

### **Discipline Policy**

We use two different counting methods in the AWANA clubs. The five count is to get the **groups** to quiet down. We begin counting loudly with one and go to five and expect quiet by the time the leader gets to five. Extra points can be earned by a team or clubber who listens quickly, etc. We will make every effort to use positive reinforcement.



The three count is used for **individual** discipline. If a clubber is out of control, will not listen to a leader, or is defiant and rebellious, they will be given a warning, which is a “one”. If they continue to misbehave, they will be given a “two” which will result in the clubber and leader going to the director and talking about why they are misbehaving. They will be told that if they continue behaving in an inappropriate way they will get a “three” which will result in the parent being told or called. If the offense is serious, the clubber will sit out a week of club. If a clubber gets a three count two weeks in a row, that clubber will be required to sit out from AWANA for one week.

### **Cell Phone Policy**

We ask that no cell phones be used during AWANA time. Please leave them at home or have them off during club.



We look forward to coming alongside your family and supporting child(ren) throughout this AWANA year!



Welcome to AWANA at Bethel Evangelical Free Church of Staten Island. We are thrilled that you have chosen to check out our program!

AWANA is a children’s program teaching the truths of God and His Word anchored in Scripture memory. If you are like most us, you are wondering what AWANA stands for. Its name comes from 2 Timothy 2:15.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (ESV)*

**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!**

**Our AWANA clubs meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.**

We currently offer AWANA clubs for children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Sparks Clubs (Sparkies) for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

Truth & Training Clubs (T&T) for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades.

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## About Our Program

Our program runs from September through May (30 weeks). Each week we have a great time playing some pretty crazy games, spending large group time learning God's truths, and small group time memorizing and digging into scripture. We provide our guests **two free visits** where they are able to complete either Flight 3:16 or Start Zone and determine if they would like to join AWANA. If your child would like to continue in the program, there is an Annual Fee of \$25 **PLUS** a \$10 Uniform Fee. The Registration Fee covers the cost of a spiral-bound handbook your child will receive as well as achievement awards and other incentives. The Uniform Fee covers the cost of a vest for Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) or a jersey for T&T (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade).

If your child is a returning clubber, the Uniform Fee is only required if they are advancing to T&T or have outgrown uniforms.

## Best Clothing for AWANA

Pants or jeans as well as closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended for safety during game time. Please avoid shorts and sandals.



## Attendance

If your child is sick, please keep them home send a note with them the following week so they can get credit for their attendance award.



## In Case of Inclement Weather

If school is cancelled for bad weather, AWANA is also cancelled.



## Awards and Incentives

All clubbers will receive incentives as they participate in club and complete sections in their handbooks.



Clubbers may earn **AWANA Bucks** weekly for the following:

- \$1 for wearing their uniform
- \$1 for bringing their handbook & Bible
- \$1 theme night participation
- \$1 per section of memory work/\$3 per T&T Review Section
- \$5 if their parents learn their verse for the week
- Bringing visitors: \$10- 1<sup>st</sup> week visitor, \$20- 2<sup>nd</sup> week, \$30- visitor joins AWANA club
- \$10 for every 5 AWANA invites children hand out

AWANA Store - The AWANA store will be available select times throughout the year for clubbers to spend the AWANA Bucks they earn.

With the completion of both Sparks and T&T books, your clubber will receive awards at the AWANA Awards Ceremony.



## AWANA Kid Zone Check-in/Check-out

In an effort to protect all our children, only screened and approved workers are allowed in the Kid Zone. Please arrive each week with ample time to check your clubber in and receive your pick-up card. After club, clubbers will only be released to those holding the appropriate pick-up cards. If there are any changes to your authorized pick-up list, please notify the registration table immediately. Should you choose to remain on site for the duration of club meetings, we do have a parent lounge where you may enjoy coffee and tea while you visit with other parents.



**Sparks** or “Sparkies”  
Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet—Every child new to Sparks will complete this booklet. We ask that parents please assist clubbers in learning their sections. Once the entrance booklet is complete, children receive a Club membership card and are eligible to purchase a handbook and vest. Registration Fee is \$25 per child **PLUS** \$10 Uniform Fee. If your child is a returning clubber, the Uniform Fee is only required if they are advancing to T&T (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) or have outgrown uniforms.



HangGlider Handbook, the first Sparks book, chronologically works through the Bible from Genesis to Joshua.



In WingRunner, for those entering their second year of sparks, clubbers see twelve exciting biographies showing kids that Bible characters were real people. WingRunner covers Judges to the birth of Christ.



Year three, SkyStormer, covers the birth of Christ to Revelation featuring twelve exciting new biographies showing kids that Bible characters were real people.

Sparkies are ready to present their section at club when they can recite it with two or fewer “helps” or prompts. Sparkies may work at their own pace; however, they need to say all sections in order. Clubbers who complete their books will receive an award at the end of the year in addition to pilot wings & achievement jewels throughout the year as well as AWANA bucks.

There are optional extra credit workbooks and verses for clubbers that finish all of their material before the end of the club year. Please speak with your child’s leader or club director for more information.



**Truth & Training: T&T**  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Start Zone is the entrance book for all T&T new and returning clubbers. We ask that parents please assist clubbers in learning their sections. Children are ready to present their section at club when they can recite it with two or fewer “helps” or prompts. Upon completing Start Zone, children are eligible to purchase a club jersey and handbook. Registration Fee is \$25 per child **PLUS** \$10 Uniform Fee. If your child is a returning clubber, the Uniform Fee is only required if they are new to T&T or have outgrown uniforms.



All T&T clubbers will be working through Discovery of Grace. In Discovery of Grace, clubbers will explore the meaning of God’s grace and how it affects our lives. Topics include attributes of God, why God gave us the Bible, Jesus’ death and resurrection, and the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

T&T clubbers are ready to present their section at club when they have completed the explore section **and** they can recite their verse(s) with two or fewer “helps” or prompts. At the end of each section, there are optional silver and gold sections your clubber may complete if they choose. Should your clubber join later in the year or fall behind, please see the AWANA schedule and begin with the assigned section for the week as noted. Your clubber is encouraged to go back and work on prior sections in addition the assigned club section. Clubbers who complete their books will receive an award at the end of the year in addition to badge awards and AWANA bucks throughout the year.