

WELCOME TO AWANA Club Year 2019 - 2020

We hope you and your family will join our AWANA Family for this Club Year. If you have questions at any time please ask any of our Leaders or e-mail awana@southsidebible.com.



A few notes about our Club:

- 1) We plan to begin our Club Year on September 20th. We will be available for registrations by 6:30 p.m. Our Club Night begins with group prayer at 6:50 p.m. Due to a shortage of Leaders we will only be able to offer SPARKS and T & T programs this year. (K through 6th grade.) We ask for a \$15 per child registration fee to help pay for teaching materials & Awards, with a maximum registration fee of \$45 per family. If you can pay for your books and uniforms that helps us to be good stewards of the resources God provides through SBF. We never turn anyone away who cannot pay!
- 2) We have a safety plan in effect while your children are in our building. By 7:15 we lock the front door. There is a doorbell that will bring someone to let you in. We do this to know who is coming into the building while we have your children here. The door will be unlocked/monitored by 8:15.
- 3) Parents are encouraged to work with their children on their handbooks. Get familiar with what they are doing/learning, and make sure they understand it. For memorization work/sections the AWANA standard is that they should only receive 2 helps/prompts per section (and sometimes a section is more than one verse). When you work with your child on their handbook please put a note in the book for their leaders. (If your child has difficulty with the material, or needs modifications, please let us know so we can work with that.)
- 4) SPARKS work through their books from the beginning to the end, no skipping ahead. **If they did not complete a book last year they will continue in that book this year. When finished they will move on to the next book.** If they start and finish a book during the Club Year they will either go on to a review book or the next book depending on what grade they are in and what book they finish. We try to do Awards for SPARKS each week at the end of the evening if possible.
- 5) T & T (3rd through 6th Grade Clubbers) materials are very different. Each week everyone is working on the same lesson. If you miss one, you don't catch up at group - **you have to do it at home.** T & T Leaders might send e-mails to parents of kids in their groups to remind

them of which section they are working on. (Especially if someone misses a week.) If your child/children want to finish their book they may have to do some sections at home with your help. Talk to Beth in the AWANA Office or one of the T & T Leaders and they can help you with a plan to work on sections at home. The first 2 weeks of Club all of the T & T Clubbers will be working on the Start Zone/Entrance Book. After that is completed they will receive handbooks and uniforms. Each week we will have Leaders available from 6:30 until Club starts, and immediately after Club to listen to sections for the T & T Clubbers (current week sections as well as "catch up" verses). Parents working with their kids at home the standard for sections is the same as for SPARKS, 2 helps/prompts per section - which might be more than one verse. If you work with your child/children and they are able to complete the section include a note with their handbook for the leaders. We will quiz them a bit to be sure they understand what they are working on, and sign them off towards their awards. Every 4 sections completed, including the 2 in the Start Zone, even if they aren't in order, equals an award. To receive a Book Award all sections must be completed. If you have questions about this please talk to the leaders. We need parents to understand this so they can help their kids to understand.

- 6) If we have bad weather or an emergency and Club is cancelled we will announce it on WMUR TV, WZID and WFEA Radio. It will appear/be announced as "Evening Activities Cancelled at Southside Bible Fellowship". We also try to e-mail/call all families and change the outgoing message on the church answering machine 603-669-1818. Decisions are made by 4:00 p.m. the day of, and even if school is cancelled we might be able to have Club by evening. (Please also add Beth Bower's cell number, 603-315-1103 to your contacts because she will be the one calling/texting.)
- 7) Fun at AWANA: each week we have a "theme" or sometimes a contest. It is up to your child/children if they want to participate. The themes for September and October are:

September 20 - Registration Night (advance register or bring completed form for a prize)
- SPARKS who are continuing should bring books from last year

September 27 - Hat Night

October 4 - Crazy Socks Night

October 11 - Parent Night (parents are encouraged to join us to work with your kids and play with your kids)

October 18 - B.A.R.F. Night (Be A Real Friend, Bring A Real Friend)

October 24 - Blue Night

Thank you! Our AWANA Team is looking forward to this Club Year.