

Sparks at Heritage

The following information has been provided to assist you and your child as you begin the Awana program called Sparks.

Overview: There are three age groups in Sparks: Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. To join any age group, a child new to Sparks must complete an introduction booklet called Flight 3:16. Upon completion the child is eligible to receive their handbook and wear the Sparks vest, which will be worn for all three years of Sparks. The Kindergarten book is called HangGlider. The first grade book is called WingRunner. And the Second grade book is called SkyStomer. Each book consists of three parts: Rank, Red Jewels, Green Jewels. Blue Jewels are awards given for attendance, but are not sections to be signed off in the book.

Rank: The Rank Path must be finished first. After completing these eight sections, the child will receive a patch to wear on their vest.

Jewels: After the Rank Path is completed the child starts earning jewels. There are four Red, four Green, and four Blue jewels that can be earned throughout the year. When each Red and Green Jewel has been completed, the child will receive a jewel to put in their Pilot Wing Badges. Blue Jewels are earned based on club attendance each quarter. Red and Green Jewels must be done in order with the exception of certain Jewels that allow you to complete them at different times. Please initial weekly which sections your child is prepared to say.

Pilot Wing Badges: Each child will receive these to wear on their vest as soon as they have earned a jewel to place in them.

Awards: All awards will be handed out on the club night in which the award is earned. Children ***must*** be wearing their vest to receive their award.

The completion of a book will earn the child a Book Award Medallion which is given out at the end of the year in May. Children do not have to complete the review sections to earn the Medallion. For completing all three Sparks books a special award is given called the Sparky Award Sculpture.

Review: When the book has been completed, children are able to review their book. Select sections in the Rank Path and Red and Green Jewels are marked as review and can be completed a second time. There will be a review patch awarded upon completion.

Sections: Please initial weekly which sections your child is prepared to say. Children are allowed TWO “helps” with each section, not each verse. Please make sure they know the reference as part of the verse. A leader is allowed to give the reference as a prompt, if needed, and this will not count as one of the two helps allowed. But the child must be able to say the reference at the end of the verse or it will count as one of the two helps allowed. Any questions do not have to be answered word for word.

Proper club attire: All children should come to club wearing their Sparks vest (as soon as it has been earned). A diagram in the back of their handbook indicates where all patches are to be placed. Children must be wearing their vest to receive their earned awards/patches.

Your child should always bring a Bible and their handbook to club. For safety during game time, tennis shoes are the preferred footwear.

Teams: Children are divided into four teams: red, blue, green, and yellow. Sometimes a fifth team may be added if necessary. Each child will be assigned to a color team at the beginning of the club year and will stay with that team for the entire year along with their small group leader.

Child Drop-off: Please make sure your child goes to the restroom before you drop them off at the room.

Child Pick-up: Children need to be picked-up by 8:15 p.m at the latest. Please line-up outside the door and wait for your child to come to you. With written permission from a parent a child can be allowed to leave or be picked up by a sibling.

Clubber of the Month: This award is given monthly to one or more children who by their behavior and participation demonstrate that they meet the standards set for Clubber of the Month. They must faithfully attend club, willingly participate in club activities and game time, and consistently memorize God's Word. Their behavior and attitude is also taken into consideration

Audio Resources: To download audio resources, go to hbclynchburg.com/Awana and look for your child's book and choose your Bible version

Questions: If you have any questions at any time concerning your child and their progress, behavior, awards or any other situation, please speak with the director of your child's club.