



Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one
approved, a workman who does not need to be
ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15*

**MATTHEW ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
PARENT HANDBOOK
2016-2017**

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDERS

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to have your child come to the Awana Club at Matthew Road Baptist Church. We consider it a privilege to provide opportunities for your child's spiritual growth.

The goal of Awana is to reach kids, equip leaders, and change the world with the Gospel of Christ. This is accomplished through Scripture memory, exciting games, consistent achievements, and Bible study in the context of community and fun.

Awana encourages clubbers to attend their family's place of worship. If you do not have a church, we encourage you to visit Matthew Road. We also encourage you to support your child's interest in the program by helping with his/her memorization and by encouraging enthusiasm about Awana.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of the various phases of the Awana program. You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs as well as contact us if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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CLUB LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor - Daniel Sweet

Children's Minister - Brittany Harley

Commanders - Brittany Harley & Jennifer Howard

Cubbies (ages 3 by 9/1/14 & 4) Director – Candice McClellin

Sparks (K-2nd Grade) Directors - Richard & Megan Taylor

T & T Girls (3-4th Grade) Director – Anita Fry

T&T Girls (5-6th Grade) – Susan Medina

T&T Boys (3-4th Grade) - Stan Cowling

T&T Boys (5-6th Grade) - Christopher Howard

Game Director – Weston Southers

Trek & Journey (7th-12th grade) Directors - Paul and Julee Teeples

CALENDAR

Awana meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. during the school year with a few exceptions that are listed on the next page. We begin on September 7, 2017 and end with Awana Awards Night on May 24, 2018.

Our Trek & Journey group for 7th -12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30pm beginning Sept. 11.

In case of inclement weather, we will follow whatever the Grand Prairie public schools have decided for that day. Keep up with us on facebook - www.facebook.com/mrbccchildrens

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 31	Awana Registration Party
Sept 7	Awana Begins
Sept 11	Trek/Journey Opening Night
Oct 31	Fall Festival 6-8pm
Nov 23	No Club for Thanksgiving
Dec 14	No Club - Church-Wide Christmas family program from 6:30-8:00pm. You're invited!
Dec 21	No Club
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service 5:00 & 7:00pm.
Dec 25	Christmas Morning Worship 10am
Dec 28	No Club
Jan 4	Club Spring Re-start and GLOW Party
Feb 15, 22, & Mar 1	Awana Grand Prix Races
May 24	End of Year Awards Party

*We DO have club the week of Spring Break in March.

CLUB RULES

Clubbers must behave properly and obey all leaders.

No running allowed inside the buildings.

No candy, gum, drinks, food, toys, etc. should be brought to club.


Clubbers are expected to participate in all activities.

Clubbers should be quiet immediately and pay special attention when hearing a leader count from 1-5.

Clubbers may not leave the building without the permission their leader.

All clubbers must follow check in and dismissal procedures.

Dress Code: Kids must dress modestly (shorts should be fingertip length and must be worn under skirts/dresses). Tennis shoes must be worn every night for safety during game time.



*Parents
Please review
these rules
with your
child(ren).*

DISCIPLINE

We use the THREE COUNT for our club discipline. This is an individual approach for which the child is given 2 direct warnings first (1) individually and second (2) with an additional leader. If there is a 3rd offense, the clubber is removed from the group activity and is taken to be with the Club Commander. The Club Commander will determine from there how to help the child learn most effectively at Awana and if parents should be consulted. Major disciplinary actions will only be taken in consultation with the pastor.

UNIFORMS

Clubbers need to remember to wear their club shirts each week. Club shirts promote pride and uniformity as a group. Awards can only be given when the clubber is wearing his/her official club shirt.

Please see the dress code specifications in the rules portion of the handbook.

COST

DUES - \$17.00
May be paid weekly @ \$0.50/week

BOOKS - Cubbies & Sparks, \$11
T & T, Trek & Journey*, \$11
*See Julee for Choose Your Own Path cost

UNIFORMS - Cubbies, \$10
Sparks, \$10
T & T, \$15
*No uniform for Trek & Journey

BOOK BAGS (optional) - Cubbies, \$7
Sparks, \$5
T & T, \$6

The dues help provide the funds we need for uniform awards, prizes and incentives for your children.

Our desire is for every child to have the opportunity to participate in our AWANA club. Payment options and scholarships are available if needed. Please see your child's club director for more information.

CHECK IN PROCEDURE

The education building will not be open for clubbers until 6:25pm each Wednesday. Club promptly begins at 6:30pm and all clubbers kindergarten and above begin the evening in opening ceremony located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

Children in children's choir may be in the building in the choir room during their specified choir time. See Brittany for more information on children's choir.

Cubbies begin the evening on the play ground or if inclement weather, in their classroom in the worship center (red roof building).

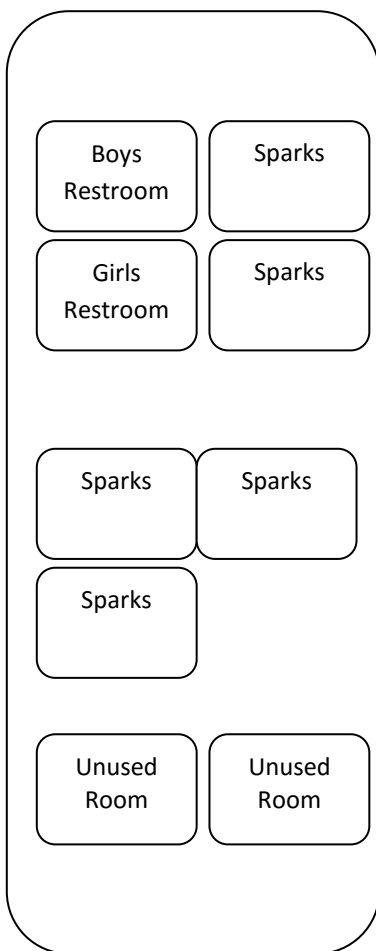
PICK UP PROCEDURE

All clubbers must be picked up in their classrooms by their parent or designated adult. Children cannot be released to children. If someone other than the child's parents will be picking up the child, please notify your child's leader. Please see the map on the next page for room locations.

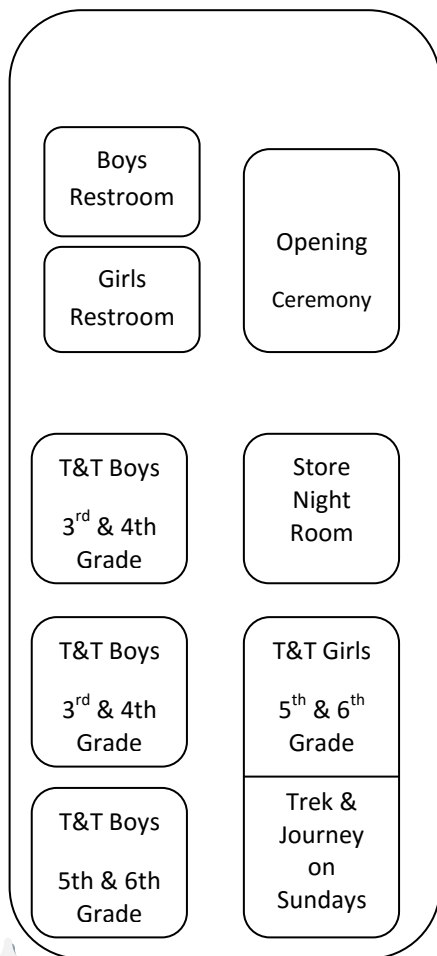
NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

Cubbies 6:30-6:45 – Arrival & Outdoor Play 6:45-7:00 – Story Time 7:00-7:45 – Snack/Book Time & Activities (on rotation) 7:45-8:00 - Review	T&T Girls 6:30-6:35 – Opening Ceremony 6:40-7:05 – Small Group Book Time 7:10-7:30 – Game Time 7:35-7:55 – Large Group Bible Study 7:55-8:00 – Awards
Sparks 6:30-6:35 – Opening Ceremony 6:35-7:05 – Game Time 7:10-7:30 – Handbook Time 7:35-7:55 – Large Group Time (Bible Study) & Awards 7:55-8:00 – Review & Dismissal	T&T Boys 6:30-6:35 – Opening Ceremony 6:40-7:00 – Large Group Bible Study 7:00-7:25 – Small Group Book Time 7:30-7:55 – Game Time 7:55-8:00 – Awards

First Floor



Second Floor



All clubbers must be picked up in their classroom. This is the safest way to get your children home. A few extra minutes on all of our parts is certainly worth the life and well-being of our kids.

CLUBBER RECOGNITION

Clubbers are rewarded for the hard work they put into memorization and completion of their books. The following information will help you understand the importance of handbook time.

The handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in the AWANA program. It helps him/her to learn about God and life as a follower of Christ. Clubbers must have their handbooks at club. We encourage you and your child to spend 10 minutes a day reviewing the sections they plan to recite at club. Parents are the primary spiritual teachers for their children. We simply desire to come alongside parents to provide resources and encouragement. Parents are essential to Awana!

Clubbers are rewarded for saying sections with various incentives such as AWANA "bucks" which they can spend at our AWANA store each quarter. Clubbers also receive bucks for being present, attending church, wearing their uniform, bringing their handbook, bringing their Bible, and bringing friends.

AWARDS

Awards are received several different ways at our Awana Club. Patches and stickers are awarded each week for sections accomplished. At the end of the year, we will host an awards ceremony where clubbers who complete one or more handbooks will receive special ribbons and trophies. This is a HUGE accomplishment and we encourage all parents to set aside the time to come and participate in this celebration of your child's accomplishments and hard work.

AWANA CLUBS



Director- Candice McClellin

Cubbies is designed for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Cubbies must be 3 years old by September 1st and **fully potty trained**. Parents of Cubbies must stay on campus during club time so we encourage you to attend one of our adult Bible studies. The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks written in a fun, storybook style that appeals to preschoolers. Each section combines basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help a child grasp a simple Biblical truth. Two extra-credit handbooks containing additional memory verses and character-building activities are also available. A CD is provided with your book that includes the Cubbie song, each Bible verse, and an incredible list of extra activities to do with your cubbie each week to help reinforce the Biblical truth and verse he/she is learning.

Be sure to check out the CUBBIES smart phone App! Its a **FREE** resource for families of Cubbies!



Director – Richard & Megan Taylor

The Sparks program is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 2nd grade.

The Sparks program is firmly grounded in Scripture. The three handbooks feature:

- basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible;
- a clear and consistent presentation of the gospel message;
- an increased emphasis on Scripture memory over our preschool materials; (In three years, a child will learn and review over 65 verses, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine, establishing a foundation of biblical wisdom).

Sparks who complete two to three sections per week /two jewels per quarter should complete their book by year end.

We encourage you to spend 10 minutes a day with your child(ren) in their handbooks. One suggestion is to make this part of your bedtime routine.



3rd & 4th Grade Directors

5th & 6th Grade Directors

Girls - Anita Fry

Girls - Susan Medina

Boys - Stan Cowling

Boys - Christopher Howard

Evangelism and discipleship go hand in hand in our third- through sixth-grade program. By the time a child has completed T&T, he/she will have:

- learned and reviewed approximately 310 verses;
- studied dozens of passages from the Old and New Testament;
- regularly heard and read the gospel message;
- discovered the Bible's response to questions like "How does God want me to live my life?" and memorized verses to back up these answers;
- completed missions projects that help him/her see the world through God's eyes.



Trek: Grades 7th & 8th

Journey: Grades 9th-12th

Directors: Paul and Julee Teeples

Meeting Time: Sundays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Trek & Journey club has game time, Bible study, peer led worship, and a continued emphasis on individual scripture memorization. Students who go through the entire Awana program have the opportunity to obtain the Awana citation and college scholarship paying up to \$13,000! Trek & Journey club focuses on teaching Biblical Theology and a Christian Worldview.

THIS YEAR we have a new "Choose Your Own Path" Option for Trek/Journey where students can choose their own Scripture memorization/discipleship goals and work with leaders toward achievement. (No Awana materials needed for the "choose your own path" option).

For more information, contact director, Julee at juleeteeples@gmail.com.

A Special Notes for Parents:

Awana kids need parents who are also studying God's word. We encourage parents to regularly attend Bible study to develop Christian community and receive teaching and ongoing encouragement. Many adult Bible studies are offered at Matthew Road including those during the Wednesday night Awana time.

We also encourage parents to use Awana as a means for spiritual growth as a family. Awana provides excellent resources for parents to do just this. Visit www.awana.org/parents-and-families for more information and for more parent resources so you can continue the process of teaching your kids to know and love Jesus at home.

In Christ,

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Sundays -

Worship, 8:30am

Bible Study for All Ages, 9:45am

Worship & Children's Church for 3s-Kinder, 11am

Bible Study for All Ages, 5:30pm

Worship, 6:45pm

Wednesdays -

Dinner (by RSVP)*, 5:15pm

Children's Choir, 6pm

Adult** and Student Bible Studies & Awana, 6:30pm

*Wednesday night dinners are offered weekly for \$4 per adult and \$2 per child OR \$12 per family. RSVP required.

Email christy@matthewroad.org

**Awana parents are invited to attend an adult Bible study during the Awana program time. Our current adult Bible studies include a ladies Bible study, a Singles Bible study, and a general adult study. These groups meet in the worship center (red roof building) where you can obtain additional information.