STERLING BAPTIST CHURCH

Club# 6901



INFORMATION BOOKLET

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2 TIMOTHY 2:15

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

Dear Parents,

We at Sterling Baptist Church are so excited about the new AWANA year and look forward to getting to know every clubber and their family.

In AWANA we will be learning and memorizing Bible verses, playing fun games and working through handbooks to earn badges. The fun and exciting way AWANA is set up encourages kids in not only hiding God's Word in their heart, but also growing their relationship with Christ.

I would really like to encourage you as parents to spend time working on verses and book sections with your child. This time helps them achieve goals and gives them very valuable time growing their love and respect for YOU! Awana has online resources available for parents for disciplining and helping kids to memorize their sections.

Discipleship resources for families: <u>childdiscipleship.com</u>
Clubber Handbooks have online links containing memorization helps and more, printed on the covers.

Each new clubber will receive an ENTRANCE BOOK to work through before handbooks and vests are awarded. This is the first step and we encourage your child to complete this within two weeks so they can move on to their handbook and become an official AWANA clubber!

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to work with you in the godly training of your child.

If you have any questions please give me a text or call at 907-252-9724. Or you can call/leave a message at the church, 907-262-4711. Pastor Andrew Miller is also available at 907-953-2244.

In His Service, Wanda Kincaid, Commander

CLUB MEETING TIMES

All clubs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. New clubbers are welcome anytime during the year and can register with the Check-in secretary.

CLUBS BY AGE

Cubbies: 3-4 years old

Sparks: Kindergarten-2nd grade

T&T: 3rd-6th grade

Children must be 3 by Sept. 1st to participate in club as a Cubbie.



COST

\$40.00 per student-per year, due within 2 weeks of registration.

This fee helps to offset the cost of awards, badges, shirts/ vests, handbooks, store items, etc. Partial scholarships may be available, please see Wanda or Pastor. We would never want any child to miss out!

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Parents should sign children in at the Check-In Desk every night. To ensure the safety of the children, no child will be permitted to leave without a parent. Parents should come into the Fellowship Hall to pick up their children at the end of club. For safety reasons children are not allowed in the parking lot without their parents (Cubbies can be picked in their room.)

BEHAVIOR:

Be KIND and RESPECTFUL of others, keeping hands/feet/objects to yourself.

In order to provide a safe, loving and learning atmosphere we don't tolerate disrespectful, dangerous or disruptive behavior. Poor behavior will result in a warning from the leader. If the behavior continues the clubber will be sent to talk to Commander Wanda.

If the behavior still isn't remedied the parent/guardian will be called. It is our prayer that no parent will need to be called, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders this must be enforced.

Respect church property.

Running and yelling is for game time.

Candy and toys from the store are to be opened and consumed at home.

Clubbers need to stay with their leaders at all times and stay inside the building until a parent/ guardian picks them up.

UNIFORMS

Once the entrance booklet has been completed, clubbers receive their AWANA uniform. Cubbies & Sparks: Vests; T&T: Jersey Shirt. We ask that students wear TENNIS SHOES and suitable clothing for the active game time. In order to receive team points, uniform must be ON at check in time. Clubbers must also be wearing their uniform to receive any Awards.



HANDBOOK-AWARDS

Each AWANA Clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards to be worn on their uniform. These awards should be displayed and worn proudly. They represent achievement and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His Word. Awards are earned by completing sections in the AWANA handbook.

New handbooks may be purchased if the first book is lost.

- All verses in each section of the handbook must be recited in one sitting to pass a section.
- Two helps are allowed per section.
- Three sections may be passed per night.
 Sections must be said in order, no jumping around.

Cubbies work together and pass one section each.

In addition to uniform awards there are several awards that can be earned by the clubber for completing books.

Cubbies: Apple Seed Book Medallion Honeycomb Book Medallion

Sparks: First Book Medallion; Second Book Medallion; Sparky Award Sculpture

T&T: Alpha Award– Medallion & Pin Excellence Award– Medallion & Pin Challenge Award– Medallion & Pin Timothy Award– Medallion & Pin

REVIEW

Sparks will go back and review their books after they have finished provided that they are working in the appropriate book for their grade. If they are behind their grade level they may go directly into the next book. Review verses must be word perfect. Clubbers will receive one AWANA Buck for each review section passed. Sparks Frequent Flyer books are also available for extra credit once handbooks are finished.

T&T's do not review. Their handbooks include extra credit Silver/Gold sections for high achievers. If a clubber decides to complete them, they may be worked on after all the other sections of the book are completed.

POINTS (Sparks and T&T)

Children accumulate points as teams. At the end of the night, the team with the most points earns an AWANA buck. Points are earned by:

- Wearing Uniform
- Club Attendance
- Bringing Bible
- Bringing Handbook
- Bringing a friend
- Game time
- Passing Sections



ATTENDANCE

Sparks and T&T clubbers will earn one attendance award each quarter for regular club attendance. One absence is the minimum standard for receiving this award.

Each semester the Sparks and T&T clubbers can earn an award for Sunday School/Church attendance.

AWANA BUCKS & STORE

AWANA Bucks are an extremely effective and fun tool in motivating clubbers to work through the sections in their handbooks. Two bucks per section passed are given to Sparks and T&T clubbers.

One buck is given each night to Sparks and T&T clubbers who are sitting downstairs by 6PM.

Each guest and the clubber who brought/invited them receives a buck.

Hiding God's Word in our Hearts is a PRICELESS Award!

One Section must be said before clubbers can attend the STORE. The AWANA STORE is open quarterly where clubbers use AWANA Bucks earned to purchase fun items!

Clubbers are responsible for their Bucks, no replacements will be given if lost.

BAD WEATHER ALERTS

We will post any cancellations due to risky weather in our Facebook group, 'Sterling Baptist Church—Livestream.'

HEALTH POLICY

Parents are the ultimate authority and responsible party for their children's health, safety, and behavior. Sterling Baptist Church will be responsible as much as is practical within the program and facilities that we have. We will not be checking the health status of children or adults, nor enforcing strict social distance or requiring masks.

Please be responsible for your children's health and do not bring them to AWANA Club if they are ill. This includes cold symptoms, fever, pink eye, skin infections, lice, diarrhea or symptoms of childhood diseases (chicken pox, measles, mumps, whooping cough) within 24 hours prior to club.



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