

Parent Handbook

2018-2019



Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - 2 Timothy 2:15



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Welcome to Awana!

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that I'm looking forward to the coming Awana year. I love the Awana and am thrilled to be restarting the program at Grace Fellowship. God has blessed me and my wife Angela with two children and our heart's desire is to train them up to know and love Jesus Christ as their Savior. We've found Awana to be a wonderful compliment to that goal and we hope you share the same sentiment.

We want every clubber to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Bible, and to form lasting friendships that spur them on, and encourage them in their walk with God. In all ways, we want to demonstrate the love of God, and point them toward Christ as their Savior.

A normal Awana night includes fun games, biblical teaching time, and Bible verse recitation . As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's success. By spending 10 minutes a day helping your children learn their verse(s) and work through their book, you enable them to come with confidence and excitement to Awana on Sunday nights.

We are here to partner with you, and come alongside, as you raise your children for God's glory. We pray that your children, by the power of the Holy Spirit, would be able to present themselves to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15). Feel free to ask me any questions or let me know how I can help in any way.

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. Psalm 78:4

Details

Sunday Nights | 5:15-7:00 PM | September 9, 2018-June 2, 2019

Grade Guidelines:

- Cubbies - Preschool (Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2018, potty-trained and scheduled to enter Kindergarten by Sept. 2020.)
 - Sparks - Kindergarten-2nd Grade
 - T&T (Truth & Training) - 3rd-5th Grade
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Clubber/Parent Involvement

Participating in Awana involves two things:

1. Attending on Sunday nights
2. Working through the handbook

As a parent, your enthusiasm, support, and time will help your child enjoy Awana and succeed in their book. Each handbook contains Bible memory verses, and activities and readings that follow a central theme, grouped into sections. Children earn team points and individual awards by completing these sections. Handbook work should be completed outside of Club, and recited on Sunday evening.

The main goal is to help each child understand the verses and concepts they are covering and not just build memorization skills. It is our goal that the children understand the verses that they memorize and apply them to their lives.

Most children will be prepared for the weekly Awana meeting if they spend an average of 10 minutes a day working in their handbooks. We encourage you, the parent, to help your child develop this 10-minute per day habit. We ask you to review each section with your child prior to the Club night, and to initial (next to the Leader's Signature line) every one that your child is ready to complete. This helps leaders know what sections your child is prepared to recite, and your initials earn double points for his/her team.

Even though many of us have very busy schedule, we encourage you, the parent, to try to make your child's Awana Club a priority. Help your child develop the habit of working in his/her book regularly, and to understand the meaning of each verse, (questions and definitions are provided inside the handbook to help).

Your involvement will make a big difference.

Clubber Standards

On Time:

Clubbers should arrive on Sunday nights in time to check in and be ready to start by 5:15pm. Club begins in the Worship Center.

Dress Code:

Please wear your uniform to Club every week. Also, wear long pants and shoes you can run in, no slide shoes or sandals.

Self-Control:

Always be courteous, friendly, and show good sportsmanship during game time. Be respectful toward all leaders, helpers, and other clubbers.

Prepared:

Bring your handbook and Bible each week to Club (Bibles are available; ask us if you need one). Spend 10 minutes a day preparing for the next Club night

Cubber Order

As we look forward to spiritual and numerical growth, it is important to have and communicate a method of maintaining order. Along with encouragement and positive reinforcement, we employ the following techniques:

Respect

The “Respect” sign is the most common way to maintain order in groups. Children (and adults) are to show respect for God, His Word, others, themselves, and property. An adult holding up the “Respect” sign (fingers crossed as an “R” in sign language) is a cue for children to stop what they are doing, stop talking, and to likewise hold up the “Respect” sign.

3 Count

The 3 Count is for individual children who have not been responding to the Respect sign. If a child has been particularly difficult (this judgment is at the leader’s discretion), that child will be verbally warned and given a count of 1. If the child continues to misbehave, they will be given a count of 2 and a leader will talk to his parents afterward. If misbehavior continues, it may be necessary to give the child a count of 3. If this happens, the child should be removed from the activity and his parents contacted immediately.

Awana Dollars

How to earn Awana Dollars:

1. For each section in the handbook a clubber completes and is signed by a leader, he/she will earn **1 Awana Dollar**
 2. Each Club night, every member of the color team with the most team points will earn **2 Awana Dollars**.
 3. For every new friend that a clubber brings to Club, both the clubber and their guest will earn **2 Awana Dollars**
 4. If a clubber brings the same friend back to Club a second week in a row, both the clubber and their guest will earn **5 Awana Dollars**.
 5. Sparks: For each handbook review sticker, they will earn **2 Awana Dollars**.
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What Can a Clubber Do With Awana Dollars?

During the course of the year, there will be a couple Awana Store Nights that will give cubbers the opportunity to spend their dollars on fun items such as books, puzzles, games and assorted toys.

There are a few Friday night family activities during the year that will give them opportunities to spend their dollars, as well as some special Sunday Club nights.

Awana Costs

We work hard to make sure that Awana is as inexpensive as possible. We only ask that families pay for the cost of the materials for their kids (handbook, uniform, etc.).

The cost are as follows:

- Cubbies: \$35 per child
- Sparks: \$35 per child
- T&T: \$40 per child

One way for parents to help Grace Fellowship with the cost of Awana is to volunteer to bring treats on one of the On Target Nights, or to donate something for the Awana Store from our Amazon Wish List (<http://a.co/9s6RMqQ>).

Awana 2018 Calendar

September 9	First Club Night - Parent Meeting at 5:30pm
September 16	
September 23	
September 30	Bring Your Parent to Club Night
October 7	Missionary Night
October 14	
October 21	
October 28	Pumpkin Pandemonium
November 4	Missionary Night
November 11	On Target Night
November 18	No Club - Happy Thanksgiving!
November 25	Pajama Night
December 2	Missionary Night
December 9	Awana Store #1
December 16	Cubbies Nativity Pageant
December 23	No Club - Merry Christmas!
December 30	No Club - Merry Christmas!
January 6	Missionary Night
January 13	
January 20	
January 27	Crazy Hair/Hat/Sock Night
February 3	Missionary Night
February 10	On Target Night
February 17	No Club - Enjoy President's Day!
February 24	Glow in the Dark Night
March 3	Missionary Night
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	Boat Races
April 7	Missionary Night
April 14	
April 21	No Club - Happy Easter!
April 28	Animal Night
May 5	Missionary Night
May 12	No Club - Happy Mother's Day!
May 19	Awana Store #2
May 26	Soak Your Leaders // On Target Night
June 2	Awards Night

Friday Night Activities

November 16 - Movie Night - 5:30-7:30pm
 March 15 - Pizza Night - 5:30-7:30pm