Dear Awana families,

We are glad to have your child(ren) in our Awana Club! Awana is fun with a purpose - to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. Awana is an international ministry in over 110 countries, and participating in Awana is a wonderful way for your child to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of God. They will learn and memorize God's Word (and you'll memorize a lot too!).

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. Awana has a website full of great information at www.awana.org.

Please look for our weekly Awana update emails and check our website (www.mbcloudoun.org/awana) frequently for updates and activities. If you have any questions, contact Erin or Steve Bennett at (703) 431-3573 or at awanaloudoun@mcleanbible.org for questions or comments.

Awana Leadership

Senior Pastor          Lon Solomon
Loudoun Campus Pastor  Jim Supp
Kids Quest Director    LeAnne Smart
Commanders             Erin and Steve Bennett
Puggles Director       Christina Uribe
Cubbies Directors      Cliff and Martha Watson
Sparks K, 1 & 2 Directors Chris and Julie Elliott
T&T Girls Director     Kathy James
T&T Boys Director (Acting) Ted Sergio
Trek Directors         Doug and Amy Peek
Awana Missionary       Ken Lorow
Local Awana Website    www.awanamd.org

What are the Awana Clubs?

Awana offers different clubs depending upon the age of the children. Home school children should be placed in class with children of the same age.

Puggles – designed for 2 year olds that have turne 2 by Sept. 30, 2014. The focus is on learning respect for God, and His creation.
**Cubbies** – designed for 3 and 4 year olds for the two years before attending kindergarten. Children must be 3 by Sept. 30, 2014. Classes are co-ed, and focus on learning respect for God the Father, Jesus, and the authority of God’s Word.

**Sparks** – Kindergarten though Second grade students. Children in the Kindergarten class must be 5 by Sept. 30, 2014 and be enrolled in kindergarten. Classes are co-ed. If your child is not enrolled in kindergarten at school, please enroll them in Cubbies and start Sparks next year.

**T&T (Truth & Training)** – T&T engages third- through sixth-graders by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace. T&T Boys and Girls meet separately.

**Trek** – Trek is for Middle School students, and focuses its three-year curriculum on “Identity” – Who am I?, “Ministry” – What do I do?, and “Community” – Who am I with? The newly-designed Trek curriculum will introduce Middle School students to daily devotionals and short Bible studies each day, and each student will have read the entire New Testament by the end of Middle School.
When & where does Awana meet?

Awana is from 4:00 – 5:45 on Sunday afternoons.

For security purposes, please be sure that ALL of your children are checked in using our electronic check-in system. Check in stations are located to the left of the Welcome Center as you enter the building.

We do our best to start and end on time so please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your children.

Please let us know where you are. If you leave the building during Awana, we need to be able to reach you in case of an emergency.

Awana may be cancelled due to inclement weather. On Sundays with possible weather activity, the MBC Loudoun Awana website (www.mbcloudoun.org/awana) will be updated with a cancellation decision by 3:00pm. We will also send an e-mail to Awana families once the decision is made to cancel.

Nursery Rotation:

Thank you in advance for participating in the nursery rotation if you have not volunteered to serve as a leader in the Awana program. Your presence in the nursery enables our leaders to be present in the classroom with your child! You will be notified as to the dates of service via e-mail.

In case of an emergency:

If we need to evacuate the building, do not attempt to pick up your child at their classroom. Instead please make your way to the grassy area behind the building next to Iridium. We will be bringing all the children to that location; please do not leave with your child until an “all clear” has been given. We need to be sure that all children are accounted for, and avoid having rescue teams looking for children who are already out of the building.
What do children do at Awana?

The club meeting is divided up into three parts: Game Time, Handbook Time and Council/Large Group 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 team spirit.

**Handbook Time** – Each clubber will be provided a handbook. With the exception of Cubbies, clubbers work at their own pace to complete the book (Cubbies progress at the same pace each week). Handbooks are designed to be able to be completed at home by Clubbers by the end of the Club year in May. During Handbook Time, leaders work with small groups of Clubbers to listen to them recite the sections they have prepared, and discuss the meaning of the verses they have learned.

No matter what age your children 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. Cramming in the car on the way to church may produce a memorized verse for the short term, but usually won’t be retained for the long term.

Section Completion Standard: A 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 are provided to complete all the required work and verses exactly as they appear in the text. For older children, sections may include more than one verse and the references must also be learned. Leaders are not permitted to sign the handbooks of their children or relatives, nor should parents sign their child’s handbook sections at home (with the exception of Cubbies handbooks, in the designated sections).

Clubbers must complete all handbook requirements to earn the book award at the end of year. For Sparks and T&T handbooks, completing roughly two sections per week (which for most children requires about 5 or 10 minutes of study each day during the week) is enough to complete the handbook during the year.

**Large Group Time** – In Large Group Time, Clubbers come together to learn a Bible lesson or hear from a guest speaker. In our Awana Club, Clubbers hear the gospel message every week in large group, as well as ways to apply truths of Scripture to daily life and gain tools for Biblical living.

**Awana Leaders/Volunteers**

Awana leaders have completed an MBC KidsQuest volunteer application, background check and affirmed the MBC “What we Teach”
statement. Like the Clubbers, all leaders are in uniform at Club each week.

**What does it cost to attend Awana?**

The registration fee for the club year ranges from $50 to $60 per child depending on when registration forms are received. This fee pays for handbooks, awards, trophies, special incentives, AwanaGames registration, Sparks-A-Rama registration, and other special events. Uniforms and optional items are purchased separately through the Awana Store.

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**Awana Store**

**Hours**

Vary by time of year – open at 3:30pm the first few weeks of the year

**Sales Tax**

We unfortunately must charge the Virginia Sales Tax of 5% for all items purchased through the Awana Store.

Event registration and Awana registration is not taxed.

**Returns**

We have a generous return policy. Please return all items in resalable condition

**Inventory and Prices**

Price lists are available at the Awana Store. If you lose a book, badge/award, or other item, you can place an order for a replacement at the Awana Store.
Club Standards

Please follow the illness standards set forth by McLean Bible Church. We ask that you do not bring Clubbers who have active colds; please make sure clubbers are fever and diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to coming.

We expect our clubbers to follow the behavior rules set by McLean Bible Church. We expect them to obey their leaders, stay with their group, and not wander around the church building unsupervised.

Like all Awana Clubs, we observe the “5-Count” and the “3-Count” Awana Discipline Rules. If a leader needs a group of children to quiet down for a lesson or instruction, the leader will raise his/her hand and begin to count to five. Children are to immediately come to order. Children not in compliance with the 5-count will receive a warning, the first under the 3-Count. If a child receives three warnings, he/she will be removed from the club area, and the leader will call the director/commander to call the child’s parents if necessary.

Clubbers should:

1. **Be on time.**
   Club starts promptly at 4:00 and ends at 5:45.

2. **Be in Uniform.**
   Clubbers should wear their uniform vest or shirt and gym shoes.

3. **Be Prepared.**
   Clubbers and parents should spend time working on the handbook sections at home, and should bring their handbook ready to complete sections.

4. **Be Respectful.**
   Clubbers are expected to listen to leaders and to follow directions.
Puggles – 2 years old

Awana Puggles is a Club for children that are 2 years old as of September 20, 2014. Specifically, Puggles focuses on supporting parents and MBC Loudoun in training these preschoolers Respect – for God, for His Creation, and for his Power.

Puggles recognizes the learning ability of 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds by introducing biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Toddlers love having their very own Awana club just like the older Clubbers!

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts:

• God Made Everything
• God Saw That It Was Good
• God is Love
• Give Thanks

Special take-home cards that correspond to each week's lesson help parents nurture their child's faith at home. Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life.
Cubbies – 3 and 4 years old

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten and they must be 3 years old by Sept. 30, 2014. 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, activities, even our snack 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…

APPLE ACRES ENTRANCE BOOKLET

This brochure is the first part of Cubbies, and contains two “Bear Hugs” as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All Cubbies must complete this booklet before they receive their handbook and are allowed to wear the uniform.

HONEYCOMB HANDBOOK

This handbook includes stories from the “Apple Acres” apple farm, biblical teaching, and memory verses – all divided into weekly Bear Hugs focused on teaching Cubbies respect for God, His Son, and His Word. Cubbies are to complete each week’s Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the following week. They then recite the memory verse to their leader at club during Handbook Time. Completing every Bear Hug in the book over the course of the year (one Bear Hug per week), earns the Cubbie AppleSeed book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an extra-credit “Under the Apple Tree” section. The fun Under the Apple Tree activities at the end of each Bear Hug in the handbook are optional, and are not required for book completion or for the end-of-year book award.

Cubbie Memory Work Order:

Each Cubbie must complete the Apple Acres Entrance Booklet before work in the HoneyComb Handbook may begin.

HONEYCOMB HANDBOOK

Learning Level A - Complete one Bear Hug each week. All children move through the Bear Hug at the same pace, one Bear Hug each week. 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. Completing the Bear Hugs will earn the end-of-year award for your Cubbie.

Learning Level B – Many Bear Hugs had a “long version” of the memory verse. While only the short version printed in the Bear Hug is required to complete the Bear Hug, many children can learn the longer, complete verse for an added challenge.

Learning Level C - Under the Apple Tree may be done after the current week’s 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 leader at club.
Requirements for Cubbie Memory Work:
* Cubbies are allowed two “helps” per Bear Hug. A “help” is assistance in the form of between one and four words provided by the leader to help the Clubber remember and recite the verse.
* 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 olds must recite the verse AND reference. Three year olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
* Again, memory verses are to be learned at home, and then recited during Club – leaders will not spend much time “teaching” the verses in Club. For Cubbies, just 3 or 4 minutes spent on the weekly Bear Hug verse each day is usually more than enough for them to learn it.

Tips on How Parents Can Help their Cubbie
- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child…many families work on verses at the dinner table after a meal, or early in the morning, for example.
- Check the schedule and calendar for what Bear Hug to work on for the next week
- Read each week’s Bear Hug story, bible lesson, and verse to your child and follow the simple instructions in the Handbook. Use the included audio CD in the back of the Handbook to add to the story depth, and to help your child learn the memory verse.
- Listen to your child recite the verse and sign your name in the Handbook. Remember to be encouraging!
- Only one Bear Hug should 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 uniform, so it can always be found on Cubbies night.
- Be sure your child wears their uniform vest to club. The uniform is where their awards are displayed; proudly wearing the uniform motivates them to learn and work in their books.
- Bring your child to club on time, so we can begin and end promptly. Be sure to come to the Cubbies Room (the Preschool area at MBC Loudoun) to pick up your child after Club.


**2014-2015**

**CUBBIE BEAR HUG SCHEDULE**

**BEAR HUG SCHEDULE – HoneyComb Book**

*September*

21  Apple Acres Entrance Book – Part A – Cubbie Key Verse
28  Apple Acres Entrance Book – Part B – Cubbie Motto

*October*

5    Bear Hug 1 - A is for All
12   Bear Hug 2 - C is for Christ
19   Bear Hug 3 - Our Magnificent Creator
26   Bear Hug 4 - God created All People and you too!

*November*

2    Bear Hug 5 - God Made Your Family
9    Bear Hug 7 - The Israelites Worship God at the Temple
16   Bear Hug 8 - Elijah Reminds the Israelites to Worship Only God
23   Bear Hug 9 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Worship only God
30   NO AWANA (Thanksgiving)

*December*

7    Bear Hug 10 - Unit 2 Review
14   Special Day # 2 - Christmas
21   No Awana (Christmas)
28   No Awana (New Years)

*January*

4    Bear Hug 11 - The Good Shepherd Knows and Leads His Sheep
11   Bear Hug 12 - The Good Shepherd Looks for Lost Sheep
18   Bear Hug 13 - The Good Shepherd is with Us in Scary Times
25   Bear Hug 15 - Jesus Loves the paralyzed man

*February*

1    Bear Hug 16 - Jesus Loves Two Daughters
8    Bear Hug 17 - Jesus Loves the Crowd of 5000
15   Bear Hug 19 - Jesus Loves Blind Bartimaeus
March
22 Bear Hug 20 – Jesus Loves Zacchaeus
1 Bear Hug 21 – Jesus Loves Mary of Bethany
8 Bear Hug 22 – Unit 5 Review
15 Bear Hug 23 – Peter and the Disciples Tell the Good News
22 Bear Hug 24 – Philip Tells the Good News
29 NO AWANA (Palm Sunday)

April
5 No AWANA (Easter)
12 Bear Hug 25 – Paul and Silas Tell the Good News
19 Bear Hug 26 – We Can Tell the Good News
26 Cubbie Award Ceremony

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3 Sparks/ T&T Awards Ceremony

****Please Note we are skipping Bear Hug # 6, # 14, # 18
Sparks - Kindergarten through Second Grade

The Sparks ministry builds on the material taught in Cubbies. Focused on teaching Wisdom, 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, 2014 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 HangGlider handbook (the Sparks 1st book).

**HangGlider Series**

The HangGlider handbook is the first in the Sparks series. The HangGlider handbook covers the Old Testament from Creation through Joshua. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

**WingRunner 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.

**SkyStormer Series**

This is the third book for Sparkies. This handbook focuses on the New Testament, covering the life of Christ to Revelation. The handbook contains a CD which include dramaticatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

**Kindergarten Progression**

Flight 3:16, HangGlider handbook, HangGlider review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the HangGlider Frequent Flyer Cards), Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses contained in the HangGlider Frequent Flyer Cards purchased separately

A Kindergarten student must stay in the HangGlider series for the club year. They may not progress into the WingRunner Series
First Grade Progression
A new first grade Sparkie must complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Brochure. The Sparkie then proceeds to work on the HangGlider handbook. If the Sparkie wishes to complete additional material, he/she may go into the WingRunner Series. They do not complete the review or Frequent Flyer cards of the HangGlider Series.

A Sparkie who is in first grade and who has completed the HangGlider handbook will start in the WingRunner series. Sparkies complete the WingRunner handbook, WingRunner review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the WingRunner Frequent Flyer Cards), Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses contained in the WingRunner Frequent Flyer Cards purchased separately.

A First grader may not move into the SkyStormer Series.

Second Grade Progression
A new second grade Sparkie must complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Brochure. The Sparkie then proceeds to work on the HangGlider handbook. If they wish to complete additional material, the Sparkie may go into the WingRunner handbook. If time allows and the Sparkie would like to work on additional material, he/she may complete the SkyStormer handbook.

A Sparkie who is in second grade and who has completed the HangGlider handbook and the WingRunner handbook will start in the SkyStormer Series. Sparkies complete the SkyStormer handbook, SkyStormer review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the SkyStormer Frequent Flyer Cards), Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses contained in the SkyStormer Frequent Flyer Cards can be purchased separately.

Any second grader who is “catching up” may complete any/all of the three of the handbooks one time through. If they complete all three they are eligible to earn the Sparky Plaque to be presented at the award ceremony.

All Sparkies
As Sparkies work on their handbooks, they receive awards to be displayed on their uniform. Awards are described in the handbooks and they include patches, Sparks Pilot Wings, jewels, review patches and extra credit pins.
We ask that you pace your child to stay within the curriculum. Depending upon the amount of time left in the year will determine what supplemental memory work should be encouraged. Check with your child’s leader for additional information. Please note: your child may not progress to the curriculum for the following year.

Sparkies also receive Sunday School Attendance Patches awarded twice a year.

Sparkies are encouraged to participate in the Adopt-A-Club program.
Truth and Training (T&T)

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.

At MBC Loudoun, we separate our boy and girl clubs.

**Ultimate Adventure – 3rd and 4th Grade**

When a 3rd or 4th grader joins for the first time, they first complete the Ultimate Adventure Start Zone Entrance Booklet. Regardless of age or grade, a new clubbers start with the Ultimate Adventure Book One. 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. A clubber in the 4th grade who has finished Book 1 may go into Book 2.

**Ultimate Challenge – 5th and 6th Grade**

When a 5th or 6th grader joins for the first time, they first complete the Ultimate Challenge Start Zone Entrance Booklet. Regardless of age or grade, a new clubbers start with the Ultimate Challenge Book One. 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. A Clubber in the 6th grade who has finished Book 1 may go into Book 2.

By the time a Clubber has completed all four T&T handbooks; he/she will have learned and reviewed 310 verses. Throughout the book are extra credit “Silver” and “Gold” sections. In addition, there are special, optional awards for Clubbers who can recite all the verses in their handbook in one sitting at the end of the year. There is plenty to keep your Clubber busy!
**Adopt-A-Club**

Clubbers, leaders and other individuals are invited to participate in Adopt-A-Club. This program provides the funding for clubs to be started and maintained in poor communities. At MBC Loudoun, we partner with MBC Tysons to support Awana clubs in Mexico and Libya.

Clubbers are given $5.00 coin cards and are encouraged to complete tasks to earn the money for the card. The program is optional.

Clubbers returning the coin cards receive a patch for their uniform.

Leaders receive a special recognition pin. (We request that leaders donate a $10.00 minimum to include the cost of the pin. Yearly donations are accepted but only one pin is awarded!)

**Club Awards**

All Clubbers who progress in their handbooks will receive awards to be displayed on their uniforms. When a clubber completes a handbook, they are eligible to receive an award at the Closing Ceremony at the end of the club year (May 3rd, 2015).

All Clubbers present at the ceremony will be recognized and will receive a certificate. Cubbies and Puggles will receive their award on the last night of Awana (April 26th, 2015), NOT on May 4th.

All clubbers must complete all sections in their handbooks by the last night of Awana (May 5) in order to receive an award at the Closing Ceremony.

Please notify us if your child has participated in an Awana club elsewhere and has received Awards. We may require documentation to order the correct award for your child. Please make us aware of this early in the year. We do not want your child to be disappointed at the ceremony when your child receives the wrong award because we did not know about their previous awards.

Please help to pace your children during the club year to avoid massive memorization efforts in March and April. The goal is to encourage our children to learn God’s Word and to get it as deep in them as possible! It is not about checking a box or receiving an award. Encourage your children to develop good habits of spending time in God’s Word! It will come back to bless them in the years to come!
Cubbies Awards

2014-2015 Book Award – Cubbies Honeycomb Book Award
2015-2016 Book Award – Cubbies AppleSeed Book Award

Sparks Awards

First book award – a green ribbon for completing the HangGlider handbook.

Second book award – a blue ribbon for completing the HangGlider and WingRunner handbooks.

Sparky Award Plaque – awarded for completing the HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer Handbooks.

T&T

Alpha Award – a medallion on a yellow ribbon and an award pin. Awarded for the completion of any one of the 3rd - 12th grade books or manuals. Clubber must be in at least the 3rd grade.

Excellence Award – awarded for completion of any two of the 3rd - 12th grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 4th grade.

Challenge Award - awarded for completion of three of the 3rd - 12th grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 5th grade.

Trek and Journey

Timothy Award – awarded for completion of four of the 3rd - 12th grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 6th grade.

Trek Milestone - awarded to Trek students who complete one year of Trek Bible study handbook. This is awarded at MBC in the 7th grade year. This is also awarded in place of the Awana first book award for the student who is new to Awana and who has completed the 7th or 8th grade material as their first book.

Meritorious Trophy – awarded for completion of six 3rd – 12th grade books or manuals. The student must be in the 8th grade or higher. Individuals receiving this award may be eligible to apply for scholarships to selected colleges and universities.
Citation Award

This premiere award is the highest award in Awana. It is awarded only to high school seniors (or adults) who have completed all of the ten 3rd - 12th grade Clubber or parent handbooks.

Individuals receiving this award may be eligible to apply for scholarships to over 40 colleges and universities, and Awana International offers special recognition to students receiving this award.

Special Theme Nights During Awana

During the year, we have many theme nights for fun and to keep clubbers and leaders involved! Special treats are often awarded to those who participate. Check the calendar and the weekly email newsletter for updates. Cubbies need to check with leaders to determine what nights they will be participating in.

Table Color Night: Show your spirit! Wear clothing to match the color of your table in Club.

Crazy Hat and/or Crazy Hair: Find a funky hat or do something wild with your hair. The crazier the better. Check out the non-permanent hair colors!

Slipper Night: Wear your slippers around the church!

Dot Your Leader Night: Clubbers can place a dot sticker on their leader for every section they complete in their handbook. See what group has the most dotted leaders!

BARF Night (Be A Real Friend, Bring A Real Friend):

Clubbers are encouraged to invite and bring friends to Awana. This can be used to fulfill the "bring a visitor" requirement in the handbooks.

Night Backwards: Wear your uniform and clothes on backwards! See what you can manage to wear backwards!

Sports Night: Wear your favorite sports team jersey or uniform. Come dressed as an athlete from your favorite sport or team.

Can Can Night: Bring a canned good or other nonperishable item to donate to the food pantry. Help us stock the shelves for this important ministry.
Special Events

**T&T Boys Fall Day Trip/Social Event:** This is an optional and fun event for boys and their dads to build community at the beginning of the Club year.

This event is for T&T boys and their dads. No moms, sisters, or little brothers are allowed!

**Bible Quizzing:** T&T Clubbers can participate in area Bible Quizzes. Participants must pre-register, attend practices and meet specific requirements regarding book completion. Typically, quizzing is based on the first half of the handbook. MBC Loudoun Awana will start participating in local Awana Bible Quizzes in the 2014-2015 Club year.

**Sparks-a-Rama and AwanaGames:** The games offer an opportunity to play the same Awana games that are played during club time against other Awana clubs in the area. These events require pre-registration and attendance at several practices leading up to the game day. Rules are very specific about age, grade, and gender, so pay attention to the sign-up sheets.

Game day is usually on a Saturday. Sparks and T&T usually have their games on the same day.

**Lock-Ins:** Two lock-ins take place during the Awana year. T&T girls and T&T boys spend the night at MBC Loudoun. These events require parent permission, pre-registration, a registration fee, and volunteers! Clubbers must be in the 3rd-6th grade to participate. Clubbers must also have completed half of their handbook sections this Club year in order to be eligible to attend. Older Awana students may serve as Student Leader volunteers, with leader permission.

Boy’s events often include Nerf gun battles, dodgeball, hanging out in the Rock, pizza and movies.

Girl’s events often include scavenger hunts, hanging out in the Rock, pizza and movies.

**Grand Prix:** Similar to the Pinewood derby in scouting, Awana holds an annual Grand Prix, in which Clubbers carve, shape, build, and race their own pine race cars. This is open to all Awana clubbers and their parents. Racers compete against others in their own club, and parents can also build their own car to race!

You can purchase your car kit at the Awana store starting in late fall. (Makes a great stocking stuffer) In order to race you must use the kit purchased through Awana. We will offer car building clinics in the weeks leading up to the race.
All cars must be checked in prior to race night. Look for the parent e-mails for deadline dates and workshop times.

**Closing Ceremony:** On May 3\textsuperscript{rd}, we will hold our closing Awards Ceremony. This is for Sparks and T&T students, and is the time when all the children are recognized for their participation during the year, followed by a fun party.

Cubbies and Puggles have their Closing Ceremony in the ROCK on the last night of Awana (April 26\textsuperscript{th}). Parents and families are invited to attend!