

# LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

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## CLUB DIRECTORS

Cubbies (3-4 years old) – MaryAlice Whalley	642-6917
Sparks (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade) – Cathy Miller	683-8099
T&T 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Trish Milner	658-5508
T&T 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – Dave Miller	683-8099
T&T 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – Diana Oja	642-2855
(Co-directors)            Sherilee Nimon	349-7005
T&T 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – Larry Neulinger	906-2994

## My Children's Club Leaders:

Child	Leader	Phone #
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# WELCOME!

Dear Parents,

I want to welcome you and your child to our Awana clubs. You will find that Awana provides the context for your child to make new friends, play exciting games, compete in rewarding and challenging contests, receive awards as reinforcement for his or her hard work, and most importantly, learn and memorize God's Word, the Bible.

This booklet will provide you with the basic information that you need to know about how Awana operates. The Awana staff at our church is composed of volunteer workers who care very much about the spiritual and social development of each child.

All of our children and youth workers have been trained in Child Protection policies and have gone through a strict application process and background checks. We have done everything we can to assure that your children are in safe hands.

Our volunteer staff is trained by the Awana organization and is knowledgeable in the workings of the Awana ministry. Your assistance in helping your child memorize his or her sections will be greatly appreciated by your child's leader and can prove to be a special time for both you and your child.

The Awana ministry consists of six clubs, three of which will be offered at our church.

- ◆ \*Puggles: 2–3 years old
- ◆ Cubbies: Preschoolers, 3–4 years old
- ◆ Sparks: Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- ◆ Truth & Training Clubs: 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- ◆ \*Trek: 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- ◆ \*Journey: 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade

We hope this program is a great blessing to you and your family.

Because of Christ's love,  
Pastor Bob Johnson

*\* Not offered at this time. We have Youth Group for Junior High (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and High School students.*

Dear Clubber,

Welcome to AWANA Club. We are so excited to have you here. We have a lot of fun activities planned for you during our club year.

This year we will be participating in AWANA Bible quizzing in the spring. Most of our clubs have other exciting events planned, such as sleepovers, swimming parties, hiking and other fun activities. We will be participating in some service activities throughout the year as well because besides learning about God we want to show how we serve others for Him. At the end of the year we will have an awards ceremony to which all parents will be invited to see what you have accomplished this year.

We really would love to see your parents involved with you in different ways. Here are a few suggestions:

1. It is always great to have a parent help you when practicing your verses at home. Ask them to help you each week. When they do, have them sign next to the verse you have finished with them. When you show your leader, you will receive 50 extra points for your team that week.
2. We will be having a few outings during the year. It would be helpful and appreciated if your parents could help with transportation outside of club night.
3. Your parents may call your Club Director or me if they have any questions about the AWANA program. We are really here to help your parents train you spiritually and are pleased to help any way we can.

I am looking forward to a great year in our AWANA CLUBS!!

Cheryl Wilhite

AWANA Commander

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15)

## Ministries & Bible Studies at OEFC

### MEN'S MINISTRIES

Contact: Pastor Bob Johnson 683-2570

*Men's Bible Study* – Fridays, 7 AM in the Conference Room.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Contact:

*Thursday Morning Study* – Weekly at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room.

Contact Mary Nickel 642-2520.

*Woman to Woman Mentoring* – Contact Martha Fairfield 683-3641

### STUDENT & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Student Ministries:** Steve Riley 683-2254 X202

**Director of Children's Ministries:** Julie Riley 641-5994

**Youth Group** (Jr. High & High School) – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM, upstairs

**AWANA** – Wednesdays, 6-8 PM. Contact Cheryl Wilhite 658-8268.

### SUPPORT GROUPS (Contact the church office for more info.)

*Pathway to Freedom Ministry* – Tuesdays, 6 PM in the Awana Room.

*Renew – Sexual Abuse Recovery for Women* – Call the church office for information.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL – 8:45 AM: CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Homebuilders – Family class, Awana Room

Scriptural Fundamentals – Conference Room

High School & Junior High – join adult classes

K-6th Grade – Room 6

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM

Children's Church and Nursery are available

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS, TO HELP YOUR CLUBBER FINISH A BOOK IN ONE CLUB YEAR:

### **CUBBIES**

All Cubbies work on the same Bear Hug for the week leading up to the Cubbies club meeting. The Cubbies Director will provide a schedule for each Bear Hug.

Please spend time with your Cubby each day reading the week's Bear Hug, completing the activity and memorizing the verse. If your child is capable, you may consider adding the optional "Under the Apple Tree". Four year olds need to learn the reference, three year olds may learn the reference, but it's not required.

### **SPARKS**

Sparks typically finish their book by completing 2 sections per week. This can be accomplished with as little as 10 minutes per day. There is a CD in the back of the book that reads through the entire Sparks book.

Please spend a few minutes each day with your Sparky to help them learn/review their verses and understand what each verse means. There are optional parent activities throughout the book or on the CD that will help you reinforce what your child is learning.

### **T&T CLUBS**

T&T Clubbers will typically finish their book by completing 1 section each week.

Even though most T&T Clubbers are capable of memorizing verses on their own, most will need help in understanding what the verses mean. Please take some time each day (even just 5 minutes) to help your T&T Clubber with their verses.

### **SPARKS and T&T**

Please note that in each book, clubbers are required to bring 2 friends. Though this can be done anytime throughout the year, we recommend that they bring friends early in the club year.

*Online resources – log on to [www.awana.org/athome](http://www.awana.org/athome) and click "Free Resources". Sparks and T&T Bookwalks are a helpful pacing tool for parents and clubbers.*

## CLUB POLICIES

1. Clubbers must complete their Entrance Booklet before receiving their uniform or handbook.
2. Uniforms and books must be paid for before being received by clubbers. (If financial help is needed, please contact Commander Cheryl Wilhite. We do not wish to exclude any child for financial reasons.)
3. Awards will be given ONLY to clubbers in uniform.
4. Clubbers should try to complete at least two (2) sections per club meeting for Sparks and one (1) per meeting for T&T, to finish their handbook by the end of the year.
5. Clubbers must complete the entire section in one sitting with no more than two (2) helps per section.
6. Sections may not be signed off by parents or another family member.
7. Club attendance: Award is given in Sparks for each seven (7) times at a club meeting per quarter.
8. Sunday School/Church attendance: Award is given in Sparks for each fourteen (14) times at Sunday School, Church, or equivalent per half year.
9. Cubbies need to be 3 years old by September 1, and starting Kindergarten in two years.
10. Cubbies must be completely potty trained.

# CLUB RULES

1. While inside the church building:
  - a. There will be plenty of time for running, shouting and rowdiness during Game Time, so please keep quiet during Teaching Times.
  - b. Move from activity to activity in a quiet and orderly manner.
2. Gum chewing is not allowed. Food and drinks may be served from time to time for special occasions. (Parents, please make sure we are aware of any food allergies or restrictions your children have.)
3. Clubbers should sit with their leader or team color during Large Group (Council) Time. Please give your full attention to the leader or speaker.
4. Bathroom and drink breaks are permitted during Game and Handbook Times only. Please check with your leader before leaving your group.
5. A “five count” means to come to attention immediately. The entire group must be quiet by the end of the count number five.
6. Three count system of individual discipline; given by Director:
  - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> count – warning
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> count – sent to Commander
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> count – Parents are notified and clubber will be removed from club. Clubber will be asked to miss the next club meeting and then will be able to return the following meeting. (If behavior is severe, the clubber may be permanently removed from club.)
7. Treat everyone with kindness and respect.

# TEAM POINTS – SPARKS AND T&T

## Check In Points

Handbook/Entrance Book .....	10 points
Bible.....	10 points
Uniform .....	10 points
Theme Nights .....	50 points
Bring a friend.....	100 points

## Handbook Points

Section complete.....	100 points
Work perfect/no helps.....	100 extra points
Parent initial.....	50 points
<i>(indicates that the child could say the verse at home)</i>	

## Game Time Points (at Game Director discretion)

1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	various points
Good sportsmanship	50 points
Respond to 5-count quickly	50 points
Appropriate footwear	10 points (occasionally)

# BOOK AWARDS



## Cubbies

- Year 1 – Ribbon
- Year 2 – Ribbon



## Sparks

- Hanglider Book – Ribbon
  - WingRunner Book – Ribbon
  - SkyStormer Book – Sparky Plaque
- (awarded for completion of all 3 Sparks books)*



## T&T (Cumulative book awards start in T&T)

- Alpha Award – completion of one T&T book
- Excellence Award – completion of two T&T books
- Challenge Award – completion of three T&T books
- Timothy Award – completion of four T&T books

## FEES & PRICE LIST

### PARTICIPATION FEE:

To defray the cost of awards, Clubbers are expected to pay Club Dues of 50 cents per club meeting or parents may make **one annual dues payment of \$13** for the first child and **\$10** for each additional child.

### UNIFORMS:

Cubbies Vest (Sizes 4, 5, 6, 8 & 10) .....	\$13.50
Sparks Vest (Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16) .....	\$13.50
T & T 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shirt (Green) .....	\$18.50
T & T 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shirt (Blue) .....	\$18.50
T & T Gray Shirt (Kids 10-16, Adult S-XL) .....	\$28.00

*Clubbers must wear their uniform for the entire club meeting. Take good care of it and be sure to attach awards as soon as they are received. Remember, awards will be presented only to clubbers in uniform.*

### HANDBOOKS & BAGS:

Cubbies or Sparks Handbooks (w/CDs) .....	\$12.00 ea
T & T Handbooks .....	\$12.00 ea
Cubbies Handbook Bag .....	\$8.50 ea
Sparks Handbook Bag .....	\$8.00 ea
T & T Sling Bag .....	\$11.00 ea
Awana Canvas Tote Bag .....	\$9.50 ea
Awana Drawstring Backpack .....	\$7.00 ea

### PACKAGES:

***Includes 1 Year Dues, Vest or Shirt, Handbook & Bag***

Cubbies Package .....	\$45.00
Sparks Package .....	\$45.00
T & T Pkg (Adventure or Challenge Shirt) .....	\$52.00
Returning to same club, 1 Year Dues + Book .....	\$25.00

*All prices include tax and shipping/handling. Items must be paid for at the time of ordering.*

**We never want financial problems to keep your child from coming to Awana. If this problem ever arises, please come to us and we will either work out a payment plan or provide a scholarship.**

## CLUB SCHEDULE

When you arrive ...

Cubbies – Parents take children to Room 4  
Sparks and T&T – Check in at the table in the hallway, then go to the Awana Room.

Typical Schedule (subject to change on occasion)

	Cubbies *	Sparks	T&T
6:00-6:05	Opening Ceremony		
6:05-6:40	Story Time	Large Group	Games
6:40-7:20	Play Time	Handbook	Handbook
7:20-7:50	Book Time	Game Time	Large Group
7:50-8:00	Awards and Closing		

\* Times are approximate for Cubbies.

**8:00 – Club dismissed.** Parents may pick up Cubbies from their room. Sparks and T&T clubbers must be picked up in the Awana Room. Clubbers will not be permitted to leave with someone other than a parent or guardian unless prior arrangements have been made with club leadership.

**See “OEFC Policy for Picking Up Children”, which follows this page. You should have received and filled out a “Pick Up Authorization” form with your registration information.**