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CHILDREN



Parents,

Welcome to AWANA Plus at Northside Baptist Church! AWANA Plus is a time where children can learn about God and grow their faith through games, missions, and small-group time. We will work together, with you, to help develop spiritually-strong children who will faithfully follow Jesus Christ all of their life.

Our AWANA PLUS program uses primarily AWANA Curriculum, in addition a missions curriculum created specifically for Northside Baptist Church. AWANA is an international, non-denominational Bible-centered children's and youth ministry, centered on the gospel, using scripture-memory as a key element in their exciting and fun program. AWANA is an acronym for "Approved workmen are not ashamed." (2 Timothy 2:15)

We are so glad that you have decided to allow your child(ren) to be a part of our new AWANA PLUS program. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We are looking forward to an exciting year of glorifying God through fun-filled and purposeful activities.

Sincerely,

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Northside's AWANA PLUS has four groups:



### Puggles (2 year olds)

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play-time, songs, simple crafts, and missions activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger-puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God saw that is was Good
- God is Love
- Give Thanks

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE for Puggles: Please bring a change of clothes to keep in the classroom\*\***



### Cubbies (3-4 year olds)

Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word. Preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story-Time lesson themes. A multi-sensory missions lesson teaches children how they can be involved in Christ's work here on earth. Cubbies help you lead your child to God early so he/she will respect and trust Him for life.



### Sparks (K-2 grade)

Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. They will engage in exciting games, lessons, earn rewards, and spend time connecting with leaders and friends. Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank: HangGlider, WingRunner, and SkyStormer.

Each year, Sparks will:

- explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture
- memorize Bible verses
- complete handbook activities



### Truth & Training (3-5 grade)

Children learn the truth by exploring answers to their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life-stage to grow in Christ's grace. Handbooks and large-group lessons deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life. T&T is comprised of two distinct curriculums:

- T & T Ultimate Adventure for 3rd and 4th grades
- T & T Ultimate Challenge for fifth grade

## Daily Schedule (Puggles and Cubbies)



6:00-6:10 Pledges  
6:15-6:40 Groovy Games  
6:45-7:15 Missions Mania  
7:15-7:30 Small Group & Snack  
7:30-8:00 Free-Play & Release

## Daily Schedule (Sparks and T&T)

6:00-6:10 Pledges  
6:15-6:40 Groovy Games  
6:45-7:15 Sparks Time/T&T Time (Handbook Time)  
7:20-7:40 Missions Mania\*  
7:40-7:50 Awards, Snacks  
7:50-8:00 Fun Room & Release

## Drop Off and Pick Up

We have your child(ren) for such a short time and have so much to accomplish that arriving **5 to 10 minutes before 6p** is greatly encouraged. As you arrive at AWANA PLUS, you will need to print a Parent Pick-Up Sticker at one of the kiosks in Building A. You will receive two stickers per child: place one on your child's back, the other must be presented when picking your child up. After printing the stickers in Building A, please take your child to Building B for drop-off. There will be a Secretary for each AWANA PLUS group set up in Building B. Find your child's group secretary, and sign your child in at their table.

Your child will be picked up in the following rooms:

- **Puggles**—Building A, Room 111
- **Cubbies**—Building A, Room 113
- **Sparks**—Building B, Room 210
- **T&T**—Building B, large Room

You must have your child's Pick-up Sticker in order for your child to be released to you. If you do not have the Pick-up Sticker, you must be listed as an authorized pick-up on the child's AWANA PLUS Registration Form.



## Parental Participation

Parents are requested to participate in the following ways:

- Pray for your child and their AWANA leaders.
- Encourage and help your child in Scripture memorization.
- Puggles and Cubbies parents are needed to assist their child with their Handbook lessons.
- Drop off and pick up your child promptly for all AWANA meetings.
- Stress to your child the importance of following the rules.
- Encourage and help your child to attend each weekly AWANA PLUS meeting.
- Encourage your children to attend church and Sunday School.

Please Note: A Registration Form is attached to this Parent Handbook. Please fill it out and return it to the Church Office, or your child's AWANA Leader by your child's second visit.

## Awana Plus Club Rules

Children should follow these rules:

- Behave appropriately and obey Awana Plus Leaders
- Please be **on time**. Group meetings will start **promptly at 6:00 p.m.**
- Bring your **Bible** and **Handbook** every week, and wear your **Uniform** as well. Children will earn rewards for wearing and bringing necessary materials.
- Do not bring any toys, games (Nintendo DS, PSP, iTouch, etc.), iPods/MP3 players, trading cards (except T&T trading cards), or sports equipment (footballs, etc.) to meetings.
- Keep cell phones silenced and out of sight during AWANA PLUS meetings.
- Wear **tennis shoes** during Game Time.



## Handbook Requirements

Handbooks are an essential part of the AWANA program. Every group (except Puggles who have take home pages) has its own set of Handbooks. Every child should be working to complete their Handbook before the end of the year.

Any time a child enters into a new group, they must first complete an Entrance Booklet. The Entrance Booklet normally takes 1 to 3 weeks to complete. Upon completion, the child is given an AWANA PLUS T-shirt (their uniform), a Handbook (which the parent must purchase), and a book bag.

All handbooks (even the entrance booklets) are divided into sections. Children should study their sections at home during the week, and at their next AWANA meeting a leader will sit with them and review their sections. When a child completes a section, the leader signs off on that section.

Most sections involve memorizing Bible verses. Children should be memorizing these verses at home, and must recite these verses from memory when reviewing sections with a leader. The leader is allowed to give the child two "helps" per section (not per verse). Children are required to recite verses word for word. All verses in a section must be recited in a single sitting in order to complete that section.

### Cubbies

The entrance booklet for Cubbies is called the *Bear Hug Brochure*. Once this entrance booklet is completed, a Cubby can begin working in the *Hopper* book. The sections in the *Hopper* book are referred to as "Bear Hugs." Cubbies all progress at the same rate, one "Bear Hug" per week. Each week parents need to read the "Bear Hug" material to their children, help them memorize the verse at the end of the section, and sign off the section when they've learned it. "Apple Tree" sections are optional, for extra credit.

### Sparks

The entrance booklet for Sparks is called *Flight 3:16*. From there, All Sparks work, in order, through three books: *HangGlider*, *WingRunner*, and *SkyStormer*. A Sparky cannot start the *WingRunner* book unless they are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and cannot start the *SkyStormer* book unless they are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Extra credit work is available for Sparkies who finish their books early. Children progress at their own pace in Sparks, but in order to complete one book in a year they must complete **40-49** sections, so their goal should be to complete **2 sections per week**. Sections in the Sparks books are grouped into a **Rank Path**, four **Red Jewels** and four **Green Jewels**. All sections in the book must be completed in order.

### T&T

The entrance booklet for T&T is called the *Start Zone*. (There are two Start Zones, one for 3rd and 4th grade, and one for 5th grade.) From there, children work through either the two *Ultimate Adventure* books for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, or the two *Ultimate Challenge* books for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A child cannot start *Ultimate Adventure: Book 2* until they enter 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Children progress at their own speed in T&T, but in order to complete one book in a year they must complete **56** sections, so they should be working on at least **2 or 3 sections per week**. Gold and Silver sections are extra credit. Sections in the T&T books are grouped into eight **Discoveries** for Ultimate Adventure, and eight **Challenges** for Ultimate Challenge.

## Awards and Incentives in AWANA PLUS



Awards are a key feature of AWANA. Our goal is to award children in recognition of achievement that is *intrinsically* motivated. We are God’s workmanship and therefore, are created to be motivated by obedience to His Word. There are two types of Awards in our AWANA PLUS program.

1) Each AWANA group has specific rewards for completion of Handbook sections (excluding Puggles, as they do not have a Handbook) and attendance.

2) In addition to these Handbook awards, our AWANA PLUS program uses the incentive of AWANA-bucks. AWANA-bucks will be rewarded in the following amounts:

- \$1 Bring Bible
- \$1 Bring AWANA Handbook
- \$1 Wear AWANA shirt
- \$10 Bring a friend
- \$1 Bring a donation
- \$1 per Scripture verse memorized
- \$1 Dressing up for a Theme Night
- \$5 Participate in an AWANA special activity
- \$1 Team sportsmanship during Groovy Game-time

These AWANA-bucks will be awarded weekly, accumulated, and used at our monthly AWANA Store. Your child can decide to use his/her AWANA-bucks at each monthly AWANA Store, or the AWANA-bucks can be saved-up until our final Store of the year. Our AWANA Store has various items for children to “purchase” ranging from Under 20 AWANA-bucks to 600 AWANA-bucks. AWANA-bucks will be kept at the Church for safekeeping.

## Registration Fees

Parents are responsible for purchasing **Handbooks/Curriculum** for their child. Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T require Handbooks. **Handbooks cost \$10.00 each.** Puggles uses Take-home cards. **Take-home cards cost \$10.00 for the year.**

Northside will provide a T-shirt, book bag, and awards for each AWANA PLUS participant. **Cubbies & Sparks can purchase a vest for \$5.**

Please bring a **water bottle** for your child with his/her name on it. It is still extremely hot outside and we want to keep the children hydrated.

Additional AWANA merchandise can be purchased through Cathy Smith.

Please fill out the Registration Form on the next page, and turn it in to the Church before your child’s second visit.

## A YEAR IN ADVANCE:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme Nights / Special Events</u>
Aug. 24	
Aug. 31	
Sept. 7	Book, & Shirt Awarded
Sept. 14	
Sept. 21	
Sept. 28	Western Wear / <b>Bring A Real Friend</b> & AWANA Store
Oct. 5	
Oct. 12	
Oct. 19	<b>Fully Rely On God</b> (wear green)
Oct. 26	AWANA Store
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	<b>Will not meet-Thanksgiving Break</b>
Nov. 30	<b>Will not meet- Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal for children</b>
Dec. 7	<b>Will not meet - NBC Christmas Pageant</b>
Dec. 14	AWANA Fun/Pizza Night! & AWANA Store
Dec. 21	<b>No Club - Christmas Break</b>
Dec. 28	<b>No Club - Christmas Break</b>
Jan. 4	<b>AWANA Resumes</b>
Jan. 11	
Jan. 18	Silly Socks!
Jan. 25	Work on Grand Prix Racecars & AWANA Store
Feb. 1	Work on Grand Prix Racecars
Feb. 8	AWANA Grand Prix!
Feb. 15	
Feb. 22	
Feb. 29	Inside/Out Night & AWANA Store
Mar. 7	
Mar. 14	<b>No Club - Spring Break</b>
Mar. 21	
Mar. 28	PJs and Flashlight Night - Popcorn and a Movie! & AWANA Store
Apr. 4	
Apr. 11	
Apr. 18	
Apr. 25	AWANA Store
May 2	
May 9	
May 16	AWANA Store
May 23	AWANA Awards Night
May 30	AWANA Fun - Water Night!



\*\* Schedule subject to change throughout the year, please watch for weekly notes



**AWANA PLUS Registration  
Northside Baptist Church  
2011-2012**

AWANA Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle: Male Female Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact, other than parent \_\_\_\_\_

On church property-What class? \_\_\_\_\_

Church Which Family is Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized pick-ups \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following medical information:

1. Does child have any physical limitations which would prohibit him/her from participating in Game time running games)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does child have any allergies? If so, please list them \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the reaction? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping AWANA Plus: \_\_\_\_\_ weekly; \_\_\_\_\_ special events; \_\_\_\_\_ as needed

Area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Northside Baptist Church AWANA Commander/Leaders to obtain emergency medical care for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in the event of an emergency. I understand that every effort will be made to locate a parent or guardian. I will not hold Northside Baptist Church or its leaders responsible for any injury that might occur while my child participates in the Northside Baptist Church AWANA PLUS.



**NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

I HEREBY GIVE Northside Baptist Church the right and permission to publish, without charge, photographs taken of me during church related activities and events. These photographs may be used in whole or in part, and may be used in publications and in audio-visual presentation, promotional literature and materials, website promotions, online social communities, or in other similar ways.

By signing below, you are giving Northside Baptist Church permission to use photos of you for the purposes stated above. In addition, your signature indicates that you wave any right to financial reimbursement of liability related to the production of such photos or video, now or in the future.

Name of Participant (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

If participant is under the age of 18:

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_