Northside Christian Fellowship

Proclaiming Jesus Christ
as Savior and Lord

Parent Information Handbook

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Truth & Training Directors:

Boys: Kyle Mangum 290-3146
Girls: Julie Klerck 597-1358

Sparks Director:
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Cubbies Director:
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Please add in your email contact list our Awana address: NCF_Awana@hotmail.com We will be sending reminders for theme nights and other important updates. If we do not have your email address or it changes, please see Des.

Awana Clubs Sparks K-2nd grade
Cubbies Awana Clubs 3&4 years
Awana Clubs Truth & Training 3rd-6th grade

Welcome to Awana!

Dear Parents:

Your family is important to us at Northside Christian Fellowship! It is our desire to minister to and serve each member of your family. A special part of our family ministry is our Awana Clubs. Awana is an acronym taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 and stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.

We believe that Awana is an excellent opportunity for you as parents to encourage and instruct your children in areas of spiritual truth and growth. We trust that you will actively support your child's participation in Awana and that your child will be challenged to share God's Word with family and friends.

The purpose of this booklet is to summarize important items of information and answer commonly-asked questions about the Awana program. We encourage you to look through this material and keep it on hand for reference as needed.

Thank you for giving Northside Christian Fellowship the opportunity to serve you and your family!

By His Grace,

Kyle Mangum
Awana Commander
Northside Christian Fellowship

Awana Procedures

1. Club begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. The church doors are open at 6:15 p.m., and clubbers should plan to arrive in time to check in and be on their club line by 6:30 p.m. Parents or authorized adults must accompany their clubber(s) to their respective club sign-in location.

2. Club finishes at 8:00 p.m. Please make arrangements to pick up your child promptly. For safety reasons, parents or authorized adults (as per registration form) must check-out their child from their respective club sign-out location.

3. In case of emergency, all clubbers need a registration and medical release form on file. Please fill out this form and return it with your child as soon as possible.

4. Clubbers should wear their uniform and bring their handbook each week.

5. Clubbers are encouraged to bring visitors to club.

6. Clubbers must wear appropriate shoes for game time.

7. Please leave all toys, food, gum, and candy at home.

8. In order to receive an award or to redeem points at the Point Store, clubbers must be in uniform.

9. Clubbers are expected to work in their handbooks each week. Sections are to be said in their entirety, including the Bible reference. Two helps are allowed per section.

Discipline

We want to keep each Awana night safe and fun for all clubbers. One way we do this is by using the Awana 5 Count and the 3 Count, which are described below. Please review these rules with your child. Team points are often awarded to the team that responds the quickest.

The Awana 5 Count

Whistle is blown . . .
Stand at attention . . .
Quiet.
The Commander or Director will slowly and clearly count to five.
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5.
The aim is to be quiet immediately, and before the number 5 is reached.

The Awana 3 Count

The Awana 3 Count is only used if there is a continued problem with a clubber.

1. The leader will give a warning to the clubber and tell him or her what to correct, stop, etc.

2. One more warning is given.

3. If the problem continues, the clubber must be taken home. The situation will be explained to his parents. If the parents are not home the clubber will be isolated, under the supervision of at least two leaders, from the other clubbers for the rest of the club evening. The clubber is encouraged to come back to club when he agrees to obey the club rules.

Awana® Clubs™
Truth & Training

Boys' Director: Kyle Mangum

Girls' Director: Julie Klerck

AGES: Boys and Girls, 3rd - 6th Grade

Entrance Test: Start Zone

Handbook: *Mission: Grace in Action*

Awards: T&T Awards Emblems
Silver & Gold Achievement Seals (extra credit)
Book Completion Awards and Pins
T&T Handbook Review Emblems

Awards for completing handbooks:
1 Book - Alpha Award and Pin
2 Books - Excellence Award and Pin
3 Books – Challenge Award and Pin
4 Books - Timothy Award and Pin

Awana Prices

Registration:

We request a $15 yearly registration fee per clubber. (Families with more than three children are $45 per family.) This fee partially offsets the costs of prizes, entrance booklets, awards, and other costs of running the club for the year. Financial aid is available upon request.

Uniforms

Cubbies Vest $10.00
Sparks Vest $10.00
T&T Uniform $16.00

Handbooks

Cubbies Handbook $10.00
Sparks Handbooks $10.00
Sparks Extra Credit Cards $8.00
T&T Handbook $10.00

Optional Bags

Cubbies & Sparks Bag $6.00
T&T Sling Bag $8.00

Please make checks payable to Northside Christian Fellowship.

The Awana catalog contains many other fun things that you may want to order for your child, such as t-shirts, puppets, pins, etc. Ask the Awana Clubs Secretary if you wish to look at a catalog.

Incentives for Completing Handbooks

Scripture Seekers

Truth Trackers

An important goal clubbers are encouraged to achieve is the completion of one handbook per year. To aid in this endeavor, we have two built-in pacing tools—one for Sparks (Scripture Seekers) and one for T&T (Truth Trackers). For those clubbers who maintain pace with these tools, there are rewards of group recognition and a special gift or special event. Please see a sample of each pacing tool on our website (www.ncfchurch.net), as well as, pick up your own copy at the Awana information table.

Very important note:

Our tracking tool begins and ends according to the Awana calendar, not according to when a clubber joins the club.

Scripture Seekers

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sara								
Jake								

In the case of inclement weather, we will cancel club night according to the determination of the Lake Pend Oreille School District No. 84. (School Emergency Closure phone number: 263-2312) However, if the weather becomes hazardous later in the day, we will contact you through email or by phone.

Awana® Clubs™ Sparks™

Director: Phil Driggars

AGES: Boys and Girls, K – 2nd Grade

Entrance Booklet: Flight 3:16

Handbooks: HangGlider Handbook
WingRunner Handbook
SkyStormer Handbook

Extra Credit Cards: Optional after each handbook listed above

Awards: Membership Card (upon completion of Flight 3:16)
Rank Patch (HangGlider, WingGlider, SkyStormer)
Rank Wings (fill with jewels listed below)
Red Jewels
Green Jewels
Blue Jewels (Club Attendance)
Book Review Emblems for each book
Frequent Flyer Pin for completing Extra-Credit Cards

Awards for completing handbook:
1 Book - First Book Ribbon
2 Books - Second Book Ribbon
3 Books - Sparky Award Plaque and Pin

Note to Parents: If your Sparkie forgets his/her vest or handbook, these items may have been left in the color-group bucket. You may want to check the bucket as you pick up your clubber, or your clubber may find it there the following club night.

Awana Clubs Cubbies

Director: Diane Prevost

AGES: Boys and Girls, for the two years prior to Kindergarten

The Awana Cubbies program is formulated specifically for your child's two years before he or she begins Kindergarten. Your child must be three before September 1 to begin the Cubbies program. If your child turns three during the club year, you must wait to enroll him until the next club year starts. All Cubbies must be potty trained.

Awards: AppleSeed and HoneyComb Trail emblems
Green Apple Achievement emblems
Red Apple Achievement emblems

Awards for completing handbook:
AppleSeed Book Award Ribbon
HoneyComb Book Award Ribbon

Nightly Schedule

Cubbies (2 years prior to Kindergarten)

6:15 Check-in time in Cubbies classroom.
6:30 Club starts. During the evening the Cubbies enjoy singing, games, crafts, puppets, a Bible lesson, and time to work in their handbook.
8:00 Club is over. Please pick up your child from the classroom.

Sparks (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade)

6:15 Check-in time, in foyer.
6:30 Club starts. Line up for Opening Ceremony.
6:32 Handbook Time in downstairs classrooms
7:00 Large Group Time in Fellowship Hall
7:30 Game Time, upstairs on Awana circle. Snacks.
8:00 Club is over. Please pick up your child at the Awana circle

Truth & Training (3rd - 6th Grade)

6:15 Check-in time, in foyer.
6:30 Club starts. Line up for opening ceremony.
6:32 Game Time/Snacks, girls; Handbook Time, boys
7:00 Game Time/Snacks, boys; Handbook Time, girls
7:30 Large Group Time in Fellowship Hall
8:00 Club is over. Please pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall.

Game Time is for fun and learning unique games, a time of fellowship as well as learning and practicing good sportsmanship.

Handbook Time is for a small group Bible study to accurately learn interpretation and application of verses (sections) from handbooks, which are memorized and recited.

Large Group Time is sharing God's Word through teaching, stories, and testimonies to aid in understanding how Scripture is relevant to life.

Handbook Awards

Awana awards are presented to clubbers for each segment of the handbook that is completed, and are to be worn on the Awana uniform. Remember, a clubber must be in uniform to receive his awards.

We encourage you to help your child learn sections by practicing with them at home. Only Awana leaders from Northside Christian Fellowship are allowed to sign off clubbers' sections. Parents are not allowed to sign off their own children (other than those pages specifically designed for parents to sign off).

A section is the smallest amount of information to be learned at one time. This includes the verse(s), their reference, and any answers to questions asked. Two helps may be given per section. A *help* is a word or gesture to give aid.

Please read through your child's handbook so you can share in this amazing experience of learning God's Word and understanding how to apply it to your life. Further, we urge you to help pace your child's progress by following the pacing tools provided on our website (ncfchurch.net) or available at our Awana information table.

<u>Sparks only</u>:
Awana Club attendance awards are given at the end of each quarter in which one absence is allowed per quarter.

Grand Prix

The Grand Prix is an exciting night of car races! Prior to the Grand Prix we hold Pit Day, which is a Saturday morning set aside to build and paint cars! This is a great opportunity for parents and T&T children to work together on their creative, race car. At Grand Prix, the whole family comes out to see the big car race! Cars race down a wooden track, built by Awana leaders, and an electric-eye finish line detector determines the winner. We provide refreshments to enjoy while cheering on the racers. This event is for T&T clubbers only, but please bring your whole family to watch!

AWANA FAMILY-FUN FAIR

The Awana Family Fun Fair has been a tradition since the early days of Awana with contests, prizes, and balloons. Come for a full night of games, challenges, and more! We also provide refreshments for the whole family to snack on while you enjoy the variety of booths!

Awana Awards Night

After a full year of working hard in their handbooks, memorizing an amazing amount of Bible verses, bringing friends, and completing service projects, our clubbers deserve an Awards Night! Come and see your child earn his or her book award, meet your child's leader, and enjoy some great refreshments!