

WHAT SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED?

HANDBOOK: \$12

UNIFORM: \$12-16

BAG: \$7 or one you already own

BIBLE: If you don't have one, let us know!

TENNIS SHOES to keep kids safe in games!

Help your child to be prepared and ready for club night. They need to wear their uniform and bring their handbook and Bible. There are some special theme nights where they may bring something special or dress up.

(Check the calendar!)

DISCIPLINE (KEEPING IT FUN FOR EVERYONE)

Awana uses two counts, one for an individual and one for the group. The "5-Count" is used to bring the group to order. As the leader counts to "5", the children should become quiet and still. The "3-count" is for an individual.

The child is given a "1" the first time they have misbehaved and their action is discussed so they understand the inappropriate behavior. If the child continues to misbehave, then they receive a "2". The child now stays with their club's Director and discusses their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they receive a "3". When the child receives a "3", the parents will be called and the child will need to be picked up early. A "3" will only be given as an Absolute LAST RESORT. We hope to never have to use it. The Awana leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child's behavior. We encourage you to let your child's Awana leader know if there is any situation that may help us in ministering to your child. This helps the Awana leader to potentially minister to the child as opposed to just viewing a situation or action as a discipline problem.



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Weather cancellations will be emailed,
posted on Facebook and our website.

Children SHOULD NOT attend Awana if they have
any symptoms of illness.

If your child missed school due to illness of any
kind, they should not come to Awana that night.



PARENT HANDBOOK

2019-2020



WHAT IS AWANA?

The **goal** of AWANA is to equip parents to guide their family's spiritual development. During our club meeting, kids will engage with leaders who are called to disciple, study the Bible, grow in their faith and have lots of fun!

Game Time: A main goal in games is obviously, to have fun! We also put very strong emphasis on teamwork, good sportsmanship, and encouraging others.

Small Group Time: Kids are divided by grade into a small group of ten or less that meets each week with the same leaders to grow to know Christ better together. Each club has a handbook that the kids can work through each year. Most of the sections require some memorization of Scripture to pass and/or some require the child to complete some type of activity. This time is also used to discuss the lesson that week, ask questions, get to know each other better and help them with different memorization techniques.

Large Group Time: Our third major section is Large Group Time (for the older children) or Story Time (for Cubbies & Puggles). In Puggles & Cubbies story time, they will be introduced to many Bible Stories through sensory learning experiences. Large Group Time also includes Bible Stories and the Character Building lessons behind the Bible Stories.

Awards: Awards are a big part of all the clubs as motivation for kids and recognition for their hard work. Awards are given during large group the week after they are earned. We also have an End of Year Celebration to recognize the hard work all of the children have done throughout the year.

Wednesdays, August 21- May 6
6:30-8:00 pm
See calendar or website for theme nights

WHO IS AWANA?

Puggles- 2 year olds (by September 1)
Cubbies – 3 year olds – pre-K
(must be 3 by Sept 1 and potty trained)
Sparks –Kindergarten – 2nd grade
T & T –3rd - 5th grade

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Parents of children in Cubbies and Puggles MUST sign their children in every week in the lower level of the ed building. Sparks and T&T children must check in at the beginning of the Awana night or prior to Children's Choir. Check-in opens at 5:35 for Cubbies-T & T and at 6:15 for Puggles. We utilize a car line for pick up. Make sure you have your car tag displayed in your front window to ensure smooth pickup. ID will be required if you do not have a car tag. Our parking lot is very crowded, so **we request that all parents use car line to pick up your students.** If you must walk to get your children, you must wait on the front porch until your child comes out. This is for your child's safety – please help us to enforce this.

WHY MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD?

Our goal is not to develop a "rote" memorization program but rather, for kids to learn of God's deep love for them and to develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We put high priority on the child's understanding of the verses; and, as they are just children, review is an integral part of the program. Handbooks are so much easier for kids to get through if they have a parent or caring adult who helps them during the week. We hope that all parents will "**Commit to 10**" this year. That means that you commit to sit down with your child for at least 10 minutes every week, helping them with their handbook. This can be broken up by a couple minutes every day (meal-time, in the car, etc.) or reviewing it all in one ten minute block. The possibilities are only limited by your creativity! Learn the verses with your kids! Write them in places you will see every day (mirror while brushing your teeth, the front of the fridge, the dashboard of the car, etc.)

What are AWANA bucks?

Kids can earn Awana bucks by bringing their Bible, handbook and uniform, or a friend as well as many other things (theme nights, good sportsmanship, participation, helping others, etc.) These bucks can be used in the Awana Store to "purchase" various items. We maintain an AWANA bank for Puggles, Cubbies and Sparks. T & T is responsible for their own bucks. When Awana Store Night opens twice a year, they will be given all their Awana bucks to spend. A child does not have to use the banking system. If they want to hold onto their Awana dollars, they can. Any lost bucks will not be replaced.