

**CLUB CALENDAR  
2008-2009**

THURS. NIGHT - <i>FIRST NIGHT</i>	<b>9/11/2008</b>
THURS. NIGHT— Regular Club Night	9/18/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>Favorite SPORTS TEAM Night</i>	9/25/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>SAMARITAN'S PURSE—CHRISTMAS BOXES</i>	10/02/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>CRAZY HAT NIGHT</i>	10/09/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>ANIMAL KINGDOM NIGHT</i>	10/16/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <b>1st STORE NIGHT</b>	10/23/2008
THURS. NIGHT— NO CLUB	10/30/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>BACKWARDS NIGHT</i>	11/06/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>Canned Food Drive for Church Pantry</i>	11/13/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <i>GOOFY SOCK NIGHT</i>	11/20/2008
THURS. NIGHT - Mission Emphasis in Large Group Time	12/04/2008
THURS. NIGHT - <b>2nd STORE NIGHT (Christmas Gift Shopping)</b>	12/11/2008
Biblical Character Dress Up Night - Bring a gift for our Pastors SPARKS PRESENT CHRISTMAS STORY PROGRAM	12/18/2008
<b>NO CLUB - WINTER BREAK</b>	12/25/2008
<b>NO CLUB - WINTER BREAK</b>	1/1/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>SNOWBALL FIGHT NIGHT</i>	1/08/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>BRING A FRIEND NIGHT</i>	1/15/2009
THURS. NIGHT— <i>MISSION IMPOSSIBLE NIGHT</i>	1/22/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>RECYCLE NIGHT</i>	1/29/2009
THURS. NIGHT - CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP	2/5/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>HERSHEY KISS NIGHT</i>	2/12/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>INSIDE-OUT NIGHT</i>	2/19/2009
<b>AWANA WEEKEND</b>	<b>2/7/2009</b>
THURS. NIGHT - <i>3rd Store Night</i>	2/26/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>MISSION EMPHASIS IN LARGE GROUP</i>	3/5/2009
THURS. NIGHT— <i>CAMPING OUT NIGHT</i>	3/12/2009
THURS. NIGHT— Regular Club Night	3/18/2009
THURS. NIGHT— MARATHON NIGHT	3/26/2009
THURS. NIGHT- <i>MISSION EMPHASIS IN LARGE GROUP</i>	4/2/2009
<b>SATURDAY AFTERNOON—GRAND PRIX</b>	<b>4/4/2009</b>
THURS. NIGHT—T&T PRESENT EASTER PAGENT	4/9/2009
<b>NO CLUB—SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>4/16/2009</b>
THURSDAY NIGHT— <i>LAST STORE NIGHT</i>	4/23/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>WATER BALOON FIGHT</i>	4/30/2009
THURS. NIGHT - <i>DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT</i>	5/7/2009
<b>THURS. NIGHT - CLUBBER AWARDS &amp; POTLUCK</b>	5/14/2009
N. California and N. Nevada CAMP WEEK	<b>06/21 - 06/27</b>



**CLUB MANUAL  
2008/2009**

**First Baptist Church Sparks**  
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Charter #17055



Club Year 2008-2009

Dear Parents -

Thank you for allowing your child to come to AWANA! We trust that they will have a great time, and will want to continue coming all year!

The Bible teaches, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Realizing that today's children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, AWANA's Bible based program seeks to establish them on a firm Biblical foundation that will provide direction in their daily lives.

AWANA presents an opportunity for your child(ren) to establish and grow in their relationship with God and to build confidence and good relationships with others. You can really help your child in these areas by encouraging them to complete the sections in the handbook and showing interest in their achievements.

Should there be any questions, or you would like to volunteer to participate, please do not hesitate to contact the Commanders of this Club. Feel free to visit the club meetings and experience AWANA for yourselves.

In Christ,

Earl Morley  
Senior Pastor

Shea Hicks  
Associate Pastor

Mathew Booher  
Co-Commander

Linda Quiggle  
Co-Commander

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**

Our club participates in several fun and challenging activities:

Grand Prix: A pinewood derby for all Clubbers & Leaders.

Drive-In Movie Night: Create a car out of cardboard and bring them to club to watch a movie in. Pop Corn & Soda served, prizes for each age group awarded.

AWANA Bible Quiz: A fun team competition with other local AWANA clubs on handbook material. (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

AWANA Games: A fun team "game" competition with other local clubs for all T&T clubbers who have completed at least 10 handbook sections.

AWANA Sparks-A-Rama: A fun team "game" competition with other clubs for all Sparks clubbers who have completed at least 10 handbook sections.

AWARDS Night: The last club night of the year where we recognize the accomplishments of each boy and girl.

West Coast Honor Camp: A *super* 7 day camp for all 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade clubbers who have completed at least two handbooks, one must be in the current year.

### **ONLINE INFORMATION:**

Visit AWANA's website for The AWANA Family Connection, where there is information on parenting, helping your kids memorize better, mission opportunities, and more. There is even an AWANA newsletter you can download called: **Parent Pause** – for the parents of 3 & 4 year olds. **Sparkles Newsletter** – for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. **Kids Print** – for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. <http://www.awana.com>

## **CLUB BEHAVIOR STANDARDS:**

There are two rules in our club as follows:

- ☞ **Do nothing to harm others.**
- ☞ **Do nothing to harm the property of the church or others.**

In order to have a safe enjoyable and orderly environment, our club has established these guidelines. All young people and leaders are expected to follow them. Your cooperation will bring about a good time for all.

- Respect your fellow club members – treat them as you wish to be treated.
- Everyone should participate – whether playing games, listening, studying, singing or anything else. All are expected to be involved.
- Remain inside the church building unless accompanied by a leader or your parent/guardian.
- Walk carefully (no running) – slippery floors, smaller children, or others may be present.
- Leave ALL food, drink, gum, toys, electronics, & camera's at home unless authorized by a Director or Commander to bring them.
- Come to attention whenever a leader begins the FIVE count.
- Wear your uniform and bring your AWANA handbook and Bible every week.
- Bring a note from your parents (or have them call your Director or Leader) if they have a question or request for you.
- Please take care of church property & club equipment.
- Have a good time in every part of club. AWANA is meant to be FUN!

## **THE AWANA STORE:**

Each week clubbers may win or earn AWANA bucks that can be saved and traded for items in our AWANA Store. These items include an assortment of fun things such as toys, books, school or stationary supplies, room decorations, etc. The store is meant as a motivator to help each child achieve in every area of club, especially in their handbook work.

## **What is AWANA?**

AWANA is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered child and youth organization providing weekly clubs and programs for 3-year olds through High School. The acronym AWANA comes from the first letters of the phrase, "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15). Our Church offers the program for 3-year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

When you think of AWANA think of the 3M's:

Message:

The heart of AWANA is the gospel message.

Memorization:

Memorizing God's Word is a key to winning the battle against sin.

Motivation:

It provides fun, it develops good sportsmanship, and it encourages the clubbers to excellence.

## **Why AWANA?**

AWANA exists to reach children and youth with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The priorities of AWANA also include reaching parents and other family members with the gospel and training adults to minister to youth.

## **What Happens each night?**

At First Baptist Church Sparks, AWANA lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each Thursday evening through the school year. A schedule is included at the back of this manual. During a typical evening the following program is followed. Depending on the club that your child(ren) are in, the order may vary.

- Opening Ceremony (5 Minutes)
- Game Time (20 minutes)
- Handbook Time (20 minutes)
- Council/Story Time (20 minutes)
- Closing Ceremony (10 minutes)

**PARENTS, we need your help!**

Moms and Dads are essential in helping a child get the most enjoyment out of Club. Please use the following checklist as a guideline:

Help children attend AWANA every week. Consistency builds friendships and achievement.

Make sure they wear their uniform each week.

Be sure they arrive on time. Promptness helps us maintain good discipline. Activities will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. We don't want your kids to miss out on anything. Children's clubs meet on Thursday evening. Game and social events are scheduled at other times as well.

Help your child accomplish at least 1-2 sections (units) each week. Working on Bible verses and activities at home with your children can ensure that they finish their book and receive the book completion award.

If your child is a Sparks or a T&T clubber, have them say their Bible verses to you, and then initial showing that you heard them. Your initials help them earn more AWANA bucks.

Be involved, attend all major events. Parents are always welcome to visit or volunteer in any club night.

Fill out a registration form for your child to participate.

Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.

Call the AWANA directors if you have any questions.

Please remember that all the leaders in AWANA are volunteers. Their desire is that your child achieve and grow closer to the Lord Jesus. Please be mindful, however, that they are doing the best that they can and that the demands upon their time are challenging. If you would like to volunteer to serve in this ministry contact the Commander's Matt Booher at 626-3335 or Linda Quiggle at 626-5364.

**AWANA AWARDS:**

Each AWANA clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards come in two formats, ones that can be worn on the uniform and ribbons/plaques/trophies for completing their handbooks. Each child is allowed to work at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader. To complete a handbook in one year, your child should have 2 to 3 sections/units ready for recitation when attending each club meeting.

Awards are given for section and activity completion, club attendance, and church or Sunday school attendance.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS:**

Clubbers are given awards for regular attendance in club and at church or Sunday School. *Church and Sunday School does not have to be at First Baptist Church Sparks.*

Club Attendance: One award given per quarter. Clubbers may not miss more than 1 time per every 4 weeks.

Church/Sunday School Attendance: This award is given 2 times during the club year.

**AWARDS FOR COMPLETION OF HANDBOOKS:**

<u>Cubbies:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Book – Cubbie Bear 2 <sup>nd</sup> Book – Ribbon Extra Credit Book – Ribbon	<u>Sparks:</u> 1st Book – Ribbon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Book – Ribbon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Book – Sparky Plaque
<u>Truth &amp; Training:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Book – Ribbon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Book – Excellence Trophy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Book – Plaque 4 <sup>th</sup> Book – Timothy Trophy	<u>Trek &amp; Journey</u> No formal group at FBCS, but Middle School & High School students may participate on an individual basis.

**REGISTRATION:** A participation fee of \$50.00 per child is required. These fees help to defer the costs of the program. This amount can be paid in full at time of registration or any time during the club year. It is our practice at FBCS not to turn away any child that wishes to attend club. Contact Mathew Booher at 626-3335 or Linda Quiggle at 626-5364 if you are in need of a scholarship for your children. Multiple children discounts are available.

With the participation fee, your child will receive a new uniform and book bag if needed, book, awards, entry fees at Awana Weekend and all refreshments served throughout the year. In the event a club member loses their handbook, or uniform, an additional replacement fee will have to be charged.

Replacement cost for the handbook and uniform will be as follows:

CLUB:	Entrance Pamphlet	Handbook Book	Book Bag	Uniform
Cubbies	\$0.50	\$8.00	\$5.60	\$8.00
Sparks	\$0.50	\$8.00	\$4.50	\$10.00
T&T	\$0.50	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$13.00

Some special activities like Grand Prix and Camp have additional costs. The cost of these activities will be announced prior to the event.

**THE UNIFORM:** The AWANA uniform is a vital part of the Club program. It helps all clubbers to feel part of the Club, and is used to display awards. Uniforms are given after your child has finished their club's entrance booklet. This usually takes two to four weeks of club. The privilege of wearing a uniform then becomes an award for completing this short beginning booklet. No awards will be given until the club member has a uniform on which to display them. Each club has a different uniform, but it is worn for the 2 to 4 years of that club. Each child should wear the complete uniform each night.

**TEAM COMPETITION** (Except for Cubbies) Each night of club there is a separate team contest. Every clubber is placed on one of four teams, Red, Blue, Yellow, or Green. The winning team each night will be awarded a prize or AWANA bucks to redeem in the AWANA Store.

## OUR CLUB PROGRAMS

**Puggles Director:**

Laurie Stokes—355-1675



**Puggles Assistant:**

Kelly Hill—677-6831

**Pre-Cubbies**



Cubbies – 3 & 4  
Year Old's

**Cubbies' Directors:**

Helene Franklin  
Richard Franklin

358-7417

**Sparks Director:**

Patric Jones—622-0782



**Sparks Assistant Director:**

Debbie Myers—424-4129



3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

**T&T Director:**

Linda Quiggle—626-5364

**T&T Co-Director:**

Maria Jones—622-0782

ACTIVITY	Game Room	CHURCH FOYER	South Hall	North Hall	Auditorium	S. Hall—Rm 4	Preschool Room
<b>6:30—6:35 p.m.</b>							
<b>Opening Ceremony—GAME ROOM</b>						PUGGLES	CUBBIES
<b>6:40 to 7:00 p.m.</b>							
<b>Sparkies – Game Time</b>	SPARKS	Club Secretary				PUGGLES	CUBBIES
<b>T&amp;T - Handbook Time</b>		Club Secretary	T&T			PUGGLES	CUBBIES
<b>7:00 to 7:25 p.m.</b>							
<b>Sparkies - Handbook Time</b>		Club Secretary		SPARKS		PUGGLES	CUBBIES
<b>T&amp;T - Game Time</b>	T&T	Club Secretary				PUGGLES	CUBBIES
<b>7:25 to 7:50 p.m.</b>							
<b>Sparks – Green Meadow Time</b>		Club Secretary		SPARKS		PUGGLES	
<b>T&amp;T - Council Time</b>		Club Secretary			T&T	PUGGLES	
<b>Cubbies</b>	CUBBIES	Club Secretary				PUGGLES	
<b>7:50 to 8:00 p.m.</b>							
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY—GAME ROOM</b>							

**Parents:** For the safety of all children, and for the liability of the church, we need you to physically drop off and pick up your children from the Church Foyer every Club Night.

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