

SPARKS

Parent Guide

Aurora Evangelical Free Church

2011 - 2012



Handbook Hints



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PASSING SECTIONS

First Time through handbook (to earn rank patch, pilot wing, and jewels)

1. Child recites verse and reference to leader, and any other requirements listed in "to finish this section."
2. Child may have two helps per section.

Second Time through handbook (to earn review patch)

1. Bible verse and reference must be recited word-perfect, with no helps.
2. Review of the handbook may be done by completing the first segment of the Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards, or by reciting every section with a review bubble in the handbook itself.

EXTRA CREDIT (to earn Extra Credit Pin)

Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards - The handbook review is the first segment, followed by four segments of brand new verses to memorize. The review segment (or review from the handbook itself) must be completed before beginning the rest of the Extra Credit Cards. When all of the cards are completed, the Extra Credit pin is earned.

HANDBOOK COMPLETION AWARDS

Upon each completion of Handbook, Review, and Extra Credit Cards, Sparkies will be allowed to choose a prize from the "Sparky Suitcase". The Book Completion ribbons and Sparky Award Plaque will be presented at a special year-end Awards Night.

Order Of Handbooks

A SPARKIE IN KINDERGARTEN MAY...

1. Complete the HangGlider handbook.
2. Review the HangGlider Handbook
3. Complete the Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards

A SPARKIE STARTING CLUB IN FIRST GRADE MAY

1. Complete the HangGlider handbook.
2. Complete the WingRunner handbook.
3. Review the WingRunner handbook
4. Complete the WingRunner Freq Flyer Extra Credit Cards.
5. Review the HangGlider book
6. Complete the HangGlider Freq Flyer Extra Credit Cards.

A SPARKIE STARTING CLUB IN SECOND GRADE MAY

1. Complete the HangGlider handbook.
2. Complete the WingRunner handbook.
3. Complete the SkyStormer handbook.
4. Review the SkyStormer handbook
5. Complete the SkyStormer Extra Credit Cards
6. Review the WingRunner handbook
7. Complete the WingRunner Freq Flyer Extra Credit Cards.
8. Review the HangGlider handbook.
9. Complete the HangGlider Freq Flyer Extra Credit Cards.

HANGGLIDER WINGRUNNER SKYSTORMER



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to have your child involved in our Sparks Club at Aurora Evangelical Free Church! It is a real privilege to work together with you in the spiritual, mental, social, and physical training of your child.

The first step is the Flight 3:16 Booklet. Please help your child learn each section, word perfect, in the order presented. Upon completion of the Flight 3:16 Booklet, your child may become an official member of the AWANA Sparks Club.

We'd like to share some of our plans with you in this booklet, as well as let you know how you can be of help to us.

Sparks Club will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Children should check in with the Sparks secretary when they arrive. There will be a planned pre-session activity for early arrivers. Please come to the church basement at 8:30 p.m. to pick your child up after Sparks Club. Because of safety issues, we require a parent or another adult you designate, to come to the Sparks room for your child at the end of club.

Please feel free to contact me at XXX-XXXX if you have further questions.

Sparks Director

WHO MAY COME:

Any child in Kindergarten, First or Second Grade

WHAT TO BRING:

- Gate Booklet/or handbook
- Dues of 50 cents per week
- Desire to learn and have a good time

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Uniform vest (after it is earned)
- Casual clothes and tennis shoes

WHEN:

Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
September through April

WHERE:

Aurora Evangelical Free Church
12 and A Streets
Aurora, NE 68818
694-3402

WHY:

- Bible Knowledge
- Good Sportsmanship
- Loyalty to God, Country, and Family
- Excitement and Fun



Sparks Club Expenses

DUES

We ask each Sparks clubber to bring 50 cents weekly dues. This helps us finance the awards, prizes, and special events. We really appreciate your help in sending dues to club with your child. If you should prefer, dues may be paid in advance for the entire year or half-year:

- Weekly - \$.50
- Half-year - \$ 7.50
- Yearly - \$15.00

UNIFORMS AND BOOKS

Sparks clubbers are so proud when they earn their own handbook and vest. After your child is finished with the vest, we will be glad to buy it back at half-price. Please talk to the Sparks Director if the purchase of these items would present a problem for your family. We will do whatever we can to help you.

- Sparks Vest \$10.00
- Used Vest \$ 5.00
- Handbook \$ 9.00
- Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards \$ 8.00
- Sparky Doll \$ 8.00



Tips On How Parents Can Help

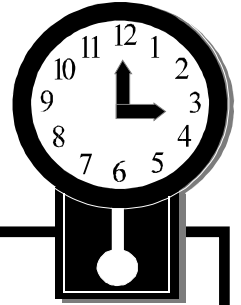
1. Please bring your child to club on time (before 7:00 p.m.) . Come to the basement at 8:30 to pick your child up after club.
2. Make sure your Sparky wears the uniform vest to club. Proper display of clubbers awards contributes greatly to their sense of achievement.
3. Help your child prepare for Sparks Club each week, learning handbook material at home. A brief, 2-3 minute session each morning or evening works very well. Be sure to complete the sections in order.
4. Visit club anytime. Your child will be thrilled to have you take part in club activities.
5. Encourage your child each step of the way. Learning is hard work!

COOKIES

Each week at Sparks Club, the children will receive points for memory work and for game time. Their points will be added together with other members of their team (red, blue, green, or yellow team), and the winning team members will receive a small prize at the end of the evening.

Every child will receive a cookie during the winning team announcement. You can help us provide this snack by filling the "Cookie Bucket" when your child brings it home from club. A schedule will be sent home with your child, and instructions will be on the Cookie Bucket. Thank you for helping in this way!

Nightly Schedule



6:45-7:00	Pre-session activity (sanctuary) Attendance & Dues taken
7:00 - 7:30	Large Group Time (sanctuary) Flag Salutes Prayer Motto, Verse, Sparks Song Sparky Puppet Announcements Song Time Devotional
7:30-8:00	Handbook Time Prayer Worksheet or activity Recitation of handbooks
8:00-8:20	Game Time (basement)
8:20-8:30	Awards Time Treat Closing announcements Clubber awards

2011 - 2012 Sparks Club Calendar

Sept 7	UNDER THE BIG TOP KICKOFF
14	"Is God Make Believe or Real?"
21	"God's Home"
28	"Creation – the Beginning"
Oct 5	"Creation – Adam"
12	"God's Rule" – Operation Christmas Child
19	"How Sin Started" – Operation Christmas Child
First Quarter Club Attendance	
26	AWANA LUAU FAMILY FUN FAIR Dress Hawaii style
Nov 2	"Rule Broken – Promise Given"
9	"God Keeps His Promise"
16	"Prove It" - MUSTACHE NIGHT (Earn points if you wear a mustache tonight)
23	No Club – Thanksgiving
30	Christmas feltgraph part 1
Dec 7	Christmas feltgraph part 2
14	Christmas feltgraph part 3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY
Second Quarter Club Attendance – S.S./Church Attendance	
21	No Club - Christmas
28	No Club – New Years
Jan 4	"Daniel" part 1
11	"Daniel" part 2 – HALFWAY NIGHT (Complete half of your handbook by this date and you can silly string your director next week)
18	"Daniel" part 3
25	DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT

Feb 1	"Daniel" part 4
8	"Daniel" part 5
15	"Daniel" part 6 – FISHING FOR HEARTS (Dress in fishing gear; candy hearts for every section)
22	"Ringu" part 1
Third Quarter Club Attendance	
29	"Ringu" part 2 – LEAPS & BOUNDS NIGHT (Jumping ropes, leaping games and hopping around the handbook – earn points for sections learned in the past)
Mar 7	NO CLUB – Spring Break
14	"Ringu" part 3
21	"Ringu" part 4 – Adopt a Club
28	"Ringu" part 5 – Adopt a Club MR POTATO NIGHT (decorate a potato as your guest for the evening)
31	SPARKS A RAMA
Apr 4	"God's Good News"
11	"Jesus Returns to Heaven"
18	"God, the Holy Spirit" – WILD PANTS NIGHT
25	Last Night of Club
Fourth Quarter Club Attendance – S.S. /Church Attendance	

May 2 Awards Night