. The most effective discipline takes place in the home when given by loving parents. It is the goal of the NSB staff to support that process which begins in the home. We use a "3 Warning" type of discipline that is administered sequentially, as the child's behavior warrants:

1. Talk...The first time a child misbehaves, s/he will be given a verbal warning from a teacher. This warning will be clear and simple in order to give the child the opportunity to stop what s/he is doing wrong and start doing what is right.

2. Time Out...The second time a child misbehaves during the same class, s/he will be given a "time-out". The child is separated from the rest of the class and sits in the room with an adult leader for 2-5 minutes. At the end of the "time-out", the teacher will speak with the child. The purpose of this is to help the child understand why s/he received that correction and to discuss what would have been a more appropriate response by the child in that situation. This is the child's second chance to stop what s/he is doing wrong and do what is right.

3. Suspension...The third time a child misbehaves during the same class, s/he will be removed from the classroom by the Director or Children's Pastor for the remainder of that class period. The child will be taken to their parents for further disciplinary actions. The child may return to class the next week and start over.

Teachers regularly review the “3-Warning” policy with all the children. It is our hope that adult leaders should never need to go past the first step of giving the child a verbal warning about their misbehavior. However, classes run smoothly when boundaries are understood and practiced.

A note to parents:

Northshore does not use spanking or any other measures which include physical discipline to remedy a child’s misbehavior. Parents will be informed whenever their child has been given a warning and we will do that privately with sensitivity.

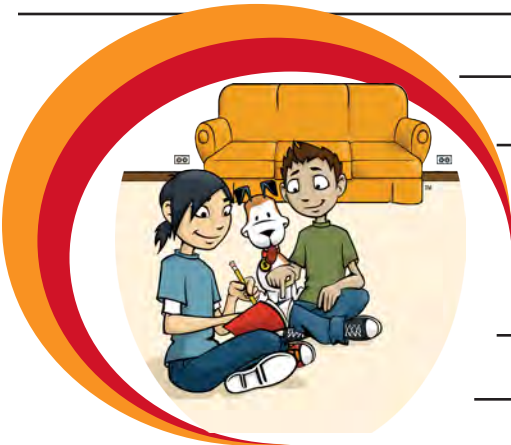


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Notes





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