AWANA SPARKS PARENT GUIDE

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Dear Sparks Parent/Guardian,

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

All AWANA clubs at Kentwood meet each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. with the opening ceremony in the sanctuary. Prior to this, parents should help their child(ren) check in at the registration table in the foyer and each child will receive a nametag. AWANA ends at 7:45 p.m. and parents or designated adults can check their children out in the foyer.

The Sparks club is for children in the kindergarten through 2nd grade. Children in Sparks wear a red vest and earn awards for their achievement in the handbooks. The awards are worn on the red vest. Handbooks include Bible memorization and other Bible centered activities. Each Sparks’ night consists of Handbook Time, Bible Story Time, and Game Time.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact your child’s leader, the Sparks director, or the AWANA commander.

Building lives together!

Kentwood Heights AWANA Staff
SPARKS ENTRANCE BOOKLET: FLIGHT 3: 16

When starting the Sparks Club, children in K-2nd grade will be given the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet. This booklet helps clubbers learn the Sparks Motto, Sparks Key Verse, the AWANA Pledge, etc. Upon completion of this booklet, the clubber receives a Sparks Membership Card and is ready to start in the 1st Sparks Hand Book, HangGlider and be given the Sparks Vest.

SPARKS HANDBOOKS AND FREQUENT FLYER CARDS

The Sparks club has 3 main handbooks and 3 frequent flyer extra credit books. Each child will work in their own handbook at their own pace. The recommended sequence of completion for each grade for a child that starts in kindergarten and stays in Sparks is as follows:

FIRST GRADE (2nd yr. of Sparks) - WingRunner Handbook, WingRunner Frequent Flyer Cards, Review of WingRunner Book
SECOND GRADE (3rd yr. of Sparks) - Skystormer Handbook, Skystormer Frequent Flyer Cards, Review of Skystormer Book
(Regardless of the age of the child, each new clubber begins with the Flight 3: 16 brochure followed by the HangGlider Handbook)

MEMORY VERSE REQUIREMENTS

When Sparks are reciting verses, they are required to say the reference (ex: John 3:16) as well as the verse. The leader can give them two helps during the reciting of the verse. If he/she requires more than two helps, then they will be asked to work on the verse some more.

END OF YEAR AWARDS FOR SPARKS

At the end of the AWANA year, Book awards are given for the completion of the following books:

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**PARENTAL ASSISTANCE**

AWANA recognizes that spiritual development of children begins at home. Children will learn the most from their handbooks if parents go over the lessons and review the verses at home. We encourage you to read the Bible stories with your children and share excitement for each verse that they learn and say to you at home. Look at their books, encourage them as they memorize the verses, and let them practice in the car as you are riding along. The Leader will work with your child during Handbook time but since the time is limited, a clubber will not learn the verse as well as he/she could if they had learned the verse at home.

**SPARKS UNIFORM AND AWARDS**

**Book Awards:** As Sparks complete sections in each handbook, they earn patches that are sewn on their vest and also different colored jewels that are attached to a flight pin that is worn on their vest. The awards earned are issued during club time. Awards will only be issued if the clubber has on their Sparks vest. This keeps the jewels from getting lost since they are small and are meant to be attached to the vest. If a child forgets their vest, the awards will be kept till the next week.

**Attendance Awards:** During an AWANA year, Sparks has 4 quarters of awarding club attendance patches and 2 quarters of awarding Sunday School/Worship attendance jewels (the blue jewels).

**SPARKS SCHEDULE**

Parents are encouraged to have their child checked in each Wednesday night by 6:25 p.m. in the foyer of the church. They will be given a nametag to wear each week. Each child will be signed out by parents in the foyer at 7:45 p.m.

- 6:30 – 6:35 p.m. Flag Ceremony
- 6:35 – 7:00 p.m. HandBook Time
- 7:00 – 7:20 p.m. Game Time
- 7:20 – 7:45 p.m. Story Time
- 7:45 p.m. Check out Time

**AWANA CLUB DUES**

- Weekly: ($0.50)
- Quarterly: ($4.00)
- Yearly ($16.00)

Club dues joined together with Church AWANA Funds help provide the Awards issued to the children as they are earned. This also helps pay for the supplies for the AWANA store and special activities such as the Grand Prix.

**CLUB CANCELLATION**

IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED FOR BAD WEATHER, THE AWANA CLUB IS ALSO CANCELLED.