

# Club Expectations

## Leader Requirements

A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Leaders must have a desire to work with, and a compassion for, all children.

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We expect our leaders to be on time and to lead by example. All of our leaders are expected to treat each child with respect. Our leader's goal is to see boys and girls come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and to help each child grow in their relationship with God. All leaders should be in prayer for our club on a regular basis. Awana is not just another program! It is a ministry of this church and a place of service to God.

## Student Leaders

Student Leaders are High School students interested in serving as mentors to our younger clubbers. This is an excellent program for students who are looking to earn volunteer service hours for their college resume!

## Parent Expectations

1. Always encourage your child. Children will enjoy club much more when their parents show interest in their accomplishments.
2. Set time aside each day to help your child study. With just 10 minutes each day, children will be prepared to pass at least two sections each week!
3. Review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. Awana only has a few rules, but to help all clubbers to have a good experience, they will be enforced.
4. Children are the heart of the Awana ministry. Because of this, we ask all parents to respect EVERY child while at Awana.

## Promptness

Our time at Awana is valuable. We ask all volunteers to arrive no later than 5:30pm each Sunday. Parents please have your child to the gym no later than 5:45. Closing awards begin at 7:00pm. Children should be picked up no later than 7:20pm.

## Illness

A child may not attend Awana if they have had a fever or has vomited within the last 24 hours. If a child appears ill during club they will be sent home.

## Incident Weather

Awana will be canceled if morning services have been canceled or if the roads become hazardous late in the afternoon. Please make sure we have your email because all cancellations will be sent out via our Awana email list.

# Awana Rules

1. Show respect for God's House, God's Name, and God's Word at all times.
2. Show respect for God-given authority at all times.
3. Have a loving, positive, Christ-like attitude towards other Awana clubbers and leaders at all times.
4. Respect church property and the property of others.
5. Remember that God wants you to be a leader, and that you lead by example.
6. Participate in all club activities: opening ceremony, game time, handbook time, group time, and awards.

# Discipline

Discipline is the process of teaching acceptable behavior and self-control. The Second Baptist Awana Club has two main methods of enforcing discipline on club nights:

## The Five Count

The five count will be used at any time during a club meeting when clubbers are getting out of control or when their attention needs to be focused. The leader in charge begins to count slowly and loudly enough to be heard from 1 to 5, and other leaders will join in. Clubbers will become quiet and give their attention to the leader who is counting. Clubbers will not count along with the leader.

## The Three Count

When an Awana clubber disobeys the basic rules of Awana, the clubber is first given a warning. This is a "one," the first step of the three count. If the clubber continues to disobey leaders or cause disturbances he will be given a "two" count which results in counseling by his or her club director. If the clubber received a "three" count, he will be sent to the club commander. The commander will call the parents and ask they pick up their child. Each week everyone begins with a clean slate.



Cubbies celebrate the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.



Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.



T&T engages kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace.



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# Welcome to Awana

We are glad that you have decided that Second Baptist Church is a place where your child can grow in the Lord. We are sure that our Awana club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child. The Awana program is divided into several age groups that range from 3 years old through grade 5.

Awana offers several opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and a basic understanding of biblical principals and doctrines. Awana also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just as individuals. They will learn to win and lose with a proper attitude of fair play and sportsmanship.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their handbook materials prior to each club meeting. This way we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their everyday lives.

We would also appreciate your timeliness in dropping off and picking up your children. Please have your children in the gym (10) minutes prior to club starting time in order for them to be in place before opening ceremonies begin.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work with and minister to your child- it is a trust and responsibility that we do not take lightly.

# History of Awana

Since 1950, AWANA has grown from a one-church program into a ministry that includes more than 6,500 churches in the United States and another 1,300 in more than 80 countries worldwide. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the Awana program. The goal of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. The word Awana stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, and comes from 2 Timothy 2:15.

*“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth” 2 Timothy 2:15*

AWANA is a fun and exciting way for children to learn Scripture and it works! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to acquaint you with the AWANA ministry of Second Baptist Church, and how it can benefit not only your child, but your entire family!

# Nightly Schedule

5:30-5:45 Arrive at your AWANA classroom  
 5:45-6:00 AWANA Handbook Book Time  
 6:00-7:00 (Rotation) Games, Heavy Snack, Lesson  
 7:00-7:15 Worship and Closing

## AWANA Arrival

Each Sunday you will need to drop your child off at his or her classroom. During this time they will have time to get their books out and review before book time begins.

## Handbook Time

Bible verses and principles are presented through handbook instruction. Children are encouraged to study at home, and receive support and assistance from club leaders.

The average child will be adequately prepared for the weekly Awana Club meeting if they spend 10 minutes daily in their handbook. Help your child develop this habit early on!

In order to pass a handbook section, the following requirements must be met by all ages:

- The clubber must pass an entire section (all verses, answers, and word definitions) during one session with no more than two helps.
- Clubbers must recite the reference and the verse.
- The answers and word definitions can be in the clubbers own words.
- Clubbers should set a goal for completing 2 sections per week which will allow them to finish their book in one Year.

## Rotation

During “Rotation” time each class will have 20 minutes for one of the following. Lesson Rotation will be a time of listening to special Bible messages taught by our AWANA leaders. During the Game Time Rotation each group will play games that teach sportsmanship and the value of working as a team. Sneakers are encouraged. For Heavy Snack rotation your child will get a heavy snack and drink. Some examples would be pizza bites, mini corn dogs and chicken nuggets.

## Worship and Closing

A time taken to acknowledge those who have went above and beyond that night and to praise and worship our Lord and Savior.

# Awana™ Theme Nights 2015-2016

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| <p><b>September</b></p> <p>11 No Theme<br/>18 Crazy Socks Night<br/>25 Sports Team Night</p> <p><b>October</b></p> <p>2 Backwards Night<br/>9 Inside Out Night<br/>16 Crazy Hat Night<br/>23 Can Food Night<br/>30 Pajama Night</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>6 Patriotic Night<br/>13 Zoo Night<br/>20 Camo Night<br/>27 Double Bucks Night</p> | <p><b>December</b></p> <p>4 Crazy Socks Night<br/>11 Can food Night<br/>18 Birthday Night<br/>25 No Club (Christmas)</p> <p><b>January</b></p> <p>1 No Club (New Years)<br/>8 Inside Out Night<br/>15 Crazy Hair Night<br/>22 Can food Night<br/>29 Pajama Night</p> <p><b>February</b></p> <p>5 NFL Night<br/>12 Backwards Night<br/>19 Double Bucks Night<br/>26 I want to be Night</p> | <p><b>March</b></p> <p>5 College BB Night<br/>12 Wear green Night<br/>19 Favorite Toy Night<br/>26 Cowboy/girl Night</p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p>2 Favorite Joke Night<br/>9 Crazy Socks Night<br/>16 No Club (Easter)<br/>23 Colorful Night</p> <p><b>May</b></p> <p>7 Mustache Night<br/>14 No Club (Mother's Day)<br/>21 Can food Night<br/>28 Pajama Night</p> | <p><b>June</b></p> <p>4 Awana Awards Night</p> <p>Blue = Store Night</p> |
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# Awana Bucks

Our purpose at Second Baptist Church Awana Club is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. This training involves a tremendous amount of scripture memorization. Having God's word hidden in the clubbers' hearts is a priceless reward in itself. But sometimes children don't always realize how important hiding God's word in our heart is! (And children are not alone, even adults lose track of the importance of Scripture memorization from time to time). So, we provide an incentive for the clubbers to work extra-hard and memorize as many verses as possible. Even though they receive the regular awards and other items, we provide the Awana Store as an added incentive. We have stocked our store with toys, candy, games, jewelry, and various other items that clubbers will enjoy.

here is how kids can earn awana bucks

- Bring Bible to club.....1
- Bring handbook to club .....1
- Bring bag to club .....1
- Do all three of the above together .....5
- Scripture Memory .....3 bucks each
- Game Time .....up to 10 bucks
- Participate in theme night .....5
- Finish jewel/discovery or challenge .....10
- Finish handbook .....20
- Bring a friend.....10
- Lesson Time.....up to 10 bucks