



Dear Sparkie Parent,

**Clubs begin Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Registration begins August 19**

**It is helpful to us if you register and pay online at [www.cbcjoy.org](http://www.cbcjoy.org). If you are unable, please submit a hard copy available outside the Children's Ministries office.**

Welcome to **AWANA SPARKS CLUB!** We are looking forward to meeting you and your child. You are welcome to visit our club at any time. We hope your child will enjoy our time together as we share and learn from God's Word.

**SPARKS CLUB** is a specially designed Bible club for children from kindergarten through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, helping children learn to "Shine for Jesus!" If you have children of a different age group, they are invited to attend one of the other programs for children aged 3 through high school. Calvary is just one of many churches in our area that sponsor a **SPARKS CLUB** through an organization called **AWANA CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**. We are part of more than 10,000 **AWANA CLUBS** that operate around the world. These community clubs are open to all youths and have children of many different faiths attending. While your child is not required to attend other functions of our church, all of the ministries of Calvary are open to you and your family, especially if you are looking for a church "home".

Our **SPARKS CLUB** meets each Wednesday during the school year from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. We start our flag ceremony right at 6:30PM. Registration of new clubbers, or friends, as well as purchases of books and vests, need to be done prior to the start of club. Our club secretaries will be happy to assist you starting at 6:15 PM. You can register in advance and pay online at [www.cbcjoy.org](http://www.cbcjoy.org).

Sparks begins in the **PCA Media Center (Library)** and ends in the **PCA Activity Center**. When you arrive each week, check your child(ren) in at the computer check in stations. You will receive a name tag for each child containing a security ID number. You will also receive a parent sticker containing the matching ID number. **YOU MUST SHOW THIS TAG AT THE END OF CLUB WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN.** For security, the ID tag number you receive will change each week.

Please come inside and pick up your children promptly at **8:00 PM by the triple doors**. Show your ID tag and leaders will match your tag to your child. This procedure is necessary for the security of all children and leaders are required to follow this procedure for everyone, even if they know you. No child will be dismissed without an adult showing the matching ID tag. Children will not be allowed to walk to the church building unless accompanied by an adult with the ID tag. Special arrangements can be made ahead of time if you are working in a program in the church building.

The Sparks club night is divided into three parts: Opening Session, Small Group Time, and Game Time. During the opening session, your child will sing songs and hear a Bible story. During small group time, he/she will meet with a small group leader to recite Bible verses and have sections of his/her handbook checked off. Game Time includes lots of active Sparks games played on our AWANA circle. At the end of the evening, children who have completed sections in their Sparks Handbooks are awarded jewels to be worn in the flight wings on their vests. Team contests and special holiday celebrations will take place throughout the year. Club attendance will be awarded quarterly. At the end of the club year, we have an Award Ceremony for book completion awards. You, the parent, will need to help your child achieve his/her awards by helping him/her learn the book material at home so it can be recited from memory to the leaders on Club night.

Spark clubbers must purchase their own handbook and vest, and pay Club dues. See the registration form for price information. The uniform vest must be worn each week to club, providing a place to display awards earned. If your family is facing financial challenges, please contact Bonnie Varney ([bonnie@cbcjoy.org](mailto:bonnie@cbcjoy.org)) for scholarship information. No child will be refused due to inability to pay the fees.

The **AWANA SPARKS** program is a rewarding experience reaching all areas of your child's life—physical, emotional, and spiritual. We thank you for the opportunity to teach your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me weekday evenings. We are looking forward to a great Club year!

Yours in Christ,  
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