



Cubbies



Sparks



Club Year: 2011-2012

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GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

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Senior Pastor	Daren Ritchey
Associate Pastor	Lou Hileman
Student Ministries Pastor	Todd Wertman
Worship Leader	Michael Stuart
Awana Commanders	Nathan & Laura Karn

Services:

-Sunday Morning	8:30 am & 10:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
(Adult and Children Classes)	
-Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
-Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
& Bible Studies	

For Transportation, call 695-4060

AWANA at HOME

STUDIES SHOW THAT 3 OUT OF 4 CHRISTIAN YOUTH ABANDON THEIR FAITH WHEN THEY LEAVE HOME . . .

. . . WHAT INFLUENCED THE OTHER ONE?

In Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Moses instructs Israel on how to handle the law that God had given to the Jews:

⁶ And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

We learn from this passage that teaching children spiritual truth is not just something that takes place on Sundays @ Church, Wednesdays @ Awana and a week over the summer at Vacation Bible School; parents and family are to teach their children every day, all the time!

YOU MAY BE THINKING: “BUT I DON’T KNOW HOW, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO OR I AM JUST NOT CAPABLE; BESIDES, PEOPLE @ CHURCH, AWANA AND VBS ARE THE MOST CAPABLE TO TEACH MY CHILD SPIRITUAL TRUTH.”

Awana at Home helps equip parents and family to step confidently into their God-given role as spiritual leaders to prepare them for effective, unified discipleship within the home.

Awana has taken its proven method of biblical discipleship and prepared at-home materials to help parents and family utilize the three primary elements of Awana (Game Time, Handbook Time and Lesson Time) in order to have fun game times (with a teaching, biblical purpose), handbook times to enhance the spiritual training provided by Awana handbooks (there are even adult versions of your child’s handbooks to assist you!) and lesson times which come alive to teach and disciple your child.

Check out www.awana.org/athome for all of the resources and talk to the Awana Commander if you have any questions. We want to help you, help your child to come to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE the Lord Jesus Christ!

CUBBIES



3 & 4 year olds*

*Must be 3 before September 1st

Drop-off Location: Rooms 201, 202, 204
 Pickup Location: Rooms 201, 202, 204
 Handbook cost: \$8.00
 Vest cost: \$10.00
 Director: Angie Best

Keep your eyes open for handouts announcing
Special Nights!!!



Drop-off Location: Room 307
 Handbook cost: \$6.50
 T-Shirt cost: \$15.00

Directors: Wayne & Jody Walters

Special Event (Mark your calendars now!):

Local Bible Quiz Sun., January 29, 2012 @ 6 pm
NYPENN EXPO (Games, Quizzing & Fine Arts Comp.)
 Sat., February 4, 2012 in State College, PA

SPARKS



Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade

Drop-off Location: Small Awana Room
 Pickup Location: Small Awana Room
 Handbook cost: \$9.00
 Vest cost: \$10.00
 Sparks Commander: Mary Kay Benson
 K-Director: Bonnie Ebersole
 1st-Director: Janice Gressick
 2nd-Director: Jane Baird

Special Events (Mark your calendars now!):

Manna Pantry Collections: Weds. Nov. 16-Dec. 14 & Apr. 4-25
 Miss Match Socks Night Wed., Jan. 11, 2012
 Matchbox Open Wed., Feb. 1, 2012 (8th is backup)
 Backward Night Wed., Feb. 29, 2012
 Bible Quiz Wed., Mar. 21, 2012
 Crazy Hat or Glasses Night Wed., Apr. 4, 2012
 Sparks Camp-A-Rama Sat., Apr. 21, 2012
 Sparks-A-Rama* Sat., March 31, 2012
 *Practices on Saturday mornings February 25, 2012
 thru March 24, 2012

All the handbooks come with a CD that your clubber can listen to, to hear his/her memory verses and the Biographies of Bible characters. We hope you will make time to listen along with your clubber as they learn scripture and more about God through the study of his servants.

IS THERE EXTRA CREDIT? Yes! If your clubber gets done with his or her book early, he/she can do Frequent Flyer Cards.



JOURNEY

9th through 12th Grades

3rd & 4th Grade Girls 3rd & 4th Grade Boys

Drop-off Location:	Large Awana Room	Handbook cost:	\$8.00
Pickup Location:	Large Awana Room	Uniform cost:	\$13.00
3/4 Girls Director:	Debra Loucks		
3/4 Boys Director:	Aaron Wiedemann		

5th & 6th Grade Girls 5th & 6th Grade Boys

Drop-off Location:	Large Awana Room	Handbook cost*:	\$8.00
Pickup Location:	Large Awana Room	Uniform cost:	\$14.00
5/6 Girls Director:	Lisa Stuart		
5/6 Boys Director:	Craig England		

*All Fifth Graders will start in the Ultimate Challenge Book 1 ("Green Book") even if they have not completed the Ultimate Adventure Book 1 ("Red Book") or Book 2 ("Blue Book") unless they have less than two (2) discoveries to complete.

WHAT ARE THE SILVER AND GOLD SECTIONS? After your clubber has completed Sections 1:1-7 through 8:1-7, he/she can earn an additional award by completing all of the Silver Sections and another award by completing all of the Gold Sections. Silver Sections should be completed before starting Gold Sections.

TRADING CARDS! Every time your clubber completes a Discovery or Challenge (i.e, 1:1 through 1:7), he/she will receive a pack of T&T Trading Cards. Trade 'em to collect all cards for each character. Go to the Trading Card website to play cool games and do other activities. Watch out for that rare Golden Streamwood card and report to the Commanders if you find one!

T&T Special Events (Mark your calendars now!):

Great Shake Up	Weds. in February (1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd)
Bible Quiz*	Sat., March 31, 2012
T&T Awana Games*	Sat., March 31, 2012

*Practices on Saturday mornings Feb. 25 thru Mar. 24, 2012

Drop-off Location:	Youth Room
Handbook cost:	\$10.00 each (Main Study & Elective)
T-Shirt cost:	\$15.00
Director:	Joe Ebersole

Special Events (Mark your calendars now!):

Local Bible Quiz	Sun., January 29, 2012 @ 6 pm
NYPENN EXPO (Games, Quizzing & Fine Arts Comp.)	Sat., February 4, 2012 in State College, PA

Summit 2012 March 2-7, 2012 St. Charles, IL

Every year high school students from across the country meet at Awana Summit to compete in Games, Bible Quizzing and judged Fine Arts. They also attend a College and Ministry Fair and Evening Worship Sessions that focus on issues your student faces in their Christian walk. In 2011, GBC finished 3rd in the Nation in Games (after finishing 2nd in 2010). GBC advanced one team to the Silver Round in Quizzing (quarter-final) and another team to the Platinum Round (Finals) placing 6th in the Nation. Ten students entered 5 of the 7 categories of judged Fine Arts for a total of 11 entries, and every entry medaled! We are looking to continue the strong tradition in 2012! See the Journey Director if you would like to participate. **There is a cost associated with attendance at this event.**

In order to earn a book award, a student must complete the club entrance booklet (Faith's Foundations), the Main Study book, and the Elective book.

If a student completes the above before the end of the year, he or she may begin books in Journey, Trek or T&T that he or she did not complete. Check out how your student can earn a scholarship on page 11!

2011-2012 CALENDAR

1	Sept. 7, 2011	First Night
2	14 th	
3	21 st	“30” Night - Celebrating GBC’s 30 Years of Awana
4	28 th	Missionary Month Promotion Night <i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
5	Oct. 5, 2011	Missionary Month Night #1
6	12 th	Wear Your Uniforms to School (Sparks & T&T) Missionary Month Night #2
7	19 th	Missionary Month Night #3
8	26 th	Missionary Month Night #4 End of 1 st Attendance Period (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award) <i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
9	Nov. 2, 2011	Missionary Month Night #5
10	9 th	Missionary Month Celebration
11	16 th	Operation Christmas Child Lockdown Night Book Completion Promotion Night Sparks Manna Pantry Collection until Dec. 14 th
	23 rd	NO AWANA (Thanksgiving)
12	30 th	<i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
13	Dec. 7, 2011	
14	14 th	Christmas Party!
	21 st /28 th	NO AWANA (Christmas & New Year’s)
15	Jan. 4, 2012	
16	11 th	Halfway Done Night (Prizes if halfway done with book) Sparks’ Miss Match Socks Night End of 2 nd Attendance Period (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award) End of 1 st Church Attendance Period (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award)
17	18 th	
18	25 th	<i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
**	Sun., Jan. 29 th	Trek & Journey Local Bible Quiz @ GBC
19	Feb. 1, 2012	Sparky Matchbox Open (Snow makeup on 8 th) T&T Great Shake Up until February 22 nd !!
*	Sat., Feb. 5 th	Trek/Journey NYPENN EXPO (St. College, PA)
20	8 th	
21	15 th	
22	22 nd	BARF Night (Bring A Real Friend) (Sp., Trek & Journey)
*	Sat., Feb. 25 th	Sparks & T&T Games Practice; T&T Quiz Practice
23	29 th	Sparks’ Backward Night <i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>

2011-2012 CALENDAR (Continued)

*	Sat., Mar. 3 rd	Sparks & T&T Games Practice; T&T Quiz Practice
24	Mar. 7, 2012	End of 3 rd Attendance Period (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award)
*	Sat., Mar. 10 th	Sparks & T&T Games Practice; T&T Quiz Practice
25	14 th	
*	Sat., Mar. 17 th	Sparks & T&T Games Practice; T&T Quiz Practice
26	21 st	Sparks’ Bible Quiz & Summit Promotion Night
*	Sat., Mar. 24 th	Sparks & T&T Games Practice; T&T Quiz Practice
27	28 th	<i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
*	Sat., Mar. 31 st	T&T Bible Quiz @ GBC (morning) Sparks-A-Rama (Games) & T&T Awana Games @ Logan Elem., Altoona, PA (afternoon)
28	Apr. 4, 2012	Sparks’ Crazy Hat or Glasses Night Sparks Manna Pantry Collection until Apr. 25 th
29	11 th	
*	Sat., Apr. 14 th	2nd Annual GBC Pinewood Derby Invitational: All adults and clubbers/students welcome (morning) Awana Regional Grand Prix Open (afternoon): Sparks & T&T Clubbers Only
30	18 th	
*	Sat., Apr. 21 st	Sparks Camp-A-Rama @ Canoe Creek (2nd Gr.)
31	25 th	<i>Clubber of the Month for T&T</i>
32	May 2, 2012	End of 4 th Attendance Period (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award) End of 2 nd Church Attendance Per. (Cu., Sp. & T&T Award)
xx	9 th	End of Year Celebration
	May 16 th	Awards Night
*	Sat., May 19 th	Awana Picnic @ DelGrosso’s Amusement Park

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Listen to WFGY (98.1 FM), WALY (103.9 FM) or WFBG, (1290 AM) or check WTAJ (CBS) or its website www.wearecentralpa.com.

If both Altoona Area School District and Hollidaysburg Area School District cancel school on a Wednesday, there will be no Club that night. (If only one of the Districts cancel, check the locations above to see if Club is cancelled.) Additionally, if either AASD or HASD release students from school early on a Wednesday, there will be no Club that night.

HANDBOOK COMPLETION

At Awards Night, we celebrate your Clubber's/Student's hard work in completing his/her handbook. We know an important part of this success is the result of a Parent, Guardian or other significant person's involvement in helping a clubber memorize verses and perform the other tasks to complete each section. It may seem like a difficult task to finish a book when your Clubber/Student first receives it. Below are some helpful hints to help your Clubber/Student succeed in completing his or her book and receive his or her book award on Awards Night.

Cubbies: The handbook is easily paced with all Cubbies doing 1 section per week. Repetition of the memory verse during each week works best for most Cubbies. If a Cubbie misses a week due to illness, he or she can catch up the next week by doing the section he/she missed and the section for the week he/she returns.

Sparks and Truth & Training: There are 32 regular Awana weeks (see each numbered week on the calendar). Week 14 (Dec. 14th – Christmas Party), there is no handbook time. Assuming your clubber says no sections the 1st Night and takes 3 weeks to complete the Club Entrance Booklet, your clubber can be assured of finishing his or her book by completing 2 sections each week. Of course, if your Clubber misses a week or starts late, he/she can always catch up. . . 3 sections per week can be completed with a little more effort during the week. In the Sparks and T&T Books, the verses are written in phrases to assist in memorization. There are other great resources to help keep your clubber on track and assist in memorizing at www.awana.org/athome - click on Sparks or T&T on the drop down menu "Children Age 2 to Grade 6" and then click the "Parent Role" button and check out the Bookwalks. You can even learn along with your Clubber by using the adult version of their handbooks!

Trek and Journey: There are 32 regular Awana weeks (see each numbered week on the calendar). Week 14 (Dec. 14th – Christmas Party), there is no handbook time. Assuming your teen says no sections the 1st Night and takes 3 weeks to complete the Club Entrance Booklet, your teen can be assured of finishing his or her book by completing 1 section each week. Trek and Journey sections are more involved than the younger kids' sections with longer memory verses (24 total sections). Therefore, your teen will need to work daily on his or her section to be ready to complete the section on Wednesday.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!!

Your clubber can earn college scholarships to over 40 Bible colleges by completing the ten books from 3rd grade through 12th grade (Citation Award Winner). Some colleges even give partial scholarships for Timothy (4 books) and Meritorious (6 books) Award Winners. Check out <http://www.24-7ministries.org/colleges.aspx> for specific information on participating schools.

DISCIPLINE

We work hard at creating a fun and safe environment. We want to minister to as many clubbers and students as possible. However, we can only do this if we have an environment where the clubbers or students are under control. We expect each clubber and student to treat all leaders and other clubbers and students with respect. For those who use GBC-provided transportation, that starts from the time he or she gets on the bus or van until he or she gets off the bus or van at the end of the night. All clubbers and students should keep their hands to themselves, and fighting is absolutely unacceptable.

We utilize a progressive discipline process to help those clubbers or students who refuse to follow the rules to change their behavior before we are forced to ask that person not to return. If someone is refusing to abide by the rules or listen to his or her leader, the clubber or student is given a number 1. If during that night the clubber or student continues to disobey, the clubber or student is sent to see the Awana Commander, who is in charge of all of the Clubs, to discuss the behavior problems and he or she is given a number 2. If that talk still fails to alter the behavior during the night, the clubber or student will be given a number 3. If it is the person's first time receiving a number 3, he or she will be suspended for the following week. If it is a second offense, the person will be asked not to return for 3 weeks. A third offense results in the clubber or student being suspended from the Club for the rest of the Club year. While generally, 1's and 2's are not carried from week to week, someone who consistently gets 1's and 2's from week to week without reaching a 3 will eventually be deemed to move directly to a number 3 in order to communicate to the clubber or student the need for his or her behavior to change. Anyone caught fighting will receive a minimum of a 4-week suspension, depending on severity. We will inform parents or guardians if their clubber has been suspended. We appreciate your cooperation, and we sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to take these actions. We prefer ministering and having fun with your clubber!

DRESS CODE

Clubbers and students may not wear clothing that is too sheer, too short, too tight or too revealing. Shorts or skirts must meet or be longer than the fingertips of the child with his/her arms straight down by their side. In addition, clothing should not have any of the following printed upon them: obscenities, profanity, sex, messages with double meanings or messages of violence.

HEALTH/WELLNESS POLICY

God has called us to keep your Clubber/Student safe, and that also includes providing an environment as free from the spread of communicable disease, infection or other transmittable bugs/parasites as much as possible. Please do not send an ill child to Awana; we will not permit them to remain in their group and will contact you to come pick him or her up.

If your child has shown any of the following symptoms, please do not send them to Awana:

- Fever above 100 degrees (must be fever-free 24 hours before attending)
- Vomiting (must be free from vomiting 24 hours before attending)
- Diarrhea (must be free of diarrhea 48 hours before attending)
- Uncontrollable cough or sore throat
- Eye infection or excessive mucous discharge from the nose
- Lice, scabies or other unexplained rash
- Earache
- Asthma flare-up within 6 hours of attending Awana

If your Clubber/Student is taking an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic for 24 hours before attending.

If your Clubber/Student arrives to Awana with any of these symptoms, we will keep them in the Awana Office and contact you to come pick him or her up. If this happens repetitively, your Clubber/Student will no longer be permitted to come to Club.

If your child develops any of these symptoms during the Club night, we will send them to the Awana Office and if necessary or if sufficient time remains before the conclusion of the night, contact you to come pick them up.

If your child is on any behavioral medication, please make sure the medication is taken prior to Awana if it otherwise needs to be taken while your child is at Awana.

If your Clubber/Student has any specific medical needs, please send a note to his or her Director.