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Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your sons and daughters this Awana Club Year. Anticipating that you might have some questions about our Awana Programs, we have prepared this booklet for your information. In it you will find how your children can get the most out of our program. If you have further questions, after going through this booklet, please feel free to make use of the phone numbers or email addresses below, now or any time during the year.

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Awana Newsletter

On the last Club Night of each month an Awana Newsletter is distributed to all Clubbers. Be sure to ask your Clubber for these Newsletters because they contain important and up-to-date information about club activities and schedules.

To receive your copy via email each month, send a note to amber.fixler@gmail.com and request to be added to the mailing list.

To download your copy, see also the Church Website (www.cbcderry.org), under the Get Connected tab. **Please note:** the Newsletter contains the most up-to-date information, and not necessarily other areas of the Church Website. The Newsletter will always be posted on the Church Website for your convenience if your copy is misplaced.

“Awana? What’s That?”

Awana is an international, inter-denominational youth program offered by Calvary Bible Church as a positive influence in the development of Derry-area young people. The A-W-A-N-A is derived from an idea in the Bible found in II Timothy 2:15 which says **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed. For your reference the Calvary Bible Church Awana Club Registration Number is 6060.

“Who Goes Where and at What Time?”

Weekly meetings for boys and girls will be held on Wednesday evenings. All Clubs meet from 6:30pm to 8:15pm. Parents & Carpooling, please pick up your children, **in person**, in the Gymnasium at 8:15pm *sharp*. Thank you!

CLUB	AGE / GRADE
Cubbies	Age 3 & 4
Sparks	Grades K5 – 2
Truth & Training (T&T)	Grades 3 – 6

Cubbies

The Cubbies Club convenes in the classrooms near the Chapel at 6:30pm and wraps up each Club Night at 8:15pm in the Gym.

To be eligible for Cubbies, children must be potty-trained and will have had their 3rd birthday by September 30th of the Club Year.

Clubbers participate in Book Time, Story Time, and Play Time under the direction and supervision of Awana Leaders and Leaders-In-Training.

Sparks

The Sparks Club has sign-in from 6:15pm to 6:30pm in the hall at the base of the stairs to Fellowship Hall (which is behind the Chapel) and finishes their Club Night at 8:15pm in the Gym.

All boys and girls, in K5 to Grade 2, are welcome to attend!

Clubbers participate in Sparkle Time, Green Meadow Time, and Game Time under the direction and supervision of Awana Leaders and Leaders-In-Training.

Truth & Training (T&T)

The T&T Club holds check-in from 6:15pm to 6:30pm in the Gym hallway and dismisses the T&T Clubbers to the Gym Foyer at 8:15pm.

All boys and girls, in Grade 3 to 6, are welcome to attend!

Clubbers participate in separate Handbook Time, separate Game Time, and combined Council Time under the direction and supervision of Awana Leaders & Leaders-In-Training.

“What Do We Do at Awana?”

All Club Meetings are divided into three segments that focus on Handbook activities, Bible Memory, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Praising God, Learning more about Him, and earning Achievement Awards.

Handbook Time

Handbook Time (T&T), Book Time (Cubbies), and Sparkle Time (Sparks) consists of interaction between individual Clubbers and their Leader as Clubbers recite memory work and discuss Bible reading assignments for comprehension. When the Leader is satisfied that the Clubber has covered the Handbook material adequately, he/she will sign the Handbook and the Clubber will earn Achievement Awards.

How Parents Can Help

We encourage you to help your Clubbers with their Handbook memory and activity work. It can be a fun and rewarding time for all and is an encouragement to Clubbers. If you have questions about Handbook requirements, please feel free to call your child’s Club Director or the Club Commander. We want to work with you to ensure a fun and rewarding experience for your child(ren).

Council Time

Council Time (T&T), Story Time (Cubbies), and Green Meadow Time (Sparks) includes singing and instruction from the Bible, covering a variety of topics relevant to growing up in and coping with the pressures of today’s society.

Game Time

Game Time (T&T and Sparks) and Play Time (Cubbies) offers all Clubbers the opportunity to participate as team members in physical activity, which can develop team spirit, good sportsmanship, coordination skills, and self-confidence. Although games are competitive in nature for Sparks and T&T Clubbers (Cubbies are given a non-competitive environment to play in) and winning is desirable, Leaders are encouraged to give top priority to building and preserving each Clubber’s self-esteem.

Parents – During Game Time

Please remain outside the Gym during Game Time. Be sure to watch the Club Calendar for our special Parent’s Nights, when you will have a chance to play alongside your Clubbers in special games designed just for you!

Awards

Awana Awards can be earned for Handbook Achievements, regular Club Attendance, and regular Sunday School Attendance. Clubbers who want to receive all possible awards will find the following information and suggestions most helpful.

Handbook Awards

To keep the pace required for finishing one Handbook during the Awana Club Year, Clubbers will need to work on their Handbooks at home. Parental encouragement and help will greatly enhance a Clubber's prospects for keeping the required pace.

Because some Handbook sections require a period of time to complete (from three days to three weeks) they should be started early to ensure completion. Please look ahead in your Handbooks for these activity-based sections and complete them early. Incomplete sections that require multiple days to complete will not be skipped over in the Handbooks.

T&T Clubbers should keep the pace of completing about 2-3 sections of your Handbook per week, and Sparks should complete about 1-2 sections per week to be able to finish your Handbook by the end of the Club Year. Don't forget to attend Awana faithfully while keeping up the pace!

Upon finishing the Entrance Booklet (called the Start Zone for T&T and Flight 3:16 for Sparks), Clubbers should look through all the requirements for the entire book and plan accordingly to ensure completion of their Handbooks by the end of the Club Year in May.

Awana Attendance Awards

Regular Club Attendance, having no more than one unexcused absence per quarter, is required to receive the Awana Attendance Award. Illness, family emergency, and being out of town shall be counted as an excused absence if documented by a parent's note to the Club Secretary at the next Club Night the child attends. Excuses (as listed above) are unlimited.

Cubbie Attendance requirements are the same but their year is divided into halves.

Sunday School Attendance Awards

Sparks and T&T Clubbers are eligible to win Sunday School Attendance Awards while Cubbies can earn Church Attendance Awards. Regular attendance, having no more than two unexcused absences per half year, is required to receive the Sunday School or Church Attendance Award. Illness, family emergency, and being out of town shall be counted as excused absences if documented by a parent's note to the Club Secretary at the next Club Night the child attends. Excuses (as listed above) are unlimited, but regardless of the number of excuses submitted, a Clubber must attend more than half of the Sundays to be considered an active member for the class. We will give the Sunday School Attendance Award to all Clubbers who fulfill these requirements at their home churches.

A form will be sent home with the Clubbers at the end of each Half Year to be signed by the Sunday School teacher TO BE TURNED IN AT CLUB to be eligible for the Award.

Extra Work for Fast Achievers

Awana recognizes that some Clubbers finish their yearly requirements early and need extra-credit work for the remainder of the Club Year. For each of our Clubs (Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T) extra-credit work is available. Following is a brief description of extra-credit work available and its sequence.

Cubbies Extra-Credit Work

This Year:

1. "Under the Apple Tree" Review Sections, found in the Jumper Handbook, THEN,
2. Cubbies Character Builders, Book Two, available for \$4.00

Next Year:

1. "Under the Apple Tree" Review Sections, found in the Hopper Handbook, THEN,
2. Cubbies Character Builders, Book One, available for \$4.00

Sparks Extra-Credit Work

Sparks Handbook Review

Rules: Sparks who have finished their handbooks may study them and pass the sections a second time through. This process is called a "review." In the review:

- Bible verses must be recited "word-perfect" with no helps from the Leader (Clubbers are normally allowed two helps per section before the "review" process.)
- The bold print material must also be recited but is not required to be word-perfect.
- This may be completed by doing the appropriate sections in their Handbook or by completing the first section of their Frequent Flyer extra credit cards.

Awards for Review: When the review of an entire Sparks Handbook is completed, a Clubber will have earned a Review Patch to be worn on the uniform.

Schedule for Review:

- 1st year: Review the HangGlider Handbook
- 2nd year: Review the WingRunner Handbook
- 3rd year: Review the SkyStormer Handbook

Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards

The Extra Credit Cards are available for \$9.00 from your Club Secretary. The Frequent Flyer Cards provide additional Bible memory work and fun activities combined with sound teaching / learning techniques.

Rules:

- Clubbers must work straight through the Cards; no skipping around.
- Clubbers may have two helps per section.

Awards for Review: Upon completion of the entire packet of cards, Sparks are awarded at the Award Program in May the Workbook Pin to be worn on the Review Patch they have already earned.

Sparks Bible Memory Association Materials

The BMA Materials are available for \$4.00 each from your Club Secretary. The third level of extra-credit work for Sparks consists of using the BMA materials.

- Kindergarten: Bible Bees
- Grade 1: God Loves Me
- Grade 2: God Made Me

T&T Extra-Credit Work

Silver and Gold Extra-Credit Sections

Rules: Upon completion of each Handbook the Clubber should be encouraged to complete all of the Silver and Gold Extra-Credit Sections, found at the end of each Discovery or Challenge in the Handbooks.

Awards: Upon completion of all Silver Extra Credit Sections, Clubbers receive the Silver Award, and upon completion of all Gold Extra Credit Sections, Clubbers receive the Gold Award. Awards are worn on the Clubber's Uniform. As an extra motivation, Clubbers are earning extra points for their Color Team as well as earning Awana Shares to spend at the Awana Store.

Handbook Review

The last Gold Section in each Handbook requires the Clubber to recite all of the basic material in that Handbook in one sitting with only two helps from their leader. Upon completion of this review, Clubbers are awarded, at the Awards Program, a Certificate of Recognition and a patch for the Clubber's Uniform.

For extra credit, a Clubber in Book Two, Three, or Four can go back and review their old books. After completing this "Book Recall," the Clubber earns a pin to wear on their Book Review Patch worn on the Uniform.

Memory Packets

Memory Packets are available for \$4.00 each from your Club Secretary

Rules: When a Clubber has completed his / her Handbook for the year, and has completed the respective Silver and Gold Extra Credit Sections, he / she may work on one of the three Memory Packets: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To earn the Memory Packet Award, the Clubbers must recite the entire Memory Packet in four sittings! At least one-fourth of the packet is to be recited in one sitting. A Leader will give the reference; the Clubber will then repeat the reference and recite the verse. Only two helps per ¼ packet will be allowed!

Awards: Upon completion of the packet in only four sittings, a Clubber is awarded, at the Awards Program in May, a bronze, silver, or gold pin to be worn on the Clubber's Uniform.

T&T Bible Memory Association Materials

The BMA Materials are available for \$4.00 each from your Club Secretary. The fourth level of extra-credit work for T&T Club consists of using the BMA materials.

Grade 3-4: God Speaks to Me

Grade 5-6: God Offers Me Eternal Life

Awana Store

Our Sparks and T&T Clubbers receive "Awana Shares" during the year as awards for various tasks completed, games won, or contests completed. These Shares are then used by the Clubbers to purchase items from the Awana Store, which is open once per month. See your Club Calendar, available in the

Newsletter, for Store dates. The Awana Store is available to Sparks on the 3rd Club Night monthly and T&T Clubbers the 1st Club Night monthly. The T&T Boys and T&T Girls alternate attending the Awana Store each month. T&T Boys can go to the Awana Store in odd months and T&T Girls can go to the Awana Store in even months. **Parents, please expect delays on Awana Store night for your T&T Clubbers. Store is open from 8:05pm to 8:30pm.**

Required Materials & Costs

Bible

Clubbers are strongly encouraged to carry their very own Bible to Awana Club for use in their Handbooks and Council Time. Instilling the importance of God's Word at a young age is a priority. Clubbers will not be penalized for not having a Bible at Awana Club, but alternately they will earn points for their Color Team and be able to actively participate in Club when using a Bible is required.

Appropriate Attire

Please dress your children in their Awana Uniform plus comfortable play clothes and shoes.

IMPORTANT: please be sure to send your child(ren) to Club wearing sneakers with non-marking soles for fun and active play in the Gym. **During snow, ice, and mud season:** wearing boots to Club is permitted for comfort and safety, but consider your child's restricted ability to run and play while wearing boots and their friends' ability to play on a floor that is wet or dirty from wearing soiled boots in the Gym. Please provide clean and dry shoes for your Clubber as needed.

Stay tuned for special events that may entail dressing in 'church clothes' in addition to the Awana Uniform (such as Bible Quizzing for T&T or the Closing Program at the end of the Club Year).

Theme Nights

Weekly Theme Nights are guaranteed fun for all participants! See your Club Calendar, always available in the Newsletter, for the upcoming Theme Nights and get creative with your Clubber!

Weekly Dues

Weekly dues of \$0.50 are collected from all Clubbers to help with operating expenses including incentives, all awards, and Summer Camp Scholarships. Dues may be paid on a weekly basis or in one payment of \$16.00 for Sparks and T&T or \$15.50 for Cubbies.

Handbooks

The first Entrance Booklet is free and given to the Clubber on the first night they attend Club. Replacements are available, as needed, for \$0.50 each. Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, a one-year Handbook is required to continue in the program. Handbook prices are summarized below. CD's may also be available for purchase that have Handbook materials set to music (commonly used as a memorization aid).

Uniforms

Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, a Clubber is eligible to wear the Awana Uniform. We encourage each Clubber to get and wear the Uniform, as Awana requires that a Clubber have a complete Uniform in order to receive awards earned by the Clubber. Also, Clubbers earn team

points for wearing their Uniform each week. The Uniform can be purchased through the Club, either new or used, if available. Prices include Club Registration Numbers for Cubbies & Sparks Uniforms, and include the first Award Badge for T&T Clubbers. Prices for new Uniforms are summarized below:

Summary of Costs

Cubbies Uniform		\$11.50
Cubbies Handbook ("Hopper" or "Jumper")		\$8.50
Cubbies Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week)		\$15.50
Cubbies Book Bag	<i>(optional)</i>	\$6.50
Cubbies Handbook CD	<i>(optional)</i>	\$11.50
Sparks Uniform		\$11.50
Sparks Handbook & CD		\$10.00
Sparks Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week)		\$16.00
Sparks Book Bag	<i>(optional)</i>	\$5.50
Sparks Music CD	<i>(optional)</i>	\$11.50
T&T Grade 3-4 Tee Shirt Uniform (child 10-14 & adult S-XL)		\$15.00
T&T Grade 5-6 Jersey Uniform (youth M-L & adult S-XL)		\$16.00
T&T Grade 3 or 4 Handbook & Awards		\$10.25
T&T Grade 5 or 6 Handbook & Awards		\$9.75
T&T Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week)		\$16.00
T&T Drawstring Backpack	<i>(optional)</i>	\$4.75
T&T Grade 3 or 4 Handbook CD	<i>(optional)</i>	\$11.50

Replacement Awards

All Awards are provided at no charge to the Clubbers. However, if the Awards are lost or broken, replacements can be purchased as follows:

Cubbies Trail Patch	\$1.50	
Cubbies Achievement Patch	\$0.75	
Cubbies Attendance Patches	\$0.75	
Sparks Achievement Crowns/Wings	\$1.50	Jewels \$0.20
Sparks Sunday School Awards	\$0.75	
T&T Grade 3 or 4 Award Badge	\$1.75	Bones \$0.25
T&T Grade 5 or 6 Award Emblems	\$0.75	

For Award placement details on your Clubber's uniform, please see your Leader, your Clubber's Handbook, Awana website at www.awana.org, or the Award packaging, if available.

Special Events & Associated Costs

Each Clubber will be expected to pay his / her own expenses for special events and outings. Occasionally, the cost will be subsidized by Awana to encourage participation or as a contest award. Fundraisers may be performed for Awana Clubber participation where donations are accepted.

AwanaGames & Sparks-A-Rama participants will be required to wear the official blue team tee shirt. These shirts will be worn for the Sparks or T&T Clubber's event ONLY and returned to the

Coach at the end of the Event. There will be a minimal cost (approximately \$5) for team members to sign up and use a team tee-shirt for the event. To keep your blue team tee shirts, you can purchase the tee shirt for \$15-\$20. Second-hand blue team tee shirts are always permitted. We suggest locating an older family member or friend who will be retiring from your child's club and asking permission to inherit their blue team tee shirt if your child intends on participating.

Special Events

The following special events are planned for the Awana Club Year 2011-12. Please note that **these dates are tentative** and may be updated as the Club Year progresses. Your flexibility is appreciated. The updated Club Calendar will be printed in the monthly Awana Newsletter, also available for download on the Church Website.

Sparks Regatta	Wednesday, October 26
Awana Grand Prix	Saturday, January 21
Awana Bible Quizzing	Saturday, February 18
Practices: AwanaGames & Sparks-A-Rama	Saturday, March 3, 10, 17
AwanaGames & Sparks-A-Rama	Saturday, March 24
Cubbie Awards Program	Wednesday, May 9
Sparks and T&T Awards Program	Wednesday, May 16

Planned “No Club” Dates

All Clubs will skip the following Wednesdays:

Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, November 23
Christmas Vacation	Wednesday, December 21 & 28
Easter Break	Wednesday, April 11

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event of inclement weather, specifically snow and ice in winter, please monitor the following radio – TV stations and their websites for information: WGIR – AM610. WVNH – AM1110. WBZ – AM1030. WDER – AM1320. WMUR – TV9. If you have questions, please contact your Club Director.

CBC Awana Clubs endeavors to have an email notification when Awana Clubs are cancelled due to inclement weather: be sure to register your Clubber with a valid email address to be sure you receive important updates when they are sent. To sign up, send an email to amber.fixler@gmail.com and request to be added to the mailing list.

Awana has a Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/CBC.Awana.Club> “Like” our page to get updates when they are available.

No Exceptions!!!

Please note that if **THE DERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT** is cancelled, released early, or has afternoon / evening activities cancelled on a Wednesday when Awana Clubs are normally scheduled, Awana Clubs will also be cancelled for that day.

ⁱ Bible Memory Association (BMA) is now part of Awana Clubs International