



Parent Information Booklet



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Community Bible Church

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Ashamed

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Welcome! Today, more than 12,000 U.S. churches run Awana with programs in all 50 states. Awana can also be found in over 6,000 churches in 109 other countries. We are happy that you have come and hope you will enjoy our Club program. During Club, you will find new friends, participate in exciting games and challenging contests, learn and memorize Bible truths, and earn awards.

This manual will help you get acquainted with the AWANA Clubs. You will soon see that our leaders care about YOU and want to help you anyway they can. Most importantly, we want you to realize that God loves you, and that through His Son, Jesus Christ, He has provided the opportunity for you to have a relationship with Him.

AWANA encourages Clubbers to attend their family's place of worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to the fellowship here at Community Bible Church. On Sunday we have a wonderful time of worshiping God, learning more about Him, and spending time with friends. Our worship times are 9:00 am and 10:45 am. We have classes for children, youth and adults during the services, and are a welcoming and encouraging church family. If we can minister to you in any way, please let us know. May God bless you and your family!

A Note to Parents

We appreciate having your child in our Club program, and hope your child becomes an active participant.

AWANA presents an opportunity for each child to grow in the area of self-worth as well as in his or her relationship to God and with others. You can help by:

- * helping them with their memorization and activities
- * encouraging them to arrive each week at 6:30 pm sharp so they do not miss out on anything!
- * celebrating their achievements
- * communicating with us about any special needs

You always have an open invitation to visit our Clubs. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with us on Club night, or call your child's leader at your convenience.

A SPECIAL NOTE

Closed-toed tennis shoes are required footwear for all clubbers and leaders because of our active game time. Those wearing open-toed footwear will unfortunately not be allowed to participate during game time. Additionally, all clubbers are encouraged to wear **long pants** to prevent scraped knees. Thank you for supporting your child in these matters.

THE AWARDS

Completion of:

Entrance Booklet

Rank Path

Bible Drills, Craft/Activities,
and Club attendance

T&T Discoveries

Sunday school Attendance

Award:

Book and Uniform

Club Rank Patch

Cubbies: Patch
Sparks: Jewel

“Bones” for award bar or
“Patches” for club jersey

Sticker for Handbook

SPECIAL AWARDS

Sparky/Clubber of the Month Award

Special recognition is given monthly to any Clubber who attends and wears their uniform to each Club meeting for that month, and recites an average of two sections per meeting.

Handbook Completion Awards

Cubbies:

1st Book- Ribbon
2nd Book- Teddy Bear for Ribbon
Workbook- Ribbon

Sparks:

1st Book- Ribbon
2nd Book Ribbon

3rd Book- Plaque and pin

T & T (3rd - 6th grades):

1st Book- Alpha Award

2nd Book- Excellence Award

3rd Book- Challenge Award

4th Book- Timothy Award (the big one!)

Each AWANA Clubber has the opportunity to earn these awards. Many are to be worn on their uniform. At the end of our club year in May, we have a special awards night to celebrate and to present Handbook Completion Awards.

THE CLUB NIGHT

FLAG CEREMONY: In the lower parking lot at 6:30 pm, or the Family Center on rainy evenings.

GAME TIME: Red, Green, Yellow, Blue! Divide into color teams to play special AWANA games in the lower parking lot, or the Family Center on rainy evenings. **PLEASE** wear tennis shoes and long pants to prevent injury. Team points are awarded towards a total score at the end of the evening.

HANDBOOK TIME: Small groups meet with their assigned leader for prayer, to recite verses, and work on crafts. Parents, please keep these things in mind:

- * **Please take 10 or 15 minutes a day to work with your child in his or her AWANA handbook.**
- * Remember to review the meaning of each verse—meanings are listed in your child's handbook. (Your child will memorize more quickly if he understands what he is memorizing.)
- * Cubbies' and Sparks' parents should **initial** the sections they feel their children are ready to recite to their leaders.
- * Work on two to three sections per week. This is more than enough to absorb and understand.
- * Clubbers must have their handbooks at Club to receive credit for sections passed.
- * No more than 2 helps per section are usually given.
- * Sections are passed when said to a leader during Club time.

COUNCIL TIME: Clubs meet together for songs, a Bible message, and presentation of earned awards. This is the last segment of the evening and we encourage all parents to visit at this time, especially if your child is to receive an award. ***Cubbies and Sparks must stay in their rooms at the end of Club until they are picked up by a parent or designated adult.***

THE CLUBS

Cubbies: Three and four year old preschoolers

Sparks: Kindergarten, first, and second graders

T & T Ultimate Adventure: 3rd & 4th grade boys and girls

T&T Ultimate Challenge: 5th & 6th grade boys and girls

Each child joining an AWANA Club begins with the Club's first book, no matter what grade he or she is in. All Clubbers begin their books after they have completed their Entrance booklet.

A Sparky who finishes the Handbook corresponding to his grade will complete a Review and then a workbook; he will not go on to the next Handbook until the following year. A Sparky starting in the second year of his club may go on to the second Handbook after finishing the first Handbook with no review.

T&Ters will do the same; except, instead of a review, they will complete the Silver and Gold extra-credit sections.

Keep all finished Handbooks for proof of completion!

THE TEAMS

Every clubber is placed on one of four color teams for the year. Each night, there is a team contest to acquire the most points. Points are given for games, uniforms, good behavior, and most of all, ***completing sections***. The winning team members are awarded AWANA bucks to spend in the AWANA Store.

MONEY MATTERS

Registration fees*: \$37 1st child
 \$32 2nd child
 \$96 Maximum per family

Handbooks: One included in registration fee

Uniforms: \$11.50 Cubbie Vest
 \$11.50 Sparks Vest
 \$14.50 T&T T-shirt (3rd/4th grade)
 \$15.50 T&T Jersey (5th/6th grade)

***Note:**

These fees help pay for the awards and supplies used by the Clubbers. While costs are kept as low as possible, we recognize that the AWANA program can be expensive for some families. We don't want any child to be turned away because of money. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

For confidential information or assistance, contact Dave Sonalia, Children's Pastor, at 985-4536 ext.105.

THE UNIFORM

The AWANA uniform is a vital part of the Club program. It promotes pride in the Club, helps children to feel part of the Club, and is the place where all awards are displayed. Clubbers must be in uniform in order to receive their awards. Uniforms can be purchased when the Clubber has completed the entrance booklet. The privilege of wearing the uniform then becomes an award for completing the booklet. Each Club has a different uniform, and it is worn for 2 or 3 years. Each child should wear the complete, clean uniform each Club night. Uniform inspections are occasionally carried out, and correctly dressed Clubbers will receive an award.

CLUB ATTENDANCE

AWANA Club will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. It is **extremely** important for Clubbers to arrive on time and to attend regularly. The Clubbers lose so much when they miss the weekly Club activities, and they can get behind in their Handbooks.

The Club year is divided into quarters with regard to attendance. Each clubber can earn one attendance award each quarter if they have no more than one unexcused absence that quarter.

CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Also important for the development of your child is Church/Sunday School attendance. Clubbers can therefore earn two awards for this attendance. The first award is for the period September through December, and the second is January to April. They are allowed no more than three unexcused absences each period to receive this award. A Clubber does not need to attend Community Bible Church to receive this award.

THEME NIGHTS/SPECIAL CONTESTS

Many Club meetings will have a special theme. A weekly newsletter will be sent home listing these themes. Some evenings will encourage children to dress up in a special way. Every Clubber who does so will earn their color team extra points. Other Club nights will have special contests, so **remember to pick up a copy of our weekly newsletter...the "Awana KNOW"**.

THE AWANA STORE

Each week Clubbers may earn or win AWANA bucks, which can be saved and traded for items from our AWANA Store.

AWANA bucks are awarded as follows:

- 1 Color Team winners
- 1 Section passed
- 1 Good behavior (Leader's discretion)
- 2 Sparky/Clubber of the Month
- 2 Wearing uniform to church on AWANA Sunday, the 1st Sunday of each month
- 5 Bringing a friend to Club
- 5 Bringing a parent to Parents' Night
- 5 Completing a Handbook
- 5 Completing a Workbook
- 5 Completing a Handbook Review

THE 2011/2012 CALENDAR

August

- * 16 Registration begins

September

- * 8 Leaders Orientation meeting
- * 15 **FIRST NIGHT OF CLUB** ☺
- * 22 Beach Night
- * 24 **AWANA Leadership Conference**
- * 29 B.A.R.F. #1 and STORE

October

- * 6 Parents' Night
- * 13 Color Night/STORE/Grand Prix Pit Stop #1
- * 20 Silly Socks Night/Grand Prix Pit Stop #2
- * 27 Food Drive begins/GPPS #3
- * 30 **GRAND PRIX RACE**

November

- * 3 Giant Night
- * 10 Squared Sections
- * 17 Food Drive Ends/B.A.R.F. #2/STORE
- * 24 **NO CLUB "Happy Thanksgiving!"**

December

- * 1 Banana Split Night
- * 8 Flashlight Night
- * 15 B.A.R.F. #3/Birthday Party for Jesus/STORE
- * 22 **NO CLUB "Merry Christmas!"**
- * 29 **NO CLUB "Happy New Year!"**

January

- * 5 Animals and Airplanes
- * 12 Balloon Night/STORE
- * 19 Mummify Your Leader & Friend Night
- * 26 Dessert & Parent Night

February

- * 2 Bible Quiz Night/STORE
- * 4 **BIBLE QUIZ JAMBOREE**
- * 9 Valentine Night
- * 16 **The Amazing Handbook Contest begins**
- * 23 Afflictions & Infirmities/STORE
- * 25 **AWANAGames & Sparks-A-Rama**

March

- * 1 The Return of the Taters
- * 8 The Root Beer Games/STORE
- * 15 Sports Night
- * 22 Bad Hair Night
- * 29 Double Bucks & Celebration Night / STORE

April

- * 5 **NO CLUB “Happy Easter!”**
- * 12 **The Amazing Handbook Contest ends!/STORE**
- * 19 Mad Hatter Night
- * 26 Ice Cream Night/STORE

May

- * 3 **Awards Night ☺**
- * 10 Sparky Tea
- * TBA T&T Boys’ Campout
- * TBA T&T Girls’ Sleepover
- * TBA Cubbies’ Play Day

***THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME! Pick up your copy of our weekly newsletter, the AWANA KNOW after each club!**