

# Awana For Parents

## ***What can Awana do for my Family?***

The goal of Awana is to get as much of God's word as we can, as deep as we can, in as many kids as we can. Through Scripture memory, Bible teaching, exciting awards, and a high-energy game time, we present the gospel in an engaging way. We encourage children to hide God's word in their hearts and apply it to their lives, and give parents tools to foster discussion and help them train their children in the Christian faith.

We realize that the spiritual education of children is the primary job of you, the parents. The Awana material is designed to help you do that – in fact there are sections in the material that require your help to complete.

## ***Club Structure***

Our Awana ministry is divided up into clubs, according to age:

<i>Puggles</i>	2 year olds
<i>Cubbies</i>	3 & 4 year olds
<i>Sparks</i>	k-2nd grade
<i>TnT</i>	3rd-6th grade
<i>Trek</i>	7th-8th grade

Each club includes age-appropriate games, activities, Bible teaching time, and a scripture-memory handbook.

## ***Memorization Help***

The best way to help your child memorize the verses in their handbook is to be involved. Schedule some time to work with them – perhaps after dinner, before bedtime, on the way home from school. Ten minutes of practice a day, several days a week is much better than 30 minutes of cramming on club night, and it will help the verses stay with them longer.

Awana offers many resources to help you help your kids. Make use of them! For each of the Sparks (K-2nd grade) and TnT (3rd-6th grade) handbooks there are CDs available with all of their verses set to music. This is a great way to help kids to memorize. The CDs are available for \$12, and can also be purchased on iTunes!

Bookwalks give you and your child a high-level overview of what is coming up in their handbooks, and what they need to do to stay on track to finish the book by the end of the year (about 2 sections per week). They are available online for each Sparks and TnT book:

<http://www.awana.org/athome/resources.html>

## **Awards**

As your children complete their books, they receive awards to display on their uniforms at milestones along the way, and at a year-end award ceremony.

## **Attendance**

Awards are also given quarterly for attendance. To earn it, a clubber must have no more than one unexcused absence during that quarter. To excuse an absence, just let the Awana secretary know (verbally or with a note) ahead of time or on the Thursday following the absence.

## **Cost**

There is a yearly registration fee of \$40 per child (\$100 maximum per family). Uniforms and handbooks are an additional cost (see chart below). Music CDs containing all the verses in a handbook set to music are available for \$12 (also available in iTunes). Lost entrance booklets can be replaced for 50 cents, lost awards for 25 cents.

<i>Club</i>	<i>Uniform</i>	<i>Handbook</i>
Puggles	\$10.00	--
Cubbies	\$10.00	\$9.00
Sparks	\$10.00	\$10.00
T&T Adventure	\$13.00	\$9.00
T&T Challenge	\$14.00	\$9.00
Trek	\$15.00	\$8.00

## **Awana Calendar 2011-2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme / Special Event</b>
September 8	First night of club
September 15	Missions Night
September 22	Wet & Wild Night
September 29	Team Color Night
October 6	Store Night
October 13	Missions Night
October 20	
October 27	1st Quarter Attendance
November 3	Store Night
November 13 ( <i>Sunday</i> )	Uniform Sunday
November 10	Missions Night
November 17	Bring a Friend Night
November 24	No Awana - Thanksgiving Day
December 1	Store Night
December 8	Missions Night
December 15	Silent Night
December 22	No Awana - Christmas break
December 29	No Awana - Christmas break
January 5	Store Night
January 12	Missions Night
January 19	2nd Quarter Attendance
January 26	Measles Night
February 2	Store Night
February 9	Missions Night
February 16	Parent's Night
February 23	Crazy Hair Night
March 1	Store Night
March 8	Missions Night
March 15	3rd Quarter Attendance
March 22	Backwards Night
March 29	
April 5	No Awana - Maundy Thursday
April 12	Store Night
April 19	Missions Night
April 26	Double Double Bucks Bucks Night Night
May 3	Store Night/Last regular club night
May 10	Awards Ceremony