

Shady Grove Kids' Night Out Parent Handbook



2019-2020

Dear Kids' Night Out Families,

We are glad to have your child(ren) in our Kids' Night Out AWANA Club! Our purpose is to reach 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 handbook will provide information about our AWANA ministry and answer some of the common questions parents ask. If you have further questions, feel free to ask your child's teacher or contact the Director, Daniel Osborne, at 276-865-2214 or shadygroveawana@gmail.com.

2019-2020 AWANA Leadership

Pastor	Tim McCreight
Director & Asst.	Daniel & Heather Osborne
Puggles (2-3 yrs)	Amy Smith
Cubbies (4-5 yrs)	Brooke Cobb, Leila Baldwin
Sparks (K-2nd)	Britni Johnson, Joanna Carallo
Truth & Training (4th -6th)	Vickie & Greg Rockmore, Brian & Stephanie Morris
AWANA Music	Jeanette Willman
AWANA Snacks	Kay Buchanan
AWANA Substitutes	Rita McVicker, Stephanie McCreight, Erica Zavaleta, Allyson Murphy
AWANA Games	Daniel Osborne, Phillip Murphy, Ruben Zavaleta, Clark Cobb

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 AWANA curriculum and tailored the program specifically for our church. Each night your child(ren) will have class time, game time and snack time. Classes are divided by age and grade.

Puggles – designed for 2-3year-olds.

Cubbies – is program designed for preschoolers who are K-3 and K-4. 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.

How to help your child thrive 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. Please ensure 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. 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.

Please help your child with Bible memorization, and encourage them to work on their books during the week so that they are prepared on club night. Also, help them gain points by encouraging them to do the things listed below in the “Kids Night Out Points and Store” section that will earn points.

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 and discuss special dietary needs with the Director. 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?

Please pay the registration fee for the year of \$20 per child. This fee pays for your child's snack, one handbook and bag. Replacement books or bags will need to be purchased separately from the Kids Night Out Director.

If you are unable to pay the registration fee, please speak to the Kids Night Out Director 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.

Club Standards

Please do not bring clubbers who have colds or other contagious conditions. 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.

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