



# Club Handbook

## 2011–2012

Grace Fellowship Church  
Oak Forest, IL



- 6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls (Last Night)
- 19 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek (Last Night)
- 25 NO Sparks
- NO T&T Boys and Girls
- 26 NO Trek
- 29 **6:00 pm Awana Award Night**  
**Parents and families are invited to attend.**

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### **March 2012**

- 1 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 7 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 8 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- 14 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 15 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 21 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 22 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- 24 9:00 am Sparks-A-Rama**
- 24 1:00 pm T&T Awana Games**
  
- 28 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 29 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- TBA T&T Girls P.J. Party**

### **April 2012**

- 4 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 5 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- 6 7:00 pm T&T Boys "Glow Games"**
  
- 11 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 12 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- 18 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks (Last Night)

- 20 TBA **Trek Overnight**
- 25 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 26 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek

**Commanders & Directors 2011-2012**

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Kitchen / Gym ext. # 17

Ext. # 4 for club cancelations only

**February 2012**

- 1 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 2 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 8 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 9 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 11 **T&T Bible Quizzing (Boys & Girls)**
- 15 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 16 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 18 **Trek & Journey Quizzing & Game Quest**
- 18 **Trek Game Quest After Party**
- 22 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 23 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 29 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls

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## December 2011

- 1 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 2 **7:00 - 9:30 pm T&T Girls Christmas Store**
- 7 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 8 **7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek Christmas Party**
- 14 NO Sparks  
NO T&T Girls
- 14 **7:00 pm T&T Boys Wide World of "Virtual" Sports**
- 15 NO Trek
- 21 NO Sparks  
NO T&T Boys and Girls
- 22 NO Trek
- 28 NO Sparks  
NO T&T Boys and Girls
- 29 NO Trek

## January 2012

- 4 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 5 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 11 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 12 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 18 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 19 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek

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6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 20 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
  
- 26 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 27 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 29 4:00 pm **Grand Prix T&T Boys / Girls & Parents**

**November 2011**

- 2 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 3 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 9 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 10 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- TBA 9:45 am - 12:30 pm T&T Girls Rolling Skating**
- 13 TBA Trek Game Day**
- 16 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks Parents Night**  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
- 17 7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
- 23 NO Sparks  
NO T&T Boys and Girls
- 24 NO Trek
- 30 6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks  
6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls

**AWANA Handbook**  
2011 - 2012

Welcome to the Awana ministry at Grace Fellowship Church. Awana is an international youth program held at churches throughout the world. The goal of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. We at Grace Fellowship Church would like to thank you for letting us serve your child (children) this year and are truly excited to see how God will use this ministry to reach and teach many boys and girls. Our desire is to be used by God as He works in the lives of young people.

If you have any questions about any of the clubs or events please don't hesitate to ask either myself or any of the Directors. Many leaders serving now are former clubbers who have served God for years in the ministry of Awana and have seen first-hand the work of the Holy Spirit in their life and the lives of others. Again, we would like to thank you for entrusting us with your children this year and we look forward to watching how God works.

Tim & Sandy Kledzik  
Commanders  
(708) 444-2532

## General Information

The Awana ministry is based on 4 principles:

**Gospel Message** - to clearly present and explain God's plan of salvation.

**Scripture Memorization** - to encourage each clubber to read and memorize God's Word.

**Train** - to encourage spiritual growth in the clubbers.

**Excitement** - to play fun, high-energy games.

The AWANA club night is made up of three main sessions: game time, handbook time, and message time.

*Game time* is the session when the clubbers interact with each other playing many different types of games. The purpose of this session is for the clubbers to get excited, have fun, learn about good sportsmanship, and develop a team spirit.

*Handbook time* is when the clubbers recite to their leaders the Bible verses from their books (we encourage parents to assist their children with their memory work). In this session the clubbers can earn points and awards for completing their books.

*Message time* is the big group time when the clubbers sing songs, hear a message from God's Word, and announcements are given.

### Meetings

Our clubs meet from September until April. The age requirements to participate for each club are as follows: Sparks must be age 5 before September 1, 2011, T&T boys and girls must be age 8 before September 1, 2011, Trek must be age 12 before September 1, 2011.

## Awana Calendar

September 2011 - May 2012

### September 2011

7	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
8	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
14	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
15	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
21	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
22	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek Parents' Night
28	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls Parents' Night
29	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek

### October 2011

5	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
6	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
8	9:00—11:00 am Sparks Fall Hike
	3-5:00 pm Grand Prix Workshop (for T&T Boys & Girls)
12	6:55 - 8:30 pm Sparks
	6:55 - 8:30 pm T&T Boys and Girls
13	7:00 - 9:00 pm Trek
15	9:00 am Trek Starved Rock

February 18, 2012 Game Quest

This is an event where the Jr. High students will have the opportunity to participate in Bible Quizzing competition in the morning and 'Olympic-type' events in the afternoon. These competitions do require attendance at all practices. There will be more details about the practices & requirements as plans are finalized. This is an event where parents/friends can come to cheer on & encourage their children.

February 18, 2012 Trek Game Quest After Party

After the Bible Quizzing and Games are over, we will be celebrating the hard work, team spirit and accomplishments of our students together as a Trek family.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving your Jr. High student this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Scott Sisk  
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Trek Director

**Miscellaneous**

It is helpful to avoid mix-ups if you write your child's name inside their coat/jacket. Please note that doors will NOT open until 6:30 pm. Please pick up your child promptly at the end of each club night. Parents are always welcome to attend any of our club meetings and are invited to visit our coffee house "The Intersection" during club hours. Please contact the club director if you have any questions.

**Costs**

Weekly dues are 50 cents for all clubs. The dues are applied to cover the cost of incentives, awards, contests and special theme nights. If you would like to pay your yearly dues in advance, you may do so for \$13.00.

**Entrance Booklet**

The first Entrance Booklet is free in all clubs. If a replacement is needed they are available for 25 cents. Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, each clubber will begin a one-year handbook.

**Handbook costs**

Sparks:	\$ 10.00
Truth & Training:	\$ 9.00
Trek:	\$8.00

**Uniforms**

After a clubber completes their Entrance Booklet they are eligible to purchase an Awana club uniform. Each clubber is encouraged to wear their uniform to club each week. To receive awards each clubber must have a uniform. Also, team points may be given at club meetings to clubbers who are in uniform. Either new or used (as available) uniforms can be purchased at club.

Sparks:	Vest	\$12.00
Truth & Training:	Shirt	\$15.00
Trek:	Shirt	\$16.00

## Sparks

Welcome to the Sparks Club. A club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. During Sparks each week we enjoy a time of praise and worship, Bible lessons, handbook time, and of course, games. Clubbers should wear gym shoes each week so they can participate safely in all of the games.

Each Sparky will receive a Flight 3:16 handout during their first night in attendance at Sparks. After completing the handout, they may purchase a handbook and Sparky vest which is our club uniform. They will continue to work in their handbook memorizing God's word throughout the club year. The Sparks clubbers are rewarded at the end of each 5 or 6 sections with a patch or jewel that they can wear on their vest. This helps motivate them to memorize more verses.

It is helpful if the Sparky can practice their verses at home so they are prepared to pass their sections during the night of club. When a Sparky completes a book they receive a ribbon. After a Sparky completes all three books they will receive a plaque. These awards are presented during the Awards Ceremony at the end of the year (April 29, 2012).

Here is a list of some of the events the Sparks clubbers will be involved with this year;

### October 8, 2011      Fall Hike

This is an annual event that the Sparks clubbers are able to enjoy outdoors. They go on an adventure walk looking for examples of God's creative work. They finish up the hike with donuts & refreshments.

see what your child experiences on a 'typical' Thursday Trek Club night.

### October 15, 2011      Trek Starved Rock

We will be going to Starved Rock and spending time climbing rocks, splashing around in waterfalls and on trails, and just enjoying God's creation.

### November 13, 2011      Trek Game Day

This will be an opportunity for all those game lovers to stay after church and play their favorite board games and/or card games. We will be sending out details later about options for lunch, and will have plenty of games available. However, students will be able to bring their favorite games to share with friends if they would like to. This event will be open to all 7th and 8th graders of Grace Fellowship Church as well as any Trek clubbers. No section requirements for this event.

### December 8, 2011      Trek Christmas Party

Details will be coming as we get closer to this event. This party will be open to all 7th and 8th graders of Grace Fellowship Church as well as Awana clubbers. No section requirements for this event.

### January 20, 2012      Trek Overnight

To start the year off, we will be taking your Jr. High student for the night and we promise to return them fed, very tired, and full of stories for months to come. We will be taking over the entire church and having a blast from start to finish this is one of Trek's favorite events! This is an event that requires sections to be passed and the more your student passes, the cheaper the event will be so encourage them to start on their books early.

## Trek (Junior Varsity)

Trek is a club for Jr. High students that are in 7th or 8th grade. This is the first time in many years that these young men and ladies will be combined to create a single club. Therefore we try to place an emphasis on working together as a community while on this Trek called life. The term 'Trek' actually means *a journey or leg of a journey, especially when arduous*. We are very excited about working with your children and aiding them in this particular leg of their journey. The Bible is the cornerstone of our teachings and will be front and center in all that we do.

We will be playing together, worshiping together, celebrating achievements together, helping each other through hard times, learning God's Word together, eating together (these kids love to eat) and growing together as a unit. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to come along side you and assist you in raising your young person. If there is any way we could help you more, please let us know.

Throughout the year, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to participate in different planned events. As time grows closer to each event, you should watch for flyers that will give details about cost, dates (we will try to stick to the dates put in this pamphlet), time, Awana section requirements (your child may need to pass a certain amount of sections in order to attend a certain event) and any other details. Here are a list of some of the events and dates that we have planned for this year:

### September 22, 2011 Trek Parents Night

We want to encourage parents to join their student for this special club night. We will give you the opportunity to join in on the games and the worship, and give you an opportunity to

### March 24, 2012 Sparks-A-Rama

These are 'Olympic-type' events where children compete against other Chicagoland area churches at Lyons Township High School. This is an athletic event that takes place at Lyons Township High School. There will be some practice dates that each participant is expected to attend. Each child will receive a team shirt. This is an exciting event for the clubbers & a great time to come cheer on the Sparks clubbers. Watch for more details.

### March 31, 2012 Spring Outing

I look forward to a great season this year at Sparks. If you have any questions or concerns please call me.

Nancy Hamrin  
(708) 535-1741  
Sparks Director

## Truth & Training Girls

Welcome to the Truth and Training Girls club. Girls between the ages of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come and participate with other girls in games, singing songs, learning about God and His Word, memorizing verses, learning about sportsmanship, team spirit, and more. Each week we strive to teach girls how to live their lives according to God's Word and in a way that is pleasing to Him.

After each clubber completes her Entrance Booklet she will be eligible to purchase her handbook and uniform. We encourage each parent to help their child study their handbook in order to pass each section. We hold many events each year for the girls (Roller Skating, Christmas Store, P.J. Party) as well as participate in all club events like Bible Quizzing, Grand Prix, Awana Games, and more.

Below is a list of some of these events:

### September 28, 2011 Parent's Night

Parents are invited to come and experience what the Girls Club is all about & join in for some games. (Wear your gym shoes!)

### October 29, 2011 Grand Prix

See T&T Boys for more details.

### Watch for Date Roller Skating

It's a fun time where the girls can bring their own roller skates/blades to the church for an open skate in our gym. We have our own in house D.J. playing music while the girls skate and play games. We have a message time at the end of our skating and before the girls leave we feed them lunch.

the year.

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of the year, please feel free to contact me.

Joshua Williams

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Truth & Training Boys Director

cutting we do offer a workshop a week or two before the race.

The day consists of racing, dinner, and awards. Awards are presented for speed, creativity, design, and detail. Boys compete only against boys, and girls against girls.

#### December 14, 2011 Wide World of "Virtual" Sports

This will be special "Video Game Night" just for the "guys"! Watch for more details.

#### February 11, 2012 T&T Bible Quizzing

Bible Quizzing is a wonderful opportunity to study and memorize God's word & compete with other area churches. Each child wanting to participate will need to complete half of their book (through the end of Discovery 4) by December 7, 2011. In addition to the practice dates, where each child is required to attend, they are also expected to study at home daily. They will be well snacked at each practice. (The part they seem to enjoy the most.) Watch for further details.

#### March 24, 2012 Awana Games

These are 'Olympic-type' events where children compete against other Chicagoland area churches at Lyons Township High School. There will be some practice dates that each participant is required to attend. Each child will receive a team shirt. This is an exciting event for the clubbers and a great time to come cheer on the boys. Watch for more details.

#### April 6, 2012 Glow Games

This will be a special night just for the guys. We will be playing a series of games that will emphasize what it means to be a light in a dark world. Watch for more details later in

#### December 2, 2011 Christmas Store

We traditionally have our Christmas store the first Friday in December. The four weeks prior to the store opening the girls earn "Awana" dollars. The way they earn this is by 1) wearing their uniform 2) bringing their handbook, 3) wearing gym shoes, 4) bringing dues, and 5) bringing a friend. Each week we keep track and the girls are given their total "Awana" dollars earned that night. The money earned is ONLY good for that night and the girls MUST be present to spend it.

It's an all out Christmas extravaganza here at our church. Half the gym is converted into the Walnut Room at Macy's where the girls can sip hot chocolate, sing Christmas songs, make an ornament and listen to a Christmas message. The other half is turned into our "Grace Place" Christmas store. There the girls can purchase gifts for family members, relatives, friends, and even teachers. There are tables dedicated to items like; toys, pets, stationary, home goods, books, men gifts, candy, baby items, bath products, etc. We also gift wrap their items and put them all in a large shopping bag so it's easier for the girls to take home.

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March 24, 2012      Awana Games

These are 'Olympic-type' events where children compete against other Chicagoland area churches at Lyons Township High School. There will be some practice dates that each participant is required to attend. Each child will receive a team shirt, matching socks, and a hair piece. This is an exciting event for the clubbers & a great time to come cheer on the girls. Watch for more details.

March 2012      P.J. Party

This is NOT a sleepover but a pizza party wearing our comfortable but appropriate p.j.'s. The girls may bring their blankets and pillows for later. We have a short fellowship time in the gym before the girls get pampered for the night. The other half of our gym is sectioned off. We have tables devoted to nails, facials and hair. There is also a craft station and a movie station where the girls perform a short skit for everyone to watch at the end of our evening.

We both look forward to serving your children this year at club. We welcome any questions you may have and are excited about seeing God work in this ministry again.

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Truth & Training Girl Directors

**Truth & Training Boys**

Thank you for allowing your son to join us this year for Awana's Truth & Training here at Grace Fellowship Church! As a father of three sons, I have a great desire to see boys learning what it means to be Godly men. This year in T&T the young men will have the opportunity to play fun games together, work through a handbook which involves them in memorizing scripture and they will be taught important truths from the Word of God.

Each night will have a special theme like "Bring A Parent Night", "Sox vs. Cubs" or "Crazy Hat Night".

Here is a list of some of the events that your boys will have the opportunity to participate in throughout the year.

September 28, 2011      Parent's Night

Parents are invited to come and experience what the Boys Club is all about & join in for some games. (Wear your gym shoes!)

October 29, 2011      Grand Prix

Grand Prix (sometimes called Pinewood Derby) is an event that encourages clubbers (grades 3-6) and their parent/guardian to build a race car out of a block of wood. Although there are some regulations on size and weight, the clubbers can develop their car in any shape, color, or design they choose. Check out some of the cars from previous years [www.gfcoakforest.org/ministries/children/awana.html](http://www.gfcoakforest.org/ministries/children/awana.html)

We begin to sell cars several weeks before the day of the race which allows the clubbers plenty of time to build their car. If a clubber is in need of some help with the rough