



For Boys & Girls

Ages 3 – Grade 12

Parent Handbook

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Welcome to Awana

We are glad that you have decided that Northwest Bible Church is a place where your child can grow in the Lord. We are sure that our Awana club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child.

The Awana program is divided into several age groups ranging from 3 years through 5th grade. A typical night is divided into three parts:

1. Handbook Time
2. Game Time
3. Council Time

Awana offers several opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and a basic understanding of biblical principles and doctrines.

Awana also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just as individuals. They will learn to win and lose with a proper attitude of fair play and sportsmanship.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their handbook materials prior to each club week. This way we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their everyday lives.

We would also appreciate your timeliness in dropping off and picking up your children. Club meets on Wednesday night at 6:30 PM and ends promptly at 7:45 PM. This year you will drop off and pick up K-6 clubbers at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Cubbies drop off/pick up will be at the Cub entry door.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work with and minister to your child. We consider this a trust and serious responsibility that we do not take lightly.

Mr. Lendon Calhoun

Awana Commander

The History of Awana

Since 1950, Awana has grown from a one-church program into a ministry that includes more than 30,000 churches around the world. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the Awana program. The goal of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

The founders of Awana derived the Awana name from the first letters of “**A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed” as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

Awana works with churches from 100 different denominations.

Awana is a fun and exciting way for children to learn Scripture and it works!



What We Expect from Parents

Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.

Help children to attend Awana every week and to arrive on time (Club begins at 6:45 pm). Consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline. Multiple absences disrupt this consistency and puts your child at a disadvantage in completing his/her handbook.

During the week, help your child prepare at least one section. This will ensure they will complete their handbook and receive their special awards, plus they will qualify for other Awana activities. It would be helpful to attach a note on the book they are working in mentioning the section(s) your child is prepared to complete.

Circumstances notwithstanding, it really does not do your child much good to start memorizing a verse on the night of club. **Instead of Awana being just a rote memorization program, we encourage each clubber to recite the verse(s) multiple times per week, thus committing them to long-term memory.**

Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend special events as a way of showing your support and approval for your child's accomplishments. You can even participate in games with your child!

Please review the discipline guidelines found later in this handbook with your child. Awana has very few rules of behavior, but in order to ensure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn, have fun, and stay safe, some rules of behavior will be enforced.

If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, please send a note to that effect to the Awana commander; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.

Game Time usually involves some sort of running, skipping, or hopping activity. **As such, proper foot attire, namely tennis shoes, is required.** Shoes that fall off (e.g., flip-flops), or heels, are too conducive to toe-related injuries.



Sparks Club

Sparks is for kindergarten-2nd grade boys and girls. The aim of the curriculum is to take youngsters a step deeper into God's Word while giving unsaved boys and girls regular opportunities to hear the gospel and come to have faith in Jesus Christ.



Sparks curriculum is comprised of **three handbooks**. Each handbook communicates spiritual truths through (68) memory verse drills, crafts, activities and review of key doctrine, Bible facts and verses.

The theme of the first handbook is "Jesus in the past." The second book's theme is "Jesus in the present." The theme of the third book is "Jesus in the future."

Before working in a handbook, newcomers to Sparks complete an entrance booklet, **Flight 3:16**, that introduces them to the program and begins teaching them basic Bible truths.



Truth & Training Club

T&T is the club for 3rd-6th grade boys and girls. Here is some information that may help you with the T&T Club:

The T and T program consists of four books: Grace in Action, Evidence of Grace, Agents of Grace, and the newest book Discovery of Grace.

Each book consists of 30 sections over four units. Each section consists of a lesson segment including a memory verse, silver extension segment, and a gold segment. Each T and T clubber should be prepared to complete the lesson segment for the current week.

Important notice: T and T clubbers will only be able to complete the section memory verse and any gold verses per week; this gives a potential of receiving 6 Awana dollars for use in the Awana store in December and April (this includes completion of the silver section).

If a clubber misses a club date, he/she will be able to “catch up” by having their section complete and reciting their memory verse to the Commander Calhoun or Pastor Clay at an early session before the start of club.

If you have any questions over this notice, please talk/contact Commander Calhoun.



Cubbies is for 3-4-year-old boys and girls (must be 3 by July 1st). We also ask that your child be toilet trained.

The Cubbies curriculum features a fun, structured style that appeals to preschoolers. Each section combines basic Scripture memory to help a child grasp a simple biblical truth.



Trek is a two-year program at NWBC for clubbers in 7th and 8th grade. This is a deeper focused curriculum leading the clubber to a closer review of God's word and to continue to build their faith in God.



Journey is a four-year program at NWBC for clubbers in 9th-12th grade. Journey® establishes high school students as lifelong disciples through a deep study of God's Word, mobilizing them to live with godly perspective and evident faith. Four complete years' worth of material supports your 9th-12th grade high school ministry.

Awards:

1. **Awards for clubbers:**

- a. Club attendance- Given four times a year (October, December, February and April). To earn this award the clubber can only have one absence per quarter.
- b. Church/Sunday School Attendance- This award is given on January and April for attending Church/ Sunday School. This is recorded in small group by the leaders. To earn this award the clubber may only have two absences per semester.
- c. Awards for handbook- Kids will earn rewards for completion of sections of their handbook that they will wear on their uniform. At the end of the year award program, kids will receive recognition for completing their handbooks based on the number of books completed in the club over the years. Examples of these awards include the Appleseed award in Cubbies, the Sparky Award for Sparks, and the Timothy Award

d. **Little and Big Enchilada:**

These awards are additional awards used to motivate the clubbers to exceed beyond the normal book. This year there will be an additional verse that each clubber may recite to the Commander to earn the award. The Commander will send additional information about this award in the first weeks of club. This award has an awesome reward; last year it was a DQ gift card!!!!

AWANA Store:

Clubbers have the opportunity two times during the year to spend the shares earned for reciting verses and other rewards in the AWANA store. There will be the December Holiday store and the April Spring into Summer store.

We are asking parents who would like to donate to the Awana Store program to donate by monetary means. This will allow the store to have a variety of options. Contact Commander Calhoun on how to donate to the club. We appreciate your assistance to reward the children for their hard work.

Discipline:

Awana has a Three count rule for discipline.

- Count one- A verbal warning to the clubber to correct his/her behavior.
- Count two- The clubber will have a talk with the commander and a letter will be sent to the parent/guardian.
- Count three- The parent/guardian and clubber will have a meeting with the commander. This may result in the clubber to miss the next meeting.

A second Count three event will result in the clubber not returning to the club for two meetings.

A third Count three event will result in the clubber not returning to the club for the rest of the year.

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.



Calendar of Events 2023-2024

DATE	EVENT
August 23	Back to Awana Night Celebration
August 30	First Night (wk. 1)
September 6	Regular Awana (wk. 2)
September 13	Regatta Night (wk. 3)
September 20	Regular Awana (wk. 4)
September 27	Regular Awana (wk. 5)
October 4	Regular Awana (wk. 6)
October 11	Bible Quizzing Night (wk. 7)
October 18	Regular Awana (wk. 8)
October 25	Regular Awana (wk. 9)
November 1	Regular Awana (wk. 10)
November 8	Thank a Veteran Night (wk. 11)
November 15	Regular Awana (wk. 12)
November 22	No Awana- Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Regular Awana (wk. 13)
December 6	Regular Awana (wk. 14)
December 13	Double Buck Night (wk. 15)
December 20	Awana Store- Christmas Edition (wk.16)
December 28	No Awana- Christmas Break
January 3	No Awana- Winter Break
January 10	Regular Awana (wk. 17)
January 17	Regular Awana (wk. 18)
January 24	Regular Awana (wk. 19)
January 31	Winter Games (wk. 20)
February 7	Regular Awana (wk. 21)
February 14	Regular Awana (wk. 22)
February 21	Card Game Night (wk. 23)
February 28	Regular Awana (wk. 24)
March 6	Regular Awana (wk. 25)
March 13	Regular Awana (wk. 26)
March 20	Pinewood Derby Night (wk. 27)
March 27	No Awana- Spring Break
April 3	Regular Awana (wk. 28)
April 10	Regular Awana (wk. 29)
April 17	Double Buck Night (wk. 30)
April 24	Store Night; Awards Celebration