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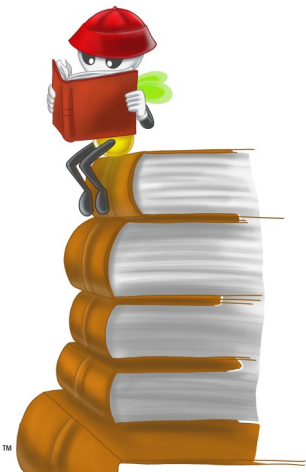
Parent Information Handbook 2023-2024



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A Letter from The Commander

Dear Parents,

It is a privilege to support you in your role of raising your children in the Lord. AWANA is a wonderful ministry to help many people and kids memorize the Word of God. I can think of nothing more perfect for the growth and blessing of our kids than to reach them

with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, we all need to work together to make a lasting impact on our kids. If we listen to what God said in Deut 6:4-7 we all need to make God our first love at home.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

It is easy to let the busyness of life take charge and thwart our intentions of teaching our kids about God. AWANA is a great tool to help the whole family make God our focus. As parents, we are making it our goal to study the Bible together by joining our kids in learning these verses, and practicing together to make the Word of God our foundation in each day.

We are excited about supporting parents as you lead your children to the Lord by teaching them about God, participating in Bible study (including AWANA), and by the life you lead.

Join us in memorizing scripture and learning more about God through these AWANA handbook sections with the children. The more you participate with your child in AWANA, the stronger the connection your child will have with God.

With a grateful heart,

George & Dennie Booth

AWANA Ministry Directors

2023 -2024 AWANA Schedule

| Date | Cubbies | Sparks - T&T Theme | Sparks | T&T | Trek | Journey |
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| | 5:30-7:15 | 5:30-7:30 | | | 3:45-5:15 | 3:45-5:15 |
| 27-Aug | Leader's Meeting at Sierra Grace Fellowship Hall 5pm | | | | | |
| 10-Sep | Apple Acres | Kick-off | Rank 1 | Start Zone | Trek Check | Faith Foundation |
| 17-Sep | Bear Hug 1 | Inside-out & backwards | Rank 2/3 | 1.1 | 1.1/1.2 | Romans 1&2 |
| 24-Sep | Bear Hug 2 | Mustache night | Rank 4/5 | 1.2 | | |
| 1-Oct | Bear Hug 3 | Crazy Hat Night | Rank 6/7 | 1.3 | 1.3/1.4 | Romans 3&4 |
| 8-Oct | Bear Hug 4 | Bring a Parent Night | Rank 8 | 1.4 | | |
| 15-Oct | Bear Hug 5 | Pastor Appreciation Night | Red 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.5/1.6 | Romans 5&6 |
| 22-Oct | Bear Hug 6 | Pie Night (bring a friend) | Red 1.2 | 2.2 | | |
| 29-Oct | Bear Hug 7 | Western/Harvest Night | Red 1.3/1.4 | 2.3 | 1.7/2.1 | Romans 7 |
| 31-Oct | Harvest Carnival (Maybe) | | | | | |
| 5-Nov | Bear Hug 8 | Club Color Night | Green 1.1 | 2.4 | 2.2/2.3 | Romans 8 |
| 12-Nov | Bear Hug 9 | Veterans Day/Red, White & Bl | Green 1.2 | 2.5 | | |
| 19-Nov | Bear Hug 10 | Operaton: Christmas Child | Green 1.3/1.4 | 2.6 | 2.4/2.5 | Romans 9 |
| 26-Nov | No Club Thanksgiving | | | | | |
| 3-Dec | Bear Hug 11 | Candy Cane Night | Red 2.1/2.2 | 2.7 | 2.6/2.7 | Romans 10 |
| 10-Dec | Bear Hug 12 | Decorate Your Leader | Red 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.1/3.2 | Romans 11&12 |
| 17-Dec | | AWANA Store | Red 2.4 | 3.2 | Christmas Party | Christmas Party |
| 24-Dec | NO Club -- Christmas Time | | | | | |
| 31-Dec | NO Club New Years | | | | | |
| 7-Jan | Bear Hug 13 | Welcome Back Night | Green 2.1/2.2 | 3.3 | 3.3/3.4 | Gal & Eph 1&2 |
| 14-Jan | Bear Hug 14 | Snow Ball Night | Green 2.3 | Prep for event | | |
| 21-Jan | Bear Hug 15 | Goofy Glasses Night | Green 2.4 | Prep for ever | 3.5/3.6 | Gal & Eph 3&4 |
| 28-Jan | Bear Hug 16 | Dots & Stripes Night | Red 3.1 | 3.4 | | |
| 4-Feb | Bear Hug 17 | Country/International Night | Red 3.2 | 3.5 | Prep for TREK/Journey Week | |
| 10-Feb | Grand Prix - Saturday | | | | | |
| 11-Feb | No Club--Superbowl | | | | | |
| 18-Feb | Bear Hug 18 | Missionary Night | Red 3.3/3.4 | 3.6 | Prep for TREK/Journey Week | |
| 25-Feb | Bear Hug 19 | Missionary Night | Green 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.7/4.1 | Gal & Eph 5 |
| 3-Mar | Bear Hug 20 | AWANA GO/Verse-a-thon | Green 3.2 | 4.1 | | |
| 10-Mar | Bear Hug 21 | Neon Night | Green 3.3/3.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | Gal & Eph 7 |
| 17-Mar | Bear Hug 22 | West Coast Honor Camp Night | Red 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3/4.4 | Gal & Eph 8&9 |
| 24-Mar | | Grace Night | Red 4.2 | 4.4 | | |
| 31-Mar | No Club -- Easter | | | | | |
| 7-Apr | Bear Hug 23 | Leader Appreciation Night | Red 4.3/4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5/4.6 | Gal & Eph 10 & 11 |
| 14-Apr | Bear Hug 24 | Scrapbook Night | Green 4.1 | 4.6 | | |
| 21-Apr | Bear Hug 25 | Beach Night | Green 4.2/4.3 | 4.7 | Make-Up | Gal & Eph 12 |
| 28-Apr | Bear Hug 26 | AWANA Store | Green 4.4 | Make up | | |
| 5-May | AWANA Awards | | | | | |

Awana Dues & Other Expenses

Dues

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| Annual | \$50.00 |
| Early Bird Special (register before Sep 1) | \$40.00 |

If there are more than three children in any family attending Awana, the maximum annual dues is \$150.00.

We do not want the dues to exclude anyone from being able to participate. If finances will prohibit your child(ren) from attending Awana, check with Erin Hunt for scholarship information.

Handbooks for all Clubbers..
cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Trek & Journey.....FREE (included in dues price)

Uniforms

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Cubbies Vest | \$20.00 |
| Sparks Vest | \$20.00 |
| Truth & Training T-Shirt | \$20.00 |

Additional Items are available:
Check with the club secretary to purchase book bags, Cubbie/Sparky beanie dolls or other novelty items.



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



NKJ 2 Tim 2:15

W e l c o m e T o A w a n a



AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - 2 Tim 2:15) is an international organization that desires to bring boys and girls to Christ and challenge them to be effective witnesses for Christ.

In Awana, clubbers will make new friends, play exciting games, earn awards and have lots of fun. They will learn about Jesus Christ and grow in their understanding of Him.

We want our Awana clubbers to know the truth of God's Word, and we want to train them to serve Him in their everyday lives. We know that many of today's Awana leaders were yesterday's clubbers. Our goal is that many of today's clubbers will become tomorrow's leaders.

The Parent's Role

Parents can help our Awana Club by:

- † Participating in going through the sections with your children—discussing and even memorizing scripture.
- † Praying for the Awana Ministry Team including our Awana Missionaries, Mike & Becky Sexton.
- † Having their clubber at the church by 5:30pm.
- † Picking up their clubber promptly at 7:30pm.
- † Encouraging their clubber and his/her leader.
- † Assisting during special events.
- † Donating new items to the Awana Store.
- † Volunteering to be a listener on club nights.

Your involvement is crucial to the success of God's Ministry and to your kids!

We Need You



Special Events



Grand Prix

We will be gearing up for the exciting races of the Grand Prix. You don't want to miss this special event of pine wood speed and craftsmanship. The Grand Prix date is

February 10, 2024. Times to be announced.

Bible Quizzing/Awana Games

Our Sparkies and T&T club compete on the game circle with other Awana clubs. This years Games will be hosted by Sierra Grace Fellowship. The prospective date is Jan 27, 2024.

Trek Weekend

Our Junior High events includes games, Bible quizzing & Junior High activities. It will be hosted by Sierra Grace, Feb 24, 2024. In addition, the NCAAN folks are also holding a TREK Fall Fellowship. More info to follow

Journey Weekend

Our High School event includes games, quizzing, talent competition and other High School Activities. Feb 23-24, 2024.



Our Sunday Club begins at 5:30 pm with Sparks and Truth & Training clubbers attending opening ceremonies. From there, they will participate in three distinct aspects of the evening program:

▶ **Small Group Time:** In handbook time, Awana leaders and clubbers meet in small groups to go over memory verses and other exercises in their handbooks. Clubbers should be prepared to pass at least one or two sections each week. Parental encouragement is very helpful.

▶ **Large Group Time:** During council time the clubbers will hear a biblical message, sing songs and hear about upcoming Awana events.

▶ **Game Time:** Game time is an exciting time of team competition. The leaders encourage team spirit and Christian conduct.

The evening concludes with an Award Ceremony in the game circle.


Cubbies start and end in the preschool room.

Please make sure your children are on time so they do not miss out in any of these areas!




Cubbies..... age 3-4 (Pre-K). Must be 3 by December 2, 2022 in order to participate in Cubbies.

Sparks..... Grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Truth & Training..... Grades 3rd through 6th 

Trek.....Grades 7th and 8th

JourneyGrades 9 through 12 

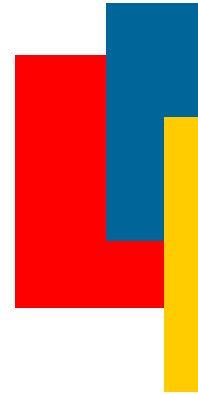
Evening Schedule for Preschool thru 6th Grade

Cubbies:
5:30-7:15 in the Cubbie Room (game time in gym 6:20-6:45)

Sparks:
5:30 Flag Ceremony
5:35 Games
6:15 Large Group Time
6:45 Small Group Time
7:20 Closing Ceremony
7:30 Pick-up

T&T:
5:30 Flag Ceremony
5:35 Large Group Time
6:05 Small Group Time
6:40 Games
7:20 Closing Ceremony
7:30 Pick-up

NOTE:
Cubbies start and end in the Cubbie Room
T&T, Cubbies & Sparks must be picked up inside the building. They will NOT be released to the parking lot for pick-up.



Awards

Club attendance awards are given quarterly. One unexcused absence is allowed each quarter. Excused absences are given for sickness or family emergency.

Sunday School Attendance awards are given twice a year. Two unexcused absences are allowed in each half-year segment. A clubber does not need to attend Sierra Grace Fellowship to receive this award. Attending any church service or Sunday School class fulfills this requirement.

Cubbie & Sparky Awards

First Book Ribbon is given upon completion of the first book in Cubbies or Sparks.

Second Book Ribbon is given upon completion of the second Sparks book. A Cubbie bear is awarded upon completion of the 2nd Cubbie book.

A Sparky Award Plaque is given upon completion of the three Sparks books. The clubber will receive a pin and an attractive plaque. This is the highest award in the Sparks Club.

Truth & Training Awards

The Alpha Award is given upon completion of any one of the Truth and Training handbooks.

The Excellence Trophy and Pin are given upon completion of any two of the Truth & Training Handbooks.

The Challenge Award is given upon completion of any three of the Truth & Training Handbooks.

The Timothy Award and Pin are given upon completion of any four of the Truth & Training Handbooks.

Trek Awards

A Meritorious award is given to those who have completed six books; 4 T&T books and 2 Trek books.



Discipline

Our basic rule is that we will do nothing that could bring dishonor to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to do nothing that would hurt any person, any thing or ourselves.

For serious misbehavior a clubber may receive a 1-count, which is a warning given by the Leader. If poor behavior continues and a 2-count is received, the clubber misses the rest of that evening's activities, and sits in another room and discusses their behavior with the club director. If a clubber receives a 3-count, the clubber is taken to the Commander who will attempt to call their parents for prompt pick up. The clubber is always welcome back another night provided that he or she has agreed, with their parents, to behave.

We want all clubbers to come and have a good time, but not at the expense of other clubbers. A clubber who has received a 3-count will be allowed to return when he or she and their parents have assured the Commander that the clubber will have appropriate behavior while at Awana.

Helpful Hints for Finishing a Book.



The handbook is an essential element of your child's success in Awana. It helps him or her learn about God as well as reinforce positive moral values.

Here are some helpful things to remember:

1. An entrance test **MUST** be passed before a clubber may purchase and wear a uniform and purchase a book.
2. No more than 2 "helps" are given per section to receive credit.
3. Uniforms **MUST** be worn to receive an Awana award.
4. Help your child be self-disciplined by encouraging him or her to take 10 to 15 minutes each day to work on their handbook.
5. Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. We memorize more easily and more quickly if we understand what we are learning. If you want to confirm the meaning with your child's leader, feel free to give them a call. We want to help!
6. Sections are passed when they are said by the clubber to their Awana leader in person, never over the phone.

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|  | <h1>Standards of Behavior</h1> | |
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1. Doors open to clubbers at 5:20 p.m. Clubbers should report directly to the game floor for opening flag ceremony. Cubbies should go directly to their club room. Club starts promptly at 5:30 p.m. and ends promptly at 7:30 p.m.
2. Respectful language always is expected before, during, and after club.
3. Care and respect should be shown for church property.
4. Anything that would hurt anybody or anything is not allowed.
5. Running is allowed only on the Game Circle during certain games.
6. Leader supervision is required for clubbers to enter the church.
7. Chewing gum should be left at home and not brought to club.
8. After every activity, the Commander, Director, or leader in charge will begin counting from one to five. By the time number five is reached, each clubber is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions for the next activity. In Awana, leaders and clubbers are taught to respect the "five count."
9. Uniforms and handbooks may be purchased when clubbers have completed their entrance booklet. Upon receiving the uniform, the clubber should wear it to every regular Awana meeting.
10. Awards are presented only to clubbers who are properly wearing their uniforms.
11. Sections must be passed by clubbers in one session. A maximum of two helps per section is allowed
12. Address Awana leaders respectfully - Mr., Mrs., or Miss.
13. Game time is a privilege. In cases of extreme disorderliness, it may be revoked for a night by the Commander or Director.

Awana Store and Awana Bucks \$\$ For Sparks and Truth & Training



The Awana Store will be open two times during the year.

The Awana Store will stock various toys, trinkets, crafts, a small amount of candy and souvenirs that clubbers will be able to purchase solely with Awana Bucks they have earned at Sierra Grace Fellowship's Awana ministry.

Clubbers Get Awana Bucks for:

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| Weekly Club Attendance | 1 |
| Wearing complete uniform Includes uniform and closed-toe shoes | 1 |
| Bringing Handbook and Bible | 1 |
| Each section passed | 1 |
| Completed Handbook | 10 |
| Bringing a Friend | 10 |
| Game Time Team Winners | 2 |
| Bonus Buck if parent signs off section (NOTE: one extra buck for that club night) | 1 |

Spontaneous bucks may be given out for participation, good sportsmanship, or a Christ-like attitude. These bucks are at the discretion of the Awana Commanders to distribute, and may be done at different intervals throughout the club year.

Cubbies: A Cubbie Treasure Chest will be opened to all Cubbies on each Awana Store Night.