

# Parent Handbook

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## **Welcome to AWANA!**

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that we introduce ourselves to you. We are Marty and Anh Young and Grace Church of Orange has asked us to lead the AWANA program as your commanders. We love the AWANA program and are so thrilled to serve in this way.

God has blessed us with six children from newborn to 12 years old. Our hearts' desire is to train up our kids to know and love our Creator. We found AWANA to be its perfect complement. Our hope is, you share the same desire and sentiments.

It is our goal that every clubber will grow in their faith and knowledge of the Bible, and that they will form lasting friendships that spur encouragement in their walk with God.

A normal AWANA night will include fun games, biblical teaching time, and Bible verse recitation time. As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's success. By spending 10 minutes a day helping your child learn their verse(s) and working through their book will allow them to come with confidence and excitement on Wednesday nights.

We are here to partner with you as we raise our children for God's glory together. Please feel free to come say "hi" to us anytime.



**Marty and Anh Young  
AWANA Commanders**

## CLUB DIRECTORS

If you have question or concerns regarding a Club or your child's needs, please call your Club Director, the Awana Program Directors or Pastor. Here are their names and phone numbers.

**AWANA Commanders** All Clubs Marty & Anh Young  
(Program Directors) 714-685-6768 (home)  
714-697-8531 (Anh Cell)

**Cubbies** Coed Ruth McFarland  
Ages 3&4\* 714-731-5332

**Sparks** Coed Colleen Ma  
Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> 714-312-5410

**Truth and Training** Girls Melodie Manthorne  
Grades 3-6 714-998-1388

**Truth and Training** Boys Pete Roberts  
Grades 3-6 714-538-4514  
Simon Goodyear  
714-538-4340

**Club Secretary** Stacey Bach  
714-544-6906

**Children and Family Pastor** Brian Zuniga  
714-633-8867x222

**\*Cubbies Guidelines:** Children must be scheduled to enter Kindergarten by September 2016 and must be potty-trained.

## **CLUBBER/PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Clubbers participating in an AWANA Club involves two things:

- 1. Attending the Wednesday night meetings.**
- 2. Working through the handbook.**

As a parent, your enthusiasm and support, as well as your time and guidance, will help your child enjoy the Club and succeed in their book. Each Club handbook contains Bible memory verses; activities and readings that follow a central theme, grouped into sections. Children earn team points and individual awards by completing these sections. Handbook work should be completed outside of Club, and recited on Wednesday evening.

The main goal is to help each child understand the verses and concepts they are covering and not just build memorization skills. It is our goal that the children understand the verses that they memorize and apply them to their lives.

Most children will be prepared for the weekly AWANA Club meeting if they spend an average of 10 minutes a day working in their handbooks. We encourage you, the parent, to help your child develop this 10-minute per day habit. We ask you to review each section with your child prior to the Club night, and to initial (next to the Leader's Signature line) every one that your child is ready to complete. This helps the Leader know what sections your child is prepared to recite, and your initials earn double points for his/her team.

Even though many of us have very busy schedule, we encourage you, the parent, to try to make your child's AWANA Club a priority. Help your child develop the habit of working in his/her book regularly, and to understand the meaning of each verse, (questions and definitions are provided inside the handbook to help).

Your involvement will make a big difference.

## CLUBBER STANDARDS

**On Time:** Clubbers should arrive on Wednesday nights in time to check in and be ready to start by 6:30 p.m. Club begins in the Worship Center with worship and announcements.

**Dress Code:** Earn and purchase a uniform, and wear it to club every week. Uniform awards can only be presented to Clubbers who are in a uniform. **Wear long pants and shoes you can run in, no slide shoes or sandals.** We play games on the asphalt for K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Clubbers in unsafe attire will be asked to sit out games.

**Self-Control:** Order is very important with so many children in Club. Always be courteous, friendly and show good sportsmanship. Be respectful toward all Leaders, Helpers, and other Clubbers.

**Prepared:** Bring your Handbook and Bible each week to Club (Bibles are available; ask us if you need one). Spend 10 minutes a day preparing for the following Club night.



## **CLUB ORDER**

As we look forward to growth in numbers as well as spiritually, the need to have and communicate a method of maintaining order is important. Along with lots of encouragement and positive reinforcement, we employ the following techniques:

### **Respect**

The "Respect" sign should be the most common way to maintain order in groups. Children (and adults) are to show respect for God, His Word, others, themselves, and property. An adult holding up the "Respect" sign (fingers crossed as an "R" in sign language) is a cue for children to stop what they are doing, stop talking, and to likewise hold up the "Respect" sign.

### **3 Count**

The 3 Count is for individual children who have not been responding to the Respect sign. If a child has been particularly difficult (this judgment is at the leader's discretion), that child is verbally warned and given a count of 1. If the child continues to misbehave, the child should be told that he has been given a count of 2 and a leader will talk to his parents afterward. If misbehavior continues, it may be necessary to give the child a count of 3. If this happens, the child should be removed from the activity and his parents contacted immediately.

These disciplinary rules are standard throughout all of Children's Ministry at Grace Church or Orange. They will be used Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and at any special events.

# **AWANA DOLLARS**

## **How to earn AWANA dollars:**

1. For each section in your handbook that a Clubber completes and is signed off by a Leader, the Clubber will earn: 1
2. Each Club night, every member of the color team with the most team points will earn: 2
3. For every new friend that a Clubber brings to Club, both the Clubber and their guest will earn: 2
4. If a Clubber brings that same friend back to Club for a second week in a row, both the Clubber and their guest will earn: 5
5. Sparks: For each handbook review sticker a Clubber receives, they will earn: 2

## ***What can a Clubber do with their AWANA dollars?***

During the course of the Club year there will be several AWANA Store Nights for T&T and Sparks. This will give the Clubbers an opportunity to spend their dollars on fun items such as books, puzzles, games and assorted candies.

T&T will have additional opportunities to spend their dollars.

Clubbers should spend their Awana dollars at every given opportunity. All dollars earned during this Club year, must be used during this Club year. Dollars earned during any previous year will no longer be honored.



## AWANA COSTS

**Uniform:** Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of uniforms. New Clubbers may wear uniforms after they have completed the entrance book. Uniforms should be ordered and paid for early in anticipation of completion.

<b>Cubbies Vest</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Sparks Vest</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Truth and Training Jersey</b>	
<b>3rd &amp; 4th-Green</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>5th &amp; 6th- Blue</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>

**Books:** Entrance booklets are free. Handbooks may be purchased before a child has completed the entrance booklet, but they will not receive it until after the entrance booklet is completed.

<b>All Handbooks</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
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**Dues:** These cover the cost of awards, materials, and other supplies.

**Early Bird (By 8/31/14):**

**\$45 per child** (*first two children*)  
**\$40 per child** (*each additional*)

**Regular (After 8/31/14):**

**\$50 per child** (*first two children*)  
**\$45 per child** (*each additional*)

September 3, 2014	First Club Night– 6:30pm / Parent Mtg.– 7:00pm
September 10, 2014	
September 17, 2014	
September 24, 2014	Team Color Night
October 1, 2014	Missionary Night
October 8, 2014	
October 15, 2014	
October 22, 2014	1st On Target Night
October 29, 2014	Pumpkin Pandemonium
November 5, 2014	Missionary Night
November 12, 2014	Bring in Orphanage Donations
November 19, 2014	Cornucopia Day
November 26, 2014	Thanksgiving Break-No Club
December 3, 2014	Missionary Night / Sparky Store #1
December 10, 2014	
December 17, 2014	Sparky Christmas Play/ 2nd On Target Night
December 24, 2014	Christmas / New Years Break-No Club
December 31, 2014	Christmas / New Years Break-No Club
January 7, 2015	
January 14, 2015	
January 21, 2015	Snow Day
January 28, 2015	
February 4, 2015	Missionary Night
February 11, 2015	
February 18, 2015	
February 25, 2015	Injury Night / Sparky Store #2
March 4, 2015	Missionary Night / 3rd On Target Night
March 11, 2015	
March 18, 2015	
March 25, 2015	Boat Races
April 1, 2015	Missionary Night
April 8, 2015	Easter Break-No Club
April 15, 2015	
April 22, 2015	Crazy Hair/Hat Day
April 29, 2015	Sparky Store #3
May 6, 2015	4th On Target Night / Soak the Commander
May 13, 2015	Awards Night

### **Non Wednesday Activities**

Fri., October 24: Awana Drive In Movie Night (*Sparks and T&T*)

Fri., March 20: Big Kids Crazy Hullabaloo Game Night and Raffle Drawing (T&T)

Sat., May 16: Big Kid's Crazy Hullabaloo Pool Party (T&T)