

**Parent Handbook  
2011-2012**



**Thursdays  
September 8 - May 3**



Through this handbook we hope to inform you of the various activities, events, and policies of Awana. You have an open invitation to visit our club and church anytime. Please feel free to call or email me, if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
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# **Welcome to Orchards Community Church Awana Clubs**

It is our privilege to have your child attend. We sincerely desire that this experience will be a fun time of learning and growth for your child.

The word Awana is an acronym derived from the words Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed. This comes from the Bible in 2 Timothy 2:15 which states, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Awana is a weekly children's ministry, composed of three main elements: games, small group, and large group. During small group time, a trained volunteer works with a group of children assisting them in learning and reciting verses. Large group is a time of singing, sharing, Bible stories, and devotional messages.

You have a critical part in all of this. In order for your child to get the most from Awana, your partnership with us is essential. Please support your child's interest in the ministry by helping with memorization and encouraging enthusiasm about Awana.

Which Club does my child  
belong in?



**Cubbies!**

3 & 4 year olds  
(3 years old before Sept. 1, 2011)



Kindergarten - 2nd grade



3rd - 6th grade

# May We Introduce Our Awana Staff

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the director of the club your child attends.





## WHAT'S THE COST?

REGISTRATION: \$15.00 per child for the club year  
(sorry no refunds)

HANDBOOKS: \$9.00 per book

UNIFORMS:	Cubbie Vest	\$11.00
	Sparks Vest	\$11.00
	T&T Polo	\$14.00

Lost handbooks, awards, and badges will need to be purchased again by clubbers.



For Sparks and T & T

Awana Shares are earned by:

Bringing Bible & Book	+1 share
Uniform	+1 share
Sections	+1 share
Friends	+3 shares



## Handbooks

The handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in Awana. It helps the clubber learn about God and reinforces positive moral standards.

As you work with your child in his or her handbook, keep these things in mind:

1. Clubbers must have their handbooks at club to pass sections.
2. Sections are to be said to an Awana listener. Two helps are permitted to pass a section. Each section is to be completed in its entirety in one session.
3. Clubbers need to come prepared with sections memorized each week. We suggest they spend 10-15 minutes each day working on their handbook.
4. We encourage every clubber to complete their book by the end of the year. Please refer to the Handbook Completion Schedule on the next page to help keep your child on track.

# Handbook Completion Schedule

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## CUBBIES

Cubbies work together at the same pace. Parent involvement is vital! With parent and leader help, each child will finish their book by the end of the year.

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## SPARKS

### End of 1st Quarter

HangGlider	Red Jewel 1, Section 2
WingRunner	Red Jewel 2, Section 1
Sky Stormer	Red Jewel 2, Section 1

### End of 2nd Quarter

HangGlider	Red Jewel 1, Section 2
WingRunner	Red Jewel 3, Section 8
Sky Stormer	Red Jewel 3, Section 5

### End of 3rd Quarter

HangGlider	Green Jewel 3, Section 2
WingRunner	Green Jewel 1, Section 1
Sky Stormer	Green Jewel 2, Section 2

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## TRUTH & TRAINING

	End of 1st Quarter	End of 2nd Quarter	End of 3rd Quarter
Book 1	Discovery 2:7	Discovery 4:7	Discovery 6:7
Book 2	Discovery 2:7	Discovery 4:7	Discovery 6:7
Book 3	Discovery 2:7	Discovery 4:7	Discovery 6:7
Book 4	Discovery 2:7	Discovery 4:7	Discovery 6:7

# Let's Talk Safety

Help us maintain a safe and orderly ministry by doing the following:

1. Instruct your child to check in with the secretary at their own club's table at the beginning of each club night.
2. In order to control congestion in the hallways and common areas, there will be one leader-supervised restroom break each evening. Please contact your child's Director if he or she is physically unable to comply with this rule.
3. Please pick up your child promptly after club. All Cubbies must be picked up from the Worship Center basement. Sparks and Truth & Training may be picked up from the Connection Center. Clubbers will not be allowed to leave their area without a parent.
4. Drive carefully in the parking lot as you come and go each week. There are up to 150 children loading and unloading for Awana.

Thank you for your help in these matters. We believe that together, we can provide a quality program for your child where learning and growing will be fun and rewarding.

To make spiritually seeking  
people into fully-devoted  
followers of Christ.

# Club Rules and Discipline

To insure a safe and orderly club meeting, the following rules have been established:

1. Clubbers are to remain with their Leaders at ALL times.
2. Clubbers are not to bring valuable belongings to club. If your daughter brings a purse, encourage her not to leave it unattended.
3. Please keep cell phones at home. If they are brought to club night, they must remain in bags or pockets. If they are used during the night without permission they will be confiscated until the end of the club night.
4. Clubbers will WALK through hallways and common areas at all times.
5. Climbing on furniture is not allowed.
6. As a matter of common courtesy, clubbers will show respect for the adult staff and for one another.
7. With the exception of Cubbies, in the event a clubber is consistently misbehaving, disrespectful, or disruptive, the "3 count" will be administered. (See next page)



# The “3 Count”

## (For Sparks and T&T)

**ONE** The leader gives the clubber a “one” for disruptive behavior.

**TWO** The Leader gives the clubber a “two” if the behavior continues. The club director intervenes to remind the clubber of expected behavior and the consequences of receiving a “three”. The clubber is taken to the commander.

**THREE** In the event a clubber receives a “three” for continued misbehavior while with the commander, his or her parents will be called and asked to pick up their son or daughter immediately. If the parent cannot be reached, the commander will speak with them after club or by telephone as soon as possible.

ANY clubber dismissed from club with a 3 count is suspended for the next meeting.

ANY clubber dismissed from club with a second 3 count infraction is suspended for 2 meetings.

ANY clubber receiving a third infraction will be dismissed for the remainder of the club year.



## Attendance

Awana club meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 6:25 to 8:00 PM. Check-in begins at 6:10 PM. Please arrive on time, but not before 6:05 PM, to insure adequate supervision of your children.

The club year is divided into quarters for the purpose of attendance awards. Each clubber can earn one award each quarter if they have no more than two absences during the quarter.

Clubbers can also receive awards for Sunday School attendance. For this award, the club year is divided in half and each clubber may earn one award each half if they have no more than two absences during that half.

A decorative background for the 'Winter Weather' section, featuring a light green and white color scheme with various snowflake patterns scattered across the area.

### Winter Weather

When the cold and snow comes, if the local schools are closed due to bad weather, there will be NO Awana that night. If you are in doubt as to whether Awana will meet, please check the website, [www.lewistonocc.org](http://www.lewistonocc.org), for updates.

# Awards

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## CUBBIES

FIRST BOOK AWARD CUBBIE BEAR PIN

Given upon completion of the first handbook

SECOND BOOK AWARD RIBBON

Given upon completion of the second handbook

## SPARKS

FIRST BOOK AWARD RIBBON

Given upon the completion of the HangGlider Handbook

SECOND BOOK AWARD RIBBON

Given upon completion of the WingRunner Book

SPARKY PLAQUE

Given upon completion of the Sky Stormer Book

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## T&T

FIRST BOOK AWARD

Given upon completion of the first handbook

EXCELLENCE TROPHY

Given upon completion of two handbooks

THIRD BOOK PLAQUE

Given upon completion of three handbooks

TIMOTHY TROPHY

Given upon completion of four handbooks



# 2011-12 AWANA CALENDAR

## September

- 8 1st club night
- 15 Back to School Night
- 22 Western Night
- 29 Awana Store Open

## October

- 6 Pajama Night
- 13 Tie Dye Night
- 20 Bible Character Night
- Operation Christmas Child Kick-off
- 27 Awana Store Open

## November

- 3 Crazy Hat Night
- 10 Camouflage Night
- 17 Awana Store Open
- Shoeboxes Due
- 24 Thanksgiving Break - No Awana

## December

- 1 World Travel Night
- 8 Joyful Noise Night
- 15 Awana Store Open
- Happy Birthday Jesus
- 22 Christmas Break - No Awana
- 29 Christmas Break - No Awana

## January

- 5 Medical Emergency Night
- 12 Ugliest Sweater Night
- 19 Baby Food Night
- 26 Awana Store Open

## February

- 2 Jersey Night
- 9 Love Your Neighbor
- Can Food Drive
- 16 Spud Night
- 23 Awana Store Open
- 24 Grand Prix

## March

- 1 March to the Ark
- 8 Inside Out
- 15 Crazy Hair Night
- 22 Awana Color Night
- 29 Awana Store Open

## April

- 5 Spring Break - No Awana
- 12 Space Night
- 19 Paper Airplane Night
- 26 Last Club Night
- Awana Store open

## May

- 3 Awards Night

# The Power of a Simple Gift



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoeboxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love.

Consider packing a box with small toys and other gifts that can bring hope to a child.

## Operation Christmas Child Kickoff

October 20

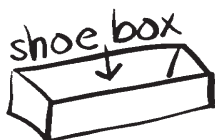
### Collection Dates

October 27

November 3

November 10

November 17





**Attention All Clubbers!**

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## **Grand Prix Races**

**February 24, 2012**

**6:30 pm**

**Concessions available**

Races held during game time

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**Kits for purchase for \$5.00**

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Awards will be given  
for design and for speed

# Regional Competitions



Spring  
2012

The annual Awana Games are held in Lewiston each year. It is an exciting highlight of the club year. Boys and girls from Awana clubs in the Eastern Washington / North Idaho area compete with one another in athletic events based around the Awana game circle. It proves to be a very thrilling Saturday event!



Spring 2012

Sparks-a-Rama is similar to the Awana Games, but designed for the younger children. No less exciting though, it is a day of great competition and fun.



Mark your  
calendars now for  
**Awana Awards Night**

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**May 3, 2012**  
**6:30-7:30 pm**

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**Door Prizes,  
Cake, & Fellowship afterwards**



# Sunday Mornings at Orchards *AdventureLand*

## Nursery (Newborn - 2 years of age)

A caring and safe environment is provided for the precious little ones during all Sunday morning services. Infants are provided an area with age-appropriate toys, a quiet space and quality staff. A room with cribs, rocking chairs, and a changing area are also available for parents. Toddlers, likewise, have a special place to call their own with a little more room to romp. The nursery is located at the east end of the Worship Center.

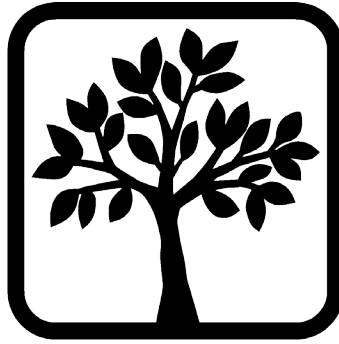
## Preschool (ages 3 [by Sept. 1]- pre K)

Preschoolers learn simple Bible stories, sing songs, share a snack, and play. Routines and familiar staff provide a nurturing environment each week. Preschool is held in the lower level of the Worship Center.

## Elementary (K - 6th grade)

We have an exciting hour of ministry for children K - 6th grade during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services on Sunday mornings. Elementary students participate in worship, drama, object lessons, and other creative teaching methods depending on the needs of the lesson. Children and leaders develop relationships, discuss the lesson and how it applies to life during small group time. Elementary activities are held in the lower level of the Worship Center.





# orchards

community church

**Please join us for Worship  
Services:**

**Sunday mornings at 8:00,  
9:00, and 10:30**

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