



Parent Handbook
2011-2012



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Welcome!

Our desire for the Children's Ministry is for each child to:

- Seek God and find a meaningful personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ and develop a foundation for a continuing lifestyle of Christian commitment and discipleship.
- Grow spiritually, emotionally and socially by achieving a balance of evangelism, fellowship, worship, Bible training, and service.
- Participate and prosper in a fun, safe, and secure environment.

We offer a number of programs designed to encourage children to build a foundation of Truth and Biblical understanding for a lifetime of faith in Christ.



Dear Parents,

We're so excited about our Awana program and what it is doing for our children! It is truly amazing to see the capacity God has put in our kids to read and retain God's Word and have the courage to live out what they learn.

If you are new to Awana, it is a lively evening of fun, games, lessons, and awards that centers around learning and understanding the Scriptures. Children from preschool through 5th grade are free to join at any time during the school year!

Awana offers incentives for children to attend their family's church or place of worship on a regular basis. If you do not attend or have a church home, we invite you to attend one of our church services.

Northview Community Church

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Child Care (birth - 5th Grade) available both services.

Junior High (6th - 8th Grade) available first service.

High School (9th - 12th Grade) available second service.

Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with memorization, encouraging enthusiasm about Awana, and inviting friends and neighbors to share in the fun!

With this booklet, we hope to inform you of the various activities and phases of Awana. Please feel free to attend a club meeting anytime. If you have any questions, you can always call your child's leader or us.

In Christ's Service,

Shannon Fallon

Awana Commander and Children's Director

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What's the Cost?

Registration:

\$40.00 includes your child's handbook, awards, and materials for the 2011 - 2012 year. For registration during the year the fee will be prorated according to the following schedule:

September 21 - November 9	\$40.00
November 16 - January 25	\$30.00
February 1 - March 28	\$20.00
April 4 - May 23	\$10.00

Uniforms:

Children must earn their uniforms and may be purchased during registration or upon completion of Flight Training / Start Zone requirements.



Cubbies Vest (3 - 5 years)	\$10.00
Sparks Vest (K - 2nd Grade)	\$10.00
T&T T-Shirt (3rd - 6th Grade)	\$12.00

Scholarships:

Full or partial financial assistance is available. We will never turn someone away because of money! We're also willing to accept the registration fee in installments. To request help, please call Shannon Fallon at (425) 488-5494.

Safety Rules

At the end of club, children will remain in the auditorium or their classroom **to wait for parents to pick them up**. Children will only be released to a parent or authorized adult. Parents are welcome to join us for Awards at the end of each evening prior to pick up.

Club Handbook

The handbook is a vital tool for your child success in **AWANA**. It helps them to learn about God and it reinforces positive moral standards. Here are some things to remember:

1. Your child's handbook has a great deal of information for parents as well. The handbook has directions detailing how your child may progress through it. It demonstrates to parents the different awards and where they are placed on the uniform.
2. Children must have their handbooks at Awana night to receive credit for sections passed.
3. No more than 2 helps per section are given in order to receive credit.
4. Sections are passed when recited to an Awana listener.

5. We expect your child to come prepared with memorized sections each week. They cannot do this in club time alone. We suggest that they spend 10 to 15 minutes each day on their handbook.



6. Do your best to explain the meaning of each memory verse. You will find that they memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you want to confirm the meaning of a verse with your child's leader or director, please give them a call. They want to help!

7. Parents of Sparks should initial or clearly mark the sections they feel their child is ready to recite to their leaders.

8. Encourage your child to work on no more than 5 sections per week. This is more than enough to absorb for most children. Our leaders are concerned that the children truly understand what they memorize. The handbooks are designed to be finished in one club year if your child recites 2 to 3 sections per week.



Discipline

Awana participants are called to order by the use of the FIVE COUNT. Children have to the count of five to get quiet and attentive.

If an individual child is overly disruptive, he/she is given a THREE COUNT warning. If the behavior continues, another warning will be issued along with a reminder of loss of privileges. If there is a third offense, the child will lose part of game time or be removed from the group activity and taken to be with the club Commander for a short time-out. At this time, the Commander will determine if the behavior warrants contacting the child's parents.

Club Attendance

Awana Club meetings will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

The year is divided into quarters in regards to club attendance. Each child can earn one attendance award per quarter if they have no more than 1 unexcused absence during the quarter. Attendance awards are given:



November 9

January 25

March 28

May 28 (Last regular Awana night)

Sunday School Attendance

We believe Sunday School attendance is also important to your child's spiritual development. Kids can receive awards for Sunday School attendance January 25 and May 28. To earn this award the child must attend Sunday School on a regular basis.

Nightly Schedule of Events

<u>Sparks</u>		<u>T&T</u>	
6:30 - 6:40	Opening ceremony	6:30 - 6:40	Opening ceremony
6:40 - 7:05	Council time	6:40 - 7:05	Handbook time
7:05 - 7:30	Handbook time	7:05 - 7:30	Games
7:30 - 7:50	Games	7:30 - 7:50	Council time
7:50 - 8:00	Awards/Closing	7:50 - 8:00	Awards/Closing

Awana Calendar

Explanations of each night will be provided prior to the event

Dress-up Theme Nights

October 12th - Safety Night	February 8th - Pink Night
November 9th - Crazy Hair Night	March 14th - Grown Up Night
December 14th - Vacation Night	April 11th - Leader Appreciation Night
January 11th - Black-Out Night	May 9th - Mr. Fallon Look-Alike Night



No AWANA:

November 23 - Thanksgiving
 December 21, 28 - Christmas Break
 February 22 - Mid Winter Break
 April 4 - Spring Break

Last Awana Night

May 23

Year End Awards Ceremony

May 30

Awana Cancellation

In an effort to keep you, our children and our leaders safe, when we have severe weather or power outages, Awana will be cancelled. Awana staff will contact parents via phone and email in the event of an unplanned cancellation. Parents may call the church office at 425-488-5494 for up to date information. Please notify the church if your contact information changes so that we can keep you informed!

Special Events

Each year in the spring we offer a pinewood derby day to Awana kids, parents and their friends. You are welcome to participate in this year's Grand Prix!



Saturday, April 15th - Race Day

Car kits will be available in late March for \$5. Trophies are awarded for speed and design.

Volunteers

Our Awana program couldn't survive without God's grace and our fantastic parents and volunteers. Please consider helping in some way with your child. We are always in



need of team leaders for our children and listeners to help them memorize their scripture verses. No experience is necessary, just a passion for God's Word! If you are willing to help on a regular basis

please contact Shannon for details and information. Thank you!

All of our leaders are approved and have had thorough background checks performed. In addition, there is always someone on-site with CPR and First Aid training in case of an emergency.

Contact Us

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