










**DERWOOD**  
BIBLE CHURCH



**Derwood Bible Church 2024-2024 Sparks Calendar & Activity Schedule – Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm**

Week	Date	Nightly Theme/Activity at a Glance (Scroll down for detail.)
	<i>(September 7, 2023)</i>	<i>Back to Awana Night - Leaders only, mandatory meeting</i>
1	September 13, 2023	<b>WELCOME! - Registration and Parent Meeting</b>
2	September 20, 2023	<b>Registration cont.</b>
3	September 27, 2023	<b>Hilarious Hat Night</b> <i>(Wear a silly hat!)</i>
4	October 4, 2023	<b>Intl. Mission Partners Night</b> <i>(Learn about our mission partners!)</i>
5	October 11, 2023	<b>Dot Night</b> <i>(1 verse = 1 sticker on your leader's face!)</i>
6	October 18, 2023	<b>Pumpkin Decorating Contest</b> <i>(Bring your own pumpkin!)</i>
7	October 25, 2023	 <b>Dress-Up Night</b> <i>(No scary costumes please!)</i>
8	November 1, 2023	<b>Backwards Night</b> <i>(Do everything backwards!)</i>
9	November 8, 2023	<b>Red Night</b> <i>(Wear red!)</i>
10	November 15, 2023	<b>Thankful Hearts Night</b> <i>(Bring donations for local food bank!)</i>
-	November 22, 2023	 <b>NO CLUB - THANKSGIVING</b>
11	November 29, 2023	 <b>Awana Store</b> <i>(Bring your Awana Bucks!)</i>
12	December 6, 2023	<b>Dot Night</b> <i>(1 verse = 1 sticker on your leader's face!)</i>
13	December 13, 2023	 <b>Christmas Party</b> <i>(Come hungry!)</i> 
-	December 20, 2023	 <b>NO CLUB - CHRISTMAS</b>
-	December 27, 2023	<b>2024</b> <b>NO CLUB - HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
14	January 3, 2024	<b>Pajama Night</b> <i>(Wear your comfiest PJs!)</i>
15	January 10, 2024	<b>Paper Airplane Night</b> <i>(Create a paper airplane and compete!)</i>
16	January 17, 2024	<b>Blue Night</b> <i>(Wear blue!)</i>
17	January 24, 2024	<b>Layer Night</b> <i>(Wear as many layers of clothes as you can!)</i>

18	January 31, 2024	 <b>Awana Store</b> ( <i>Bring your Awana Bucks!</i> )
19	February 7, 2024	<b>Favorite Sports Team Night</b> ( <i>Bring your favorite team's merch!</i> )
20	February 14, 2024	 <b>Friendship Night</b> ( <i>Do something kind for someone else!</i> )
21	February 21, 2024	<b>Leader Appreciation Night</b> ( <i>Make your leader a nice card!</i> )
22	February 28, 2024	<b>Double Bucks Night</b> ( <i>Earn two Awana Bucks per section!</i> )
23	March 6, 2024	<b>Grand Prix Night</b> ( <i>Sparks go watch the T&amp;T clubbers race!</i> )
24	March 13, 2024	<b>Green Night</b> ( <i>Wear green!</i> )
25	March 20, 2024	<b>Neon Night</b> ( <i>Wear bright colors and have fun with glowsticks!</i> )
-	March 27, 2024	 <b>NO CLUB - EASTER</b>
26	April 3, 2024	<b>Silly Style Night</b> ( <i>Wear silly clothes, socks, shoes, or hair!</i> )
27	April 10, 2024	<b>Yellow Night</b> ( <i>Wear yellow!</i> )
28	April 17, 2024	<b>Sparks Visit T&amp;T</b> ( <i>Rising 3rd graders only!</i> )
29	April 24, 2024	<b>Seder Dinner</b> ( <i>Learn about the Last Supper!</i> )
30	May 1, 2024	 <b>LAST Awana Store!</b> ( <i>Bring your Awana Bucks!</i> )
31	May 8, 2024	 <b>Last Night of Club - PIZZA PARTY</b>
	May 15, 2024	 <b>AWARD CEREMONY</b> 

**NOTE:**

The Awana Games are back!! They will be held at Arlington Baptist Church some time in March or April 2024. Please let your club's director know if your child would be interested in participating in the games - we need ten clubbers per age group for a team!

# 2023-2024 Sparks Calendar & Activity Schedule Details

*\*(For those clubbers with food allergies, parents are welcome to bring in an appropriate substitute for their child for nights with snacks. Please bring the substitute in a paper bag with the child's name and their head leader's name clearly labeled. Provide the paper bag to the Sparks Director during sign-in.)*

## September 13, 2023

**WELCOME! - Registration and Parent Meeting**

## September 20, 2023

**Registration continues.**

## September 27, 2023

**Hilarious Hat Night** - Clubbers are encouraged to wear silly, funny, crazy, and wacky hats tonight. Stick 'em with pipe cleaners, stream 'em with streamers, tie on some yarn, cover 'em with feathers, or simply dust off that old cowboy hat, baseball hat, football helmet, etc. Any hat will do.

## October 4, 2023

**Missionary Night** - Sparks will have a special Council time focused on missionaries and DBC's worldwide mission partners. Clubbers will also focus on the missionary activities in their books during small groups.

## October 11, 2023

**Dot Night** - Clubbers are welcome to come to the club dressed in polka dots. For every verse recited, clubbers get to place a colored sticker dot onto their leader's face. This is a silly and fun way to encourage the Sparks to study their verses at home.

## October 18, 2023

**Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - Clubbers are encouraged to bring a decorated pumpkin to the club this week. Let the clubbers' creative inspirations run wild as they decorate **at home** with paint, markers, stickers, glitter, clothing, etc. Due to safety issues, we ask that you **do not bring carved pumpkins**. Certificates will be awarded for several fun categories.

## October 25, 2023

**Dress-Up Night** - Clubbers are welcome to come to club dressed in tasteful, NON-scary costumes (e.g., hero/super-hero, sports character, animal, profession, favorite movie or cartoon character, etc.). *\*Snacks (Smarties) are provided at the signout table.\**

## November 1, 2023

**Backwards Night** - Clubbers' clothing can be put on backwards for club night. Try to walk backwards, talk backwards... Do you think you could play games backwards...?

## November 8, 2023

**Red Night** - In support of the four colors of the Sparks' handbook groups, we are showing our support for the **RED** team by dressing in as much **RED** as possible. Red shoes, red socks, red pants, red shirts, red hats, red jackets, red scarves, red gloves! Have fun and be creative!

### **November 15, 2023**

**Thankful Hearts Night** - Clubbers are asked to bring non-perishable canned or boxed food donations to club tonight. All donations collected will be taken to a local food bank to help those in need. Happy "Thanks" -Giving! More specific details will be sent in the weekly email prior to this night.

### **November 22, 2023**

**NO CLUB - THANKSGIVING**

### **November 29, 2023**

**Awana Store** - Please remind your Sparks to bring the card marking the Awana dollars they have been earning for reciting verses to club this week. We have tons of fun toys, games, knick-knacks and much much more to trade them in for. It's always a fun event that the kids look forward to!

### **December 6, 2023**

**Dot Night** - Clubbers are welcome to come to the club dressed in polka dots. For every verse recited, clubbers get to place a colored sticker dot onto their leader's face. This is a silly and fun way to encourage the Sparks to study their verses at home.

### **December 13, 2023**

**Christmas Party** - The annual Sparks Christmas party! Yay! Get ready for a variety of fun activities including a nativity video and message, Christmas-themed arts and crafts, and of course...PIZZA!!!! *\*(Snack provided during club: pizza/juice & cookie decorating, candy canes.)\**

### **December 20, 2023**

**NO CLUB - CHRISTMAS**

### **December 27, 2023**

**NO CLUB - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **January 3, 2024**

**Pajama Night** - Break out those fluffy bunny slippers and footie pajamas! This week we allow our Sparks to wear modest pajama attire suitable for club. Feel free to spruce up the bedtime jammies with an accompanying teddy, favorite blankie, head cap, hair curlers, slippers, etc. It's sure to be a fun and comfy club night!

### **January 10, 2024**

**Paper Airplane Night** - All clubbers should construct a paper airplane **at home** and bring it to club night this week. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on the plane. During game time, the clubbers will participate in fun activities using their paper airplanes (longest flight, highest flight, loopiest flight, most spirals, accurate throws to hit a target, etc.).

### **January 17, 2024**

**Blue Night** - In support of the four colors of the Sparks' handbook groups, we are showing our support for the **BLUE** team by dressing in as much **BLUE** as possible. Blue shoes, blue socks, blue pants, blue shirts, blue hats, blue jackets, blue scarves, blue gloves! Have fun and be creative!

### **January 24, 2024**

**Layer Night** - Come to club dressed in as many clothing layers as possible! Layers of socks, and pants, and shirts, and jackets, and scarves, and gloves, and hats, and....you get the idea. It's a fun event all the kids enjoy and have a good laugh over! Layers will be counted and shed before gametime (so parents can bring the layers home) and a special prize given to the Sparky with the most layers.

### **January 31, 2024**

**Awana Store** - Please remind your Sparks to bring the card marking the Awana dollars they have been earning for reciting verses to club this week. We have tons of fun toys, games, knick-knacks and much much more to trade them in for. It's always a fun event that the kids look forward to!

### **February 7, 2024**

**Favorite Sports Team Night** - Clubbers are encouraged to come to club this week representing their favorite sports team (e.g., jerseys, uniforms, outfits, hats, etc.).

### **February 14, 2024**

**Friendship Night** - In the spirit of Valentine's Day, show brotherly love by doing something kind for someone else. Do it before club, or during club - your leaders would love to hear how you showed love to each other!

### **February 21, 2024**

**Leader Appreciation Night** - Club night this week is focused on showing appreciation to your leaders for all of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to club and your clubbers. Leaders would love to receive a hand-written thank you note from the clubbers in their personal handbook group. As an extra incentive, clubbers who show their personal note for their leader at the sign-in table will receive an extra Awana dollar!

### **February 28, 2024**

**Double Bucks Night** - Tonight, to recognize everyone's hard work, clubbers will earn twice the Awana Bucks tonight! (Clubbers usually get one Buck per signed section in their book.)

### **March 6, 2024**

**Grand Prix Night** - The T&T club will be holding a Grand Prix (pinewood derby for those of you familiar with Boy Scouts), and the Sparks are invited to watch! Be ready to cheer on your favorite car!

### **March 13, 2024**

**Green Night** - In support of the four colors of the Sparks' handbook groups (and Saint Patrick's Day), we are showing our support for the **GREEN** team by dressing in as much **GREEN** as possible. Green shoes, green socks, green pants, green shirts, green hats, green jackets, green scarves, green gloves! Have fun and be creative!

### **March 20, 2024**

**Neon Night** - Wear bright neon colors and bring anything glowy you've got! We may have a little dance party or even have a game in the (sort of) dark!

### **March 27, 2024**

**NO CLUB - EASTER**

### April 3, 2024

**Silly Style Night** - Do you have a shirt too ridiculous for wearing in public? Tonight is the night to wear it! The goal this week is to look as silly as you can! Clubbers are encouraged to come to club this week sporting wild hairdos, silly socks, weird shirts, and funky shoes.

### April 10, 2024

**Yellow Night** - In support of the four colors of the Sparks' handbook groups, we are showing our support for the **YELLOW** team by dressing in as much **YELLOW** as possible. Yellow shoes, yellow socks, yellow pants, yellow shirts, yellow hats, yellow jackets, yellow scarves, yellow gloves! Have fun and be creative!

**Watermelon Night** - A refreshing watermelon treat will be provided for the clubbers to snack on. We will have a watermelon rind tossing contest as well! *\*(Snack provided during club: watermelon.)\**

### April 17, 2024

**Sparks Visit T&T** - Those Sparks who are in 2nd grade and will be moving up to T&T next year, will be paired with a T&T mentor for the evening and spend their night visiting with the T&T club. The club night is normal for the rest of the clubbers.

### April 24, 2024

**Seder Dinner** - Seder is the traditional Passover week dinner celebrated by the Hebrews since the Exodus. The Last Supper is an especially important Seder, hosted by Jesus for His disciples when Jesus chose to announce The New Covenant. And it was at this Seder that Jesus asked all of us to do this in remembrance of Him.

The Sparks will not be having 'dinner' in the traditional sense but rather a symbolic dinner consisting of:

- Parsley dipped in horseradish – symbolic of a 'bitter herb' to help clubbers relate to the bitterness of being in slavery to the Egyptians.
- Parsley dipped in salty water – symbolic of the tears shed while in slavery.
- Charoset – a sweet but tart mixture of apples, cinnamon, dates and oats giving a sticky consistency and a symbolic reminder to the Israelites that their forefathers mixed mortar for the Egyptians.
- Matzoh – symbolic of the body that was broken.
- Grape juice – in place of wine and symbolic of the blood that was shed.

*\*(Snack provided during club: Seder Dinner – above.)\**

### May 1, 2024

**LAST Awana Store!** - Please remind your Sparks to bring the card marking the Awana dollars they have been earning for reciting verses to club this week. We have tons of fun toys, games, knick-knacks and much much more to trade them in for. It's always a fun event that the kids look forward to!

### May 8, 2024

**Last Night of Club - PIZZA PARTY** - For this last night of club we let the clubbers have a little fun to celebrate the ending of another exciting Awana session. We will have game time, handbook time and then a pizza party! *\*(Snack provided during club: pizza/juice.)\**

### May 15, 2024

**AWARD CEREMONY**