

AWANA Sparks
WingRunner Handbook
Eastern Hills Community Church

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sparkies! Thank you for choosing our AWANA Club. We are dedicated to helping children memorize scripture from the Bible by positively motivating them. Our hope is that each child will begin a personal relationship with Jesus as they memorize and apply God's word.

About WingRunner Handbook

The book is divided into Sections that have one or more verses, or an activity. You will have received a **section calendar** that we will follow. Each week our lesson and section will be on the same topic. This year all Sparkies will be in the WingRunner book, the First Grade book. With all grade levels doing the same book we will have verses that are shorter for Kindergarten, "as is" for First Grade, and added questions for Second Graders to answer.

*If your Sparky is joining mid-year they will join us on the scheduled verse for that day and can do the previous verses when time allows.

*If your Sparky did not finish their book last year and they want to finish it they can do both books at the same time. If you need help coming up with a plan for them to complete both books I can help you with that.

WingRunner has:

- **Bible Biographies**, where it highlights people from the Bible.
- A **Read-together Option and Parent Ideas**, for a fun way to get you and your Sparky involved in what they are learning about the Bible.
- **Where This Fits in the Bible** is a timeline throughout the Hand Books that give your Sparkies an understanding of the chronological events and people in the Bible.
- **Bring a Friend Section**, is simple as that...bring a friend :-) It is the only section that can be completed out of order, it can be done anytime of the AWANA year.
- **Downloadable content** is one of the best resources, besides you as the parent, in helping your child to learn their verses, books of the Bible, or just listening to stories about people in the Bible. A great resource!

In our club we allow two helps per section, which can be non verbal, such as hand motions, to verbal hints, such as one or two words. They also need to say the address, (ex: John 3:16), then say the verse. If your Sparky has a learning disability, please speak to me and we will create a successful plan individualized for your Sparky.

Parent Power: Your Sparky will experience more success if you can plan to work on sections a few minutes each day. Make it part of your routine. Say it at breakfast, at bedtime, or play the downloadable verses when you are in the car together.

Jewels: Each book is broken up into a Rank, where they get their patch, a Red, and Green Jewel sections, where they get their pilot wings with the colored jewels. Red and Green Jewels have four sections to complete before the clubber can get their jewel. We have scheduled award nights that are on the verse schedule. Their patch and wings attach to their vests. Blue Jewels will be given out once a quarter for attendance. Sparkies are allowed two excused absences per quarter, (example: sick, vacation, etc).

AWANA Dollars: For Sparks we keep a bank for each clubber. They will get an AWANA Dollar for each of the following: attendance, bringing their Bible, bringing their Hand Book, and wearing their vest properly. They will receive 5 AWANA Dollars for bringing a friend, and you can bring as many friends as you like! They also receive AWANA Dollars for each verse they do, if their Color Team has the highest score at game time, helping during clean up time, and if they are being a good example to others. Twice a year we open the AWANA Store, once before Christmas and then at the end of the year for them to spend what they have earned.

Awards: Are handed out when Sparks achieve them and also at the end of the year for completion of their book. See Sparks calendar.

Our schedule:

- 6:15 to 6:30 Check-In with Secretary
- 6:30 to 7:00 Large Group Time
- 7:00 to 7:30 Handbook Time
- 7:30 to 7:55 Game Time
- 7:55 to 8:00 Awards

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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Eastern Hills Kids Ministry

Sparks-WingRunner 2023/2024

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Tuesday, Club Night	Club Night	Special	Sparks Verses
September 26	First Club Night		Rank 1
October 3			Rank 2 & 3
October 10			Rank 4
October 17			Rank 5
October 24			Rank 6
October 31	Trunk or Treat		
November 7			Rank 7-8 New Testament
November 14			Red Jewel 1:1 and 1:2
November 21	NO CLUB Happy Thanksgiving!		
November 28			Red Jewel 1:3 and 1:4
December 5	Store Night		Green Jewel 1:1
December 12	Jingle Jam Family Night		No Verses Tonight
December 19	NO CLUB Merry Christmas!		
December 26	NO CLUB Merry Christmas!		
January 2	NO CLUB Happy New year!		
January 9			Green Jewel 1:2
January 16	Freckles Night		Green Jewel 1:3 and 1:4
January 23			Red Jewel 2:1 and 2:2
January 30			Red Jewel 2:3
February 6			Red Jewel 2:4 and Green Jewel 2:1
February 13	Luau Night		Green Jewel 2:2, and 2:3
February 20			Green Jewel 2:4
February 27			Red Jewel 3:1 and 3:2
March 5	Ninja Warrior Night		Red Jewel 3:3
March 12			Red Jewel 3:4 and Green Jewel 3:1
March 19			Green Jewel 3:2 and 3:3
March 26			Green Jewel 3:4
April 2	NO CLUB Spring Break		
April 9			Red Jewel 4:1 and 4:2
April 16	Talent Show		Red Jewel 4:3 and 4:4
April 23			Green Jewel 4:1
April 30	Store Night		Green Jewel 4:2 and 4:3
May 7	Pajama Party/Drive-In		Green Jewel 4:4
May 14	Award Night		

*Blue indicates an award night. Come at 7:50 if you wish to see your child receive their award. *If a child misses a week or if a club night is canceled, the section missed will be added to the next week.