



**Because kids matter to God!**



PARENT'S HANDBOOK

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II Timothy 2:15



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AWANA KEY VERSE

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT  
YOURSELF APPROVED TO  
GOD, A WORKMAN WHO DOES  
NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED  
AND WHO CORRECTLY  
HANDLES THE WORD OF  
TRUTH

NIV VERSION

Dear Parents,

Thank You for sending your child to our AWANA club. We offer this program because we believe it offers something of great value to children - the "Good News" that Christ died to forgive our sins, rose from the dead, & that by believing & trusting Christ, they will spend eternity in heaven with Him! Our hope is that all AWANA children will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. You are always welcome to come with your child to AWANA. We consider it a privilege to have your child in AWANA Club!

AWANA LEADERSHIP

COMMANDER.....Nancy Schuler

SECRETARY.....Nancy Peep

Amber Wells

Brian Wells

Betty Jo Roberts

Connie Auer

Donna Sachau

Gary Anderson

Zeta Anderson

Kristin Pederson

Jayni Stahl

We take working with your children and their safety very seriously. Please inform us of any medical conditions or allergies that may affect your child.



AWANA is offered for boys & girls 3 years old through 5th grade. The club meeting is divided into 2 age groups, each with 3 sessions.

**Cubbies:** For 3-5 year old girls and boys. They must be dropped off and picked up by a parent. **They must be potty trained before they can attend.**

**6:00 - 6:05** Cubbies meet in classroom

**6:05 - 6:30** Cubbies games in the Fellowship Hal

**6:30 - 7:30** Cubbies activities in the classroom



**Sparks:** For girls & boys who are in K- 2nd grade.

**6:00 - 6:05** Opening in Fellowship Hall

**6:05 - 6:30** Council Time in Room 4

**6:30 - 7:00** Handbook time in classrooms

**7:00 - 7:30** Games in Fellowship hall

**T&T (Truth and Training):** For girls and boys 3rd - 5th grade.

6:00 - 6:05 Opening in Fellowship Hall

6:05 - 6:30 Council Time in Room 4

6:30 - 7:00 Games in Fellowship Hall

7:00 - 7:30 Handbook time in classrooms



**Opening/Council Time:**

We open with pledges to the American & Awana flags, singing, and a life lesson from God's Word.

We teach children to live out the verses they are memorizing.



**Game Time:** Children are assigned a team color when registering for AWANA. They compete individually & as a team in fun and exciting games. Participation, sportsmanship & fun are the goals!



### Handbook Time:

Leaders listen to children recite verses and help them **understand** what they are memorizing. Children are expected to have verses memorized when they arrive at club. Two helps from the leader are allowed on each section. As children work through the handbook, they earn AWNANA store dollars and awards to wear on their uniforms.



### **HINTS FOR MEMORIZING**

\* **Always say the reference first:** ex - John 3:16 For God so loved... (John - Book of Bible, 3: - chapter, 16 - verse)

\* **Write the verse out.** Read verse. Black out 2-3 words. Say verse, keep crossing out words until they can say complete verse.

\* **Write each word of verse on small pieces of paper.** Have the child put slips in order and read verse. Take out several words each time the child says verse. Always associate the verse with the reference.

\* **Make up a tune to sing verse, or make a motion** for each main word examples: think-point to head, fight-make a fist, loved-huged yourself.

\***Review, Review, Review.** Learning is remembered with review.

### **HOW TO FINISH YOUR HANDBOOK IN ONE YEAR!**

There are four quarters, each with 7 club nights.

#### **By November ( )**

Sparks complete Red Jewel 1 & Green Jewel 1  
TNT complete Discovery 1 & 2

#### **By January ( )**

Sparks complete Red Jewel 2 & Green Jewel 2  
TNT complete Discovery 3 & 4

#### **By March ( )**

Sparks complete Red Jewel 3 & Green Jewel 3  
TNT complete Discovery 5 & 6

#### **By April 28 ( )**

Sparks complete Red Jewel 4 & Green Jewel 4  
TNT complete Discovery 7 & 8



Wait there's more!



**What does it Cost?**

Spark's Gate Test and T & T Start Zone are provided free.

**Handbooks and Uniforms:**

<b><u>Cubbies:</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19--\$25</b>
Cubbies Handbook		\$9
Cubbies Uniform Vest		\$10
Cubbies Book Bag (optional)		\$6
<b><u>Sparks:</u></b>		<b>\$19--\$25</b>
Hang Glider/Wing Runner Handbook (Kindergarten)		\$9
Hiker Handbook (1st Grad)		\$9
Sky Stormer Handbook (2nd and 3rd Grade)		\$9
SPARKS Uniform Vest		\$12
SPARKS Handbooks Bag (optional)		\$6
<b><u>T&amp;T (3rd Grade - 5th Grade)</u></b>		<b>\$24--\$30</b>
T&T Handbook		\$9
T&T Uniform T Shirt Uniform		\$13
T&T Handbook Bag (optional)		\$6
Replacement Badges		\$3

**\*\* We don't want cost to be a barrier to any child participating in AWANA. If for some reason costs are prohibitive for your child to attend, please see Nancy Peep or Nancy Schuler For scholarship funds.**



## What We Expect From Parents

1. Bring children on time. AWANA time is 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Please do not drop off children before 5:50pm as there is no one to supervise. Doors may be locked. Please arrive promptly at 7:30 to pick up children. Come inside to pick up children; they will not be permitted to leave the building without an adult.
2. Help children attend AWANA every week. Consistency and self discipline help children grow, achieve goals and build friendships. Help children take responsibility for learning verses during the week, wearing their uniform and bringing Bible and handbook to club.
3. Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments. 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.
4. Help your child prepare at least 2 sections at home. Leaders listen first to children who have learned their verses at home. We do our best, but we can't do as much in a few minutes with your child as you can at home. It only takes a few quiet minutes during the week. A little practice each day will help them really know the verses well enough to pass sections. Passing 2 or more sections a week will complete the handbook and earn a book award at the end of the year, plus \$1000 **extra** dollars to spend at AWANA store.

## What We Expect From Children



### 1. BE ON TIME

Awana begins at 6:00pm.

Do not arrive before 5:50pm.

### 2. BE PREPARED

Wear uniform every week; bring handbook, Bible, and sections ready to pass.

### 3. BE RESPECTFUL

Clubbers are expected to listen & follow their leader's direction.

### 4. BE FRIENDLY

Help each other and work as a team.

### 5. BE AN EXAMPLE

Follow the rules to make a club fun for everyone!

## DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Please review the discipline guidelines with your child. Awana has very few rules of behavior, but in order to insure that all children have opportunity to learn as well as have fun, these rules of behavior will be enforced.

### **The 5 Count (for groups of children)**

When a leader begins counting 1...2...3...4...5... children are expected to be in place and immediately quiet to listen to directions.

### **The 3 count (for individuals)**

If a child misbehaves, he/she will be warned by the leaders.

**1st warning** - by leader

**2nd warning** - by director&/or commander

**3rd warning** - Commander/Children's Ministry director will speak with the parent & child about incident. The parent may be asked to keep the child home for a week, or asked to shadow their child. If behavior continues, we will ask that the child not attend.

**\*We pray no situation will need to be taken to step 3, but in fairness to all the children, this will be enforced as necessary.**

## God's Plan of Salvation

### **\*I am a sinner.**

Sin is anything contrary to the nature of God. Every person is born a sinner, and every person commits sin. God is holy and hates sin. Because He is just, He must punish sin. The punishment for sin is eternal separation from God. God's Word says: All have sinned. (Romans 3:23a); For the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23a)

### **\*I am incapable of saving myself.**

Because I am born in sin, no action of mine can accomplish anything toward my salvation. I cannot get to heaven by being good, attending church, praying or anything else. I am helpless and unable to make myself worthy of heaven. God says: Not by [good works] which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. (Titus 3:5a)

### **\*Only God can save me because only God is sinless.**

God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior by paying the penalty of death for my sin in my place. But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinner, Christ dies for us. (Romans 5:8)

### **\*My salvation was accomplished on the cross.**

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood and rising from the grave. His blood paid my penalty. His resurrection defeated death. He is now in heaven, interceding for me before God.

For Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. (1Peter 3:18a).

**\* I can only be saved by trusting that what Jesus Christ did on the cross is sufficient to save me.**

Believing is trusting what God did for me. I can add nothing to my salvation. When I believe that His death was a complete payment for me, He gives me eternal lives.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved. (Acts 16:31) He that believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he that believes on the Son has everlasting life; but the wrath of God abides on him. (John 3:36)

**\* Once I am saved, I am saved for eternity.**

Once saved, I cannot lose my salvation. No creature or thing can take it away from me. I cannot lose it by any action of my own. God says: I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish. (John 10:28)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)



Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I'm a sinner, and I'm sorry for my sin, Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please forgive me of my sin, and accept me as your child. I want to live for you, Jesus. Amen.



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