



2018-19 Parent Handbook



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A Message from Our Commander and Children's Director

The AWANA program is designed to help kids understand the message of the gospel and why it changes our lives. It also assists them in hiding God's word in their heart so that they might not sin against Him.

Our goal in Awana is to come alongside parents and give them tools to help disciple the next generation to live for Christ out of love and joy for all He has done for us. These kids will be the leaders of tomorrow and we want to equip them with as much help as possible to serve Christ daily.

I am so thankful to be surrounded by a wonderful group of leaders who love the Lord and are willing to sacrifice their time to help families and kids further their walk with the Lord.

We are also blessed to have such amazing families in our Awana program. Thank you, parents for choosing to partner with us to help serve your kids and teach them about living for Christ. It is a blessing and privilege to serve your family.

I look forward to a great AWANA year!
Kandyce Register

About AWANA

AWANA is a Bible-Centered youth organization for children from 3 (potty-trained) through grade 5. The acrostic AWANA comes from the first letters of keywords in 2 Timothy 2:15: Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed. “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (NKJV)

The AWANA Ministry is divided into several age groups, and the night is divided into three parts: large group time, small group (handbook) time, and game time.

Club Programs



3 -4 year olds (Preschool)

Cubbies is a 2-year club for boys and girls aged 3-4. Clubbers must be 3 years old **and** potty-trained by September 12 of the AWANA year. This lively, interactive club reaches children with Bible-centered handbooks and club activities such as puppets, games, crafts, and awards. Cubbies is unique because it supports parents as the primary source of spiritual nurturing. By working directly with your child on the weekly handbook lessons, you become active participants in your child's development.

Cubbies is built on two premises. First, young children can and should receive spiritual training. Second, the home is the primary place for spiritual training.



Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

SPARKS is an exciting part of our AWANA clubs for Kindergarten through 2nd grade boys and girls. Each club meeting has three parts. Small Group Time is when children recite/learn their Bible verses in with their own grade level. Large Group Time is where children sing songs and learned a Bible-based lesson. Game Time is a time for healthy, team-focused games.

Sparky, the friendly firefly, appears throughout the Bible-based materials to encourage clubbers to complete their handbooks. Children earn awards for sections completed. The primary goal is for children to memorize and understand the verses they are learning so that they can apply them to their lives. Even at this young age, many clubbers learn about salvation and how to have a relationship with God.



Truth and Training, or T&T as they are affectionately known, is the club for 3rd-5th grade boys and girls. The T&T curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace. It is a fun and engaging Bible study for upper elementary students to learn and engage in the grace of God. Each year the kids all go through the same book and all discuss God's grace. Each handbook contains 30 Bible studies, memory verses, loads of extra credit (extra verses and extra Bible studies), plus a fun story about T&T super agents. They will connect and discuss life and prayer with their small group leader each week as well as participate in game time and large group lesson time.

Uniforms

The AWANA uniform is a vital part of the club program. The wearing of the uniform is a privilege that the clubbers earn upon completion of their Entrance Booklet. The Entrance Booklet is usually completed within the first two to four weeks of club attendance. All awards are worn on the uniform and no awards can be given until a clubber has a uniform on which to wear them.

Leaders and clubbers are expected to wear their AWANA uniform to every club meeting. Please refer to the back of your child's handbook for proper placement and display of uniform emblems and awards.

We require leaders and children to wear closed-toed sneakers to **ALL** club meetings for their safety, especially during Game Time.

Awards

All clubbers have the opportunity to earn awards. Awards given during the year will be worn on the clubber's uniform. Some awards are awarded the night they earned them and others are given out at our monthly awards night at the beginning of each month in the worship center. Those awards night will be from 7:30 pm- 7:45 pm and are listed on the Awana calendar. We encourage all parents to join us as we recognize their clubbers progress and achievements each month. The Clubber must be in uniform in order to receive their awards. Ribbons, plaques and trophies are given for completion of one or more handbooks. These awards are given to the clubbers at the annual AWANA awards ceremony on May 15, 2019.

Handbook Guidelines

Small Group Time is a special time each night when the clubber and their leader can connect. Clubbers are assigned to small groups and take turns reciting and explaining the verses they have studied throughout the week. It is important to have your clubber ready to recite their verses, but it is even more important to ensure that they know *what the verse means*. We emphasize memorization with *retention* and *understanding*. Some other very simple guidelines are:

- For Sparks -Sections must be passed in order
- For Cubbies and T&T they have a certain lesson designed for each night.
- Recite one section to the listener, and then let someone else recite their verse before you recite another.
- To complete a handbook in one year, a child should have two to three sections ready when they arrive each week.
- Clubbers can receive no more than 2 helps per section. A help is 1-2 words.

What We Expect from Leaders

We have requirements for leaders as well as we do have high expectations of them. The following may give you some insight into the type of leadership for which we strive in this ministry:

Requirements:

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Must have a completed background check.
- Must have compassion for children.

Expectations:

- We expect our leaders to be on time.
- We expect our leaders to be examples.
- We expect our leaders to follow the rules and wear their uniforms.
- We expect our leaders to pray for our club, leaders, clubbers, and our clubbers' families on a regular basis.

What We Expect from Parents

We pray that our parents will implement the following to help their children succeed in AWANA. Should you have any questions or need help in achieving any of these expectations, please ask your child's club director.

- Show interest in your children's accomplishments. Children have much more fun when their parents take an active interest.
- Help children attend AWANA every week and to arrive on time. Club begins at 6:15 p.m., so please arrive by 6:00 p.m. so everyone can check in.
- For **Cubbies**- During the week, read that week's story, help them prepare the memory verse, and do the extra parent section with them. This will help to ensure that they complete their handbook and receive special awards at the end of the club year.
- For **Sparks**- During the week, help your child prepare at least two to three sections. This will help to ensure that they complete their handbook and receive special awards at the end of the club year.
- For **T&T**- During the week, encourage your child to take time to do their Bible lesson for that Awana night, help them memorize their verse and review verse, as well as do the parent section with them and if time the silver and gold extra credit sections. This will help to ensure that they complete their handbook and receive special awards at the end of the club year.
- Attend all major events. **Parents are always welcome every night** and are also invited to attend special events as a way of showing support and approval of your child and their accomplishments.
- If your child needs to be excused from Game Time, please send a note to that effect to their leader; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.

What We Expect from Clubbers

Clubbers, this ministry is primarily to help you learn more about God and His Word. Your parents and leaders have all made a commitment to help you to the best of their abilities. Your requirements are also commitments. So please read them. The better we practice them, the better our club will be.

- Always be prepared. Each week you will need to memorize and recite two to three sections to complete your handbook.

- Always be respectful to those around you. Watch your surroundings and see where you can help others.
- Wear your uniform and bring your Bible and handbook each club night.
- Participate in your club each week during Game Time, Small Group Time, and Large Group Time. Also, be willing to participate in the special events throughout the year.
- Please review the discipline guidelines found below with your parents. You are responsible to know and follow these guidelines.

Club Discipline

Webster's defines discipline as *"training expected to produce a specific character or pattern of behavior; especially training that produces moral or mental improvement."* Our goal is to train boys and girls to serve Christ. In the event discipline is required, we have a procedure that is used by all clubs. If a child is disrespectful or disruptive, the following will occur:

- The Five Count - used for an ENTIRE club. The person in charge will count to five slowly and loudly enough to be heard by all clubbers. By the count of "5," all clubbers should be quiet and ready to follow further instruction.
- The Three Count - used for disciplining an INDIVIDUAL clubber who continues to misbehave after repeated correction.

😞 A "1" count will be given for the first offense along with verbal warning explaining the unacceptable behavior.

😞 A "2" count will be given for the second offense and the child will be taken to the Awana Coordinator, Dan Willard, and counseled by him. Dan will discuss with the child what they did and how and why there needs to be a change. Then the child will return to their club.

😞 A "3" count is given and the child is taken to Dan or the Commander. One of them will assist the child in calling their parents and allowing them to explain why they are making the call. The Commander will also talk to the parent and determine whether a follow-up meeting will be necessary.

It is always our goal to resolve discipline issues at the lowest level and with the least amount of disruption possible. It is our prayer that no situation will result in a "3" count.

Wellness Policy

Most clubbers, especially the younger ones, love the AWANA program and hate to miss any events. As we all know, sickness can spread between children like wildfire, affecting not only other children in your family, but children in the AWANA group as well. With this in mind, children SHOULD NOT attend AWANA if they are not feeling well. Further, children SHOULD NOT attend AWANA within 24 hours of vomiting or fever. Please use the same respect you would want others to show you and your family by not bringing a sick child to AWANA.

What to Wear!

As a Christ-centered ministry, we strive to ensure that we set the right example and are continually trying to honor God with all that we have including our bodies. There are also safety concerns for clubbers, as many of our activities require running or crawling. With this in mind, please adhere to the following:

- Please wear closed toed shoes kids can run in (no dress shoes, boots, sandals, or floppy shoes as not to cause injury during game time).
- Please make sure a kid's shirt covers their belly.
- Skirts and dresses should have shorts underneath (some games require crawling).

Clubbers and leaders have the responsibility to ensure they wear their uniform each week. This will help eliminate improper attire for the most part. Some club nights and special activities have special themes, or are times when uniforms are optional. Please remember the dress code on these nights as well.

AWANA Store

Throughout the year, clubbers in SPARKS and T&T may be credited AWANA Bucks which can be saved and traded for items in our AWANA Store. Children in these clubs will have an opportunity to visit the AWANA Store three times this club year. We try to keep an exciting variety of items in a wide range of “prices” for our clubbers to purchase. The AWANA Store and AWANA Bucks are meant to be motivators to help each child achieve in every are of the club. The following are some examples of how AWANA Bucks may be earned:

- Wearing your uniform (including tennis shoes)
- Participation in special club nights
- Bringing a friend
- Completing handbook sections
- Bringing a Bible
- Good behavior
- Special contest winners

Key Leader Roster

2018-2019

Commander.....	Kandyce Register
Club Coordinator.....	Dan Willard
Club Secretary.....	Sheila Clark
Cubbies Director.....	Kathi Fried
SPARKS Director.....	Danay Hoang
T&T Directors.....	John Mercer & Dan Willard

AWANA Calendar 2018-2019

September

12 First Week of Club

26 Team Color Night

October

3 Monthly Awards Night

24 Pumpkin Pandemonium

31 NO AWANA- Halloween

November

7 Monthly Awards Night

21 NO AWANA- Thanksgiving

28 Awana Store

December

2 Deck the Halls -Sunday from 5pm- 8pm

5 Monthly Awards Night

19 Christmas Party

26 NO AWANA- Christmas

January

2 NO AWANA -New Years

30 Theme and Cream-Crazy Hair Night

February

6 Monthly Awards Night

27 Awana Store

March

2 Grand Prix Pit Party- Saturday

from 9am-11am

6 Monthly Awards Night

10 Grand Prix-Sunday, check-in at 2pm

27 Theme and Cream- Superhero Night

April

3 Monthly Awards Night

20 Egg Hunt/pancake Breakfast- Saturday

from 8:30 am- 11 am

24 NO AWANA-Easter

May

8 AWANA Store and Cream Night

15 Awards Night- Worship Center

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VBS

June 24-28

Awana Store Nights

Nov. 28, Feb. 27, May 8