

Kids' Night Out Parent Handbook

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Dear Kids Night Out Families,

We are glad to have your child(ren) in our Kids Night Out Program! KNO is a fun program that uses Awana curriculum with the purpose of reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. They will learn and Memorize God's word (you may memorize a lot as well!).

This booklet is designed to provide information about the ministry and to answer some of the common questions parents ask. You will find included helpful names, numbers and dates. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to speak to any of our Kids Night Out staff or Donielle Bailey at 919-810-0504 or at Shadygroveawana@gmail.com.

Kids Night Out Leadership

Church Pastor	Tim McCreight
Kids Night Out Director	Donielle Bailey
Truth & Training Leaders	Brian and Stephanie Morris
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Sparkies Leaders	Leila Baldwin and Britni Johnson
Cubbies Leaders	Allyson Murphy and Brooke Cobb
Puggles Leaders	Bri Rouche and Lisa McVicker
Snack Shack Coordinator	Kay Buchanan

What is the Kids Night Out Program?

The Kids Night Out program is a youth ministry for children in nursery through 6th grade. We use the same Awana curriculum and a similar structure to bigger Awana programs, but on a much smaller scale. Each night your child(ren) will have class time, game time and snack time. Classes are divided by age and grade.

Puggles – designed for newborns to 2-year-olds.

Cubbies – designed for 3 and 4-year-olds for the two years before attending kindergarten. Children must be 3 by August 31st of the current club year. Classes are co-ed.

Sparks – Kindergarten through Second grade students. Children in the Kindergarten class must be 5 by August 31st of the current club year. Classes are co-ed.

T&T (Truth & Training) – Third through sixth grade students for the current club year. Classes are co-ed.

When and where does Kids Night Out meet?

Kids Night Out is from 5:45 – 7:15 on Sunday evenings in the Family Life Center (Gym).

For security purposes, please be sure that ALL your children are checked in and out with the Kids Night Out Administrator in the Family Life Center (Gym). Please note that once your child(ren) are signed out from the program they are no longer the direction of the Kids Night Out Leaders.

We do our best to start and end on time so please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your children. If you leave the premises during Kids Night Out, please let us know the best way to reach you in the event of an emergency. If alternative arrangements for pick up need to be made, please be sure to make sure the Kids Night Out Administrator is aware of the change.

Kids Night Out may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If church services are cancelled, Kids Night Out is cancelled. We will also send an email once the decision is made to cancel.

What do kids do at Kids Night Out?

The program is divided up into three parts: Game Time, Class and Handbook Time and Snack Time.

Game Time – The clubbers have fun while learning to be a part of a team. The games are designed to allow each child to participate and encourage a team spirit. We ask that all clubbers wear sneakers and church appropriate athletic wear.

Class and Handbook Time - The time when clubbers come together with their class to learn a Biblical lesson. Clubbers regularly hear the gospel message, apply truths of scripture to daily life, and gain tools for Biblical living.

Each clubber will have a handbook to work in based on their class. Clubbers are encouraged to complete one handbook each year. Leaders work in small groups with the clubbers to listen to them recite the sections they have prepared.

No matter what age your child(ren) are, they will need help with their Bible memorization. Encourage your child to work on their books during the week, so they are prepared on club night. As you know, cramming in the car on the way to the church may produce a verse for the short term, but usually won't be retained for the long term. The handbooks are also a great tool for the family Bible memorization.

Section Completion Standard: Each child needs to recite the required material in the handbook section to their leader. Children will be given a maximum of two helps or prompts per section. That means only two hints to complete all the required work and verses exactly as they appear in the text. A section may include more than one verse and the references must also be learned. Parents should not sign their child's handbook sections at home. Verses said outside of regular club hours will not be counted.

Many of the handbooks have a bring a guest to church or to Kids Night Out requirements. Each child should attempt to bring a guest; however, this will not prevent them from moving forward if they are unable to full-fill this request. The clubber must explain to their leader how they attempted to fulfill the requirement during the club year. Each child who completes his/her book will receive an award at the end of the year.

Snack Time – The clubbers will gather for a snack and drink. Please be sure that you have indicated any food allergies or intolerances on your registration form. If your child requires special dietary needs, please make the Administrator aware. Every attempt will be made to provide the clubbers with a snack and drink that meets their dietary needs.

What does it cost to attend Kids Night Out?

The registration fee for the year is \$20 per child with a family maximum of \$50. This fee pays for your child(ren) snack, one handbook and bag. Replacement books or bags will need to be purchased separately from the Kids Night Out Administrator.

If you are unable to pay the registration fee, please speak to the Kids Night Out Administrator as soon as possible.

Kids Night Out Points and Store

Each night the clubbers will accumulate points based on the following:

- Is the clubber present?
- Was the clubber on time?
- Did the clubber bring their Bible?
- Did the clubber bring a Friend?
- Did the clubber bring their handbook?
- Did the clubber wear their tennis shoes?
- Did the clubber attend morning service (does not have to be at Shady Grove Church)?
- Did the clubber participate in the program theme for the night?
- Was the clubber the program theme winner for the night?
- Did the clubber complete the required handbook items?
- How many verses did the clubber say tonight?

The total score for each night will be added to the clubbers overall total which equates to money that can be spent in the Kids Night Out store. The store will be open during Kids Night Out regular hours every quarter. This provides an opportunity for clubbers to spend their hard-earned points on donated items.

Kids Night Out Year Calendar

Please check the church webpage for the current calendar or [view here](#). Please refer to this calendar for themes and activities. A summary of each theme can be found under the description.

Club Standards

We would like to ask that you do not bring clubbers who have colds to share. Please make sure clubbers are fever and diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to coming.

We expect clubbers to stay with their group and not wander around the church building unsupervised.

Clubbers should:

1. Be on time. Club starts promptly at 5:45 and ends at 7:15.
2. Be in Uniform. Clubbers should wear weather and church appropriate athletic wear and gym shoes.
3. Be Prepared. Clubbers should bring their handbook and should be ready to pass sections.
4. Be Respectful. Clubbers are expected to listen to leaders and to follow directions.

Puggles – Newborn to 2 years old

Kids Night Out Puggles class is our newborn to 2-year-old weekly club. Our purpose is to introduce your children to God and the Bible in a fun interactive environment.

Cubbies – 3 and 4 years old

Kids Night Out Cubbies is a two-year weekly club for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten and they must be 3 years old by August 31st, of the current year. Our purpose is to help your children take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's ways...in routine activities...passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program is designed to help leaders and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do on the same truth that you have worked on at home. Our story, games, and activities will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really "cement" that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds!

About the Cubbie Materials...

BEAR HUG BROCHURE

This brochure contains two Bear Hugs as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All Cubbies will complete this first before they start their handbook.

HANDBOOKS- Appleseed and Honeycomb

The handbooks include memory verses and activities divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week's Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the next week. They recite the memory verse to their leader at club.

Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree Supplemental Section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are optional, and not required for book completion.

Learning Level A - Complete one Bear Hug each week. All children work on the same Bear Hug at the same time. If your child has missed a week of club, be sure to check the schedule or calendar for the current week's Bear Hug. After completing the current Bear Hug, work on making up any missed Bear Hugs [maximum of 3 in night]. Do not do any future Bear Hugs.

Learning Level B-Under the Apple Tree may be done after the current Bear Hug and any missed Bear Hugs are completed. When you complete an activity, sign it and have your child recite any verses to the club leader.

Requirements for Cubbie Memory Work:

- Cubbies are allowed two "helps" per Bear Hug
- Bear Hugs must be recited at one session. If there are two verses in the Bear Hug, both must be recited at one session and in the order, they appear.
- Four-year old's must recite the verse AND reference. Three-year old are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
- Cubbie clubbers will recite the verses they have learned at home to their Cubbies leader during club.

Tips on How Parents Can Help their Cubbie

- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child.
- Read each week's Bear Hug to your child and follow the simple instructions
- Listen to your child recite the verse and sign your name. Be encouraging!
- Only one Bear Hug will be done per week. The Cubbies will all recite the same Bear Hug each week.
- Find a special place at home to keep your child's book and bag, so it can always be found on Cubbies night.
- Bring your child to club on time, so we can begin and end promptly.

Sparks Kindergarten through Second Grade:

The Sparks ministry builds on the material taught in Cubbies. The aim of the curriculum is to take clubbers a step deeper into God's Word while giving them the opportunity to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. A Sparkie must be 5 years old by Sept. 30, of the current club year and enrolled in Kindergarten to start. Please enroll your child in the correct grade. If your child is not attending kindergarten yet, please enroll them in Cubbies. It is a lot easier to repeat a year in Cubbies than in Sparks.

All students starting in Sparks (no matter what grade) need to complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet before they can receive their handbook or purchase the uniform. All Sparkies, regardless of grade, start in the Hang Glider handbook.

Hang Glider Series

The Hang Glider handbook is the first in the Sparks series. The Hang Glider handbook covers the old testament from Creation through Joshua. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

Wing Runner Series

This is the second book in the Sparks series. This handbook explores Judges to the birth of Christ. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

Sky Stormer Series

This is the third book for Sparkies. This handbook covers the life of Christ to Revelation. The handbook contains a CD which include Bible biographies and a timeline.

Truth & Training: 3rd through 6th grade:

The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. This ministry helps clubbers build a firm foundation for their faith, hide God's Word in their heart and apply the truths of Scripture in their life. This ministry will help clubbers see the world through God's eyes.

Clubbers must first complete the Ultimate Challenge Start Zone Entrance Booklet. The curriculum is designed for the clubbers to complete one handbook per year. However, if they do not complete a handbook in one year, they can work on it the following year before starting the next book. Throughout the book are optional extra credit sections – including silver and a gold level. There is plenty to keep your clubber busy!

Nightly Schedule

- Opening ceremony – 5:45 to 6:00
- Puggles:
 - Snack – 6:00 – 6:15
 - Lesson – 6:15 – 7:05
 - Games – 7:05 – 7:15
- Cubbies
 - Lesson – 6:00 - 6:20
 - Bathroom – 6:20 - 6:25
 - Game Time – 6:25 - 6:40
 - Snack/Bathroom – 6:40 – 6:55
 - Handbooks – 6:55 – 7:15
- Sparks
 - Lesson and Handbooks – 6:00 – 6:45
 - Game Time – 6:45 – 7:05
 - Snack – 7:05 – 7:15
- TNT
 - Game Time – 6:00 – 6:20
 - Snack – 6:20 – 6:30
 - Lesson and Handbooks – 6:30 to 7:10

Special Themes and Events

- **Adopt -a-Missionary**

Clubbers, leaders and other individuals are invited to participate in our Adopt-a-Missionary program. The program provides an opportunity for our clubbers to reach out to our adopted Missionary to show our support. This can be done through letters or pictures. Be sure to see the theme nights associated with this adoption.
- **Adopt-a-Soldier**

Clubbers, leaders and other individuals are invited to participate in our Adopt-a-Soldier program. The program provides an opportunity for our clubbers to reach out to our adopted military Chaplin to show our support. This can be done through letters or pictures and small care packages. Be sure to see the theme nights associated with this adoption.
- **Verse-a-thon**

During the months of January through March our clubbers will compete in a verse-a-thon. Clubbers choosing to participate in this activity will say verses to see how many verses they can say during this period. The top three clubbers in each class will receive awards. Participation in this event is optional.