

Welcome to Sparks!

for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grades



*The Leaders of the FBC Sparks Club
want to thank you for allowing us the privilege of working with your child.*

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What time does AWANA meet?** Sparks meet on Wednesdays from **5:45 to 7:20** with pick up by a parent or guardian in the children's classroom adjacent to the library. Check-in begins at 5:30 in the Atrium. Clubbers must check in for every meeting.
- **What does my child bring to Sparks each week?** Bible, Sparks materials (Flight 3:16 or handbook), vest, dues (\$.50), "running" shoes (soft rubber soled, closed-toe shoes appropriate for games) and participate in special nights (see calendar for all of our special nights).
- **What is my cost for my child to participate in Sparks?** Sparks handbooks are \$7 each with the uniform costing \$12. Your clubber will wear the same vest from K through 2nd grade. Costs for other clubs can be found in the parents' guide.
- **Where can I find a calendar of events for Sparks?** A calendar is available in the Parent's Guide and on the FBC website at <http://www.gotofirst.org/ministries/children/awana/>.
- **Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?** Please contact Christie Rogers, Director of Sparks at ccrogers56@gmail.com or call/text 662-801-5174.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are very pleased to have your child in Sparks this year! It is a privilege to work together with you in the spiritual, mental, social, and physical training of your child.

This handbook is designed to give you the information you need to know about our club. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact the AWANA Commander or Sparks Director.

Sparks Club will begin at 5:45 p.m. and end at 7:20 p.m. each Wednesday. Clubbers are to check in each week in the Atrium starting at 5:30 and then go directly to the Opening Ceremony in the sanctuary. You are an important part of our Sparks club. Please help your child learn their sections at home and help them remember their materials for club night. For safety reasons, we require parents, or another adult you designate, to come to children's classrooms on the lowest floor to pick up your child after club.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Your Child's Sparks Director,

Christie Rogers
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About the Sparks Program...

Sparks is designed for children currently enrolled in regular Kindergarten through second grade. Sparks includes a fun firefly character named Sparky. Sparky firefly encourages and motivates children through their handbook achievements. Sparky wants the children to 'shine for Jesus' in all that they do and say.

Children in Sparks earn, then wear a red vest each week and earn awards to display on this vest. These awards are earned by completing work in the appropriate handbook for them; HangGlider, WingRunner, or SkyStormer. Handbooks provide Bible memorization curriculum and other Bible centered activities.

Some important dates from the Sparks Calendar:

Registration is August 14, 2019

Club begins August 21, 2019

No Club: October 30, 2019
 November 27, 2019
 December 25, 2019
 January 1, 2020
 March 11, 2020

Award ceremony:

May 13, 2020 Wednesday

See complete calendar including special nights at

<http://www.gotofirst.org/ministries/children/awana/> or in the Parent's Guide.

About the SPARK® Materials...

Sparks materials are designed to be completed at the clubber's own pace. To finish a handbook in a club-year, your child will need to prepare two sections each week for the club meeting. During handbook time, each clubber is given the opportunity complete their sections to stay on pace, up to five sections per night as time allows. Each section in the handbooks states specifically what the clubber must do to complete that section.

Flight 3:16

The Sparks entrance booklet is called the Flight 3:16. Children receive the Flight 3:16 when they attend Sparks for the first time. The booklet features learning John 3:16 within a fun comic book. Upon completion, your child is an official member of the Sparks club and earns his or her vest.

Handbooks

There are three handbooks, HangGlider, WingRunner, and SkyStormer. Each handbook consists of four red jewels and four green jewels. Your child works at their own pace through the handbook, completing each section *in order*.

Supplemental/Extra credit Work

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If your child completes their handbook and is not able to go on to the next handbook due to their grade level, extra credit work is available. First, he or she would review the entire book or review the verses in the Frequent Flyer. After the review, he or she will continue and complete new verses in the Frequent Flyer. At the end of the Frequent Flyer, the clubber will earn a Sparky pin for his or her vest. If there is still time left in club year, your child will prepare journal work based upon the Parent Pages section of the Frequent Flyer. During review level of achievement, scripture verses and references must be recited word-perfect with no helps allowed.

Requirements for Memory Work:

- Achievements are divided into four areas: Flight 3:16, Rank Path, Red Jewels, and Green Jewels.
- New clubbers start in Flight 3:16 booklet then, following completion, proceed to the HangGlider handbook.
- Clubbers returning to Sparks will continue in any unfinished Sparks handbook then proceed on to the next appropriate handbook.
- Once your child has finished the rank portion of their handbook, they can begin working on the red jewels and the green jewels in the order they are presented in the handbook.
- Sparkies must pass a section with no more than 2 helps or prompts. They must say both the reference and the verse, reciting sections and verses within sections in order.

What to bring each week:

Sparkies should bring the following each week (have available at check in to receive points):

- Bible
- Handbook (HangGlider, WingRunner, SkyStormer, or Flight 3:16)
- Vest
- Dues (\$.50)
- "Running" shoes (soft rubber-soled shoes with closed toes for games)
- Special night participation (see calendar)

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AWANA Theme Song

Firmly AWANA stands, led by the Lord's command
Approved workmen are not ashamed, Boys and girls for His service claimed
Hail AWANA on the march for youth, Hail AWANA Holding forth the truth
Building lives on the Word of God, AWANA stands
Our Savior following, with steps unfaltering, And love unaltering, His praise we sing
His banner over us, in service glorious, We'll fight victorious for Christ our King
YOUTH ON THE MARCH!!

Sparks Theme Song

We are Sparks for Jesus, We're Sparks to light the world.
We will shine for Jesus, as we tell each boy and girl.
We will hide God's word in our heart, We will serve Him right from the start
From His love we never can part, For we are
Sparks, Sparks, Sparks, Sparks, Sparks to light the world

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, I will make it a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin
against God.

AWANA Cheer

Leader: "What does AWANA stand for"
Clubbers: "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!"
Leader: "What is the 1st goal of AWANA"
Clubber: "To reach boys and girls with the gospel of
Christ!"
Leader: "What is the 2nd goal of AWANA"
Clubber: "To train them to serve Him!"

