



# First Redeemer Church

Parent Handbook

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Dear AWANA Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-22 AWANA Year. We are thrilled to offer AWANA on campus this year. This is our 24<sup>th</sup> year for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T. When people come to my office, they see a picture of my children participating in AWANA when they were young. They are now grown and flown, but as I reflect over the years that they participated in AWANA clubs, I am reminded that the Word of God was intentionally planted in their hearts. Both are now serving in various ministries. I cannot think of a better gift to give our children than the opportunity to learn and grow as they study God's Word.

We have prepared this handbook to describe how AWANA works and have attached a Scripture memorization schedule so your children can be prepared to recite their verses each week. Of course, if you have questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Schmid (preschool) at [Debbie.schmid@firstredeemer.org](mailto:Debbie.schmid@firstredeemer.org) or Amanda Myers (kids) at [Amanda.myers@firstredeemer.org](mailto:Amanda.myers@firstredeemer.org).

We look forward to seeing you in AWANA!

Blessings,

*Catherine Jackson*

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Executive Director of Children's Ministry

## What is AWANA?

### AWANA

The key focus of AWANA Children's ministry is to offer a curriculum that reaches children with the gospel. We are pleased to offer this program to the children in our church and throughout the community. Our goal at Redeemer Kids is to disciple children to walk with Christ by studying the Bible, memorizing scripture, understanding what they have read and applying it to their lives. The AWANA handbooks clearly present the gospel at an age-appropriate level, and initially focuses on establishing a personal relationship between each clubber and Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The memory work, Bible studies and other fun activities continue to carefully give each clubber a Biblical worldview by building up their Bible knowledge, and instilling in them a love and respect for God and His Word.

### AWANA Basics

What does AWANA stand for?

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### AWANA Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the AWANA flag, which stands for the AWANA clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

### AWANA Prayer

Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

# AWANA Clubs at FRC



Cubbies: 3 years old – Pre-K (must be 3 years old by August 31, 2021 and completely potty-trained - no exceptions).

Sparks: Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

T&T: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## CUBBIES

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All Cubbies will start with the Welcome to Apple Acres Entrance Booklet where they will earn two Bear Hugs. Once a Cubbie Completes the entrance booklet, they will start on their handbook.

AppleSeed and HoneyComb are the two handbooks for Cubbies. This year, children will be working from the AppleSeed handbook.

Cubbies will receive their AppleSeed patch at the completion of the Welcome to Apple Acres Entrance Booklet. They will also receive red and green apple patches once a month for completing the Bear Hug unit.

# SPARKS



Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Sparks builds on the material taught in Cubbies, however, you can join Sparks without attending Cubbies. Clubbers are referred to as “Sparkies”. The material is focused on taking children deeper into God’s Word and giving them an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Each Sparks clubber will receive a vest, bag and their handbook.

The Sparks curriculum consists of three handbooks:

## Hang Glider: Kindergarten

- This handbook covers the Old Testament from Creation through Joshua.

## Wing Runner: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- This handbook explores Judges through the Birth of Christ.

## Sky Stormer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- This handbook focuses on the New Testament covering the life of Christ through Revelation.

## Sparks Awards

As Sparks work through their handbook, they will receive awards that will be displayed on their vest. The awards include patches, wings, jewels and review patches. These awards *will be given the week after they are completed.*

## Book Review

If a child completes their book before the end of the year, they may go back and complete the “book review.” To complete, start at the beginning of the handbook and work through each verse in order. Once done, they will receive the **Wing Review Patch**. Wings are then pinned to the patch.



## Sparks Extra Credit

Once a child completes their handbook and book review, they may earn the Frequent Flyer pin by completing the Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Book.

The pin is placed on the Wing Review Patch.

## Year-End Handbook Completion Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Book Award (Green Medallion): Given to any clubber who completes their first handbook in Sparks.

2<sup>nd</sup> Book Award (Blue Medallion): Given to any clubber who has completed two Sparks handbooks.

Sparky Award: Given to any clubber who has completed all three Sparks handbooks.

\*Please note: If your child has participated in a Sparks Ministry at another church, you are responsible to let the Kids Ministry at First Redeemer know of this and any award they have already received.

## T&T

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



The T&T curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, and trains them to follow Christ in their daily lives. T&T also helps kids build a firm foundation for their faith, and instructs them how to hide God's Word in their heart.

Each year, all 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders work through the same handbook. There are silver and gold extra credit sections in each T&T Handbook. The extra credit sections are not required, but clubbers who do choose to complete them will earn extra patches.



There are 4 different parts to each section within the handbook:

- **Start Here:** This part will need to be completed at home.
- **Explore:** Clubbers need to complete this section at home prior to club night.
- **Silver and Gold Extra Credit:** This is optional for clubbers to complete.
- **Memorize:** This is the verse clubbers need to memorize and be prepared to recite on club night.

## T&T Awards

Clubbers earn awards throughout the year. For every 4 sections completed, the clubber will earn a chevron patch. In order for a child to earn their extra credit patch, they will need to complete all of the silver and/or gold extra credit in that section.

### Year-End Handbook Completion Awards:

- Alpha Award:** Given to any clubber who completes their first handbook  
**Excellence Award:** Given to any clubber who completes their second handbook  
**Challenge Award:** Given to any clubber who completes three handbooks  
**Timothy Award:** Given to any clubber who completes all 3 Sparks Handbooks and 3 T&T Handbooks  
**Silver Star Pin:** Given to any clubber who completes all of the silver extra credit  
**Gold Star Pin:** Given to any clubber who completes all of the gold extra credit

For more information on the AWANA program, feel free to check out [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org).