

# West Highland Baptist Church



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have your child(ren) in AWANA this year! AWANA stands for **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed** from 2 Timothy 2:15: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” This global, nonprofit ministry has a commitment to the belief that the greatest impact for Christ starts with kids who know, love and serve Him. Kids represent the greatest opportunity to make a long-term impact on our world for Christ. Through fun, scripture-rich experiences such as handbook time and large group time, AWANA focuses on reaching kids where they’re at and walking alongside them in their faith journey. Additionally, at West Highland Baptist, AWANA works in unison with other ministries to help children learn about Jesus and grow in Him.

We are also excited that AWANA is entering its fifth year at the church, and we want to help your children get the most out of the club! The club is geared towards two types of experiences “at church” and “at home”. During the “at church” experience your Spark will be engaged in activities, their workbook, game time and devotions (large group time) with Debbie White (Sparks Director), Taylor Terwillegar, Martina Brish and other leaders. The “at home” experience is the time in which you as the parent have a role of encouragement and support in preparation for the next week of club. This “at home” experience helps them feel included, confident, and eager to participate.

In the next few pages, you will find information about costs for AWANA, what to bring to AWANA, information about West Highland Baptist Church, contact information, security, discipline, wellness policy and a bad weather policy.

As a club we are excited to have your child in AWANA and look forward to an amazing year! If you have any questions, comments or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact myself or the church.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan M. White".

Jordan M. White  
AWANA Commander

## COSTS

We have done our best to keep costs to a minimum, however there are a some costs associated when your child participates in the AWANA Sparks club. A donation to help cover the costs would be appreciated. If covering any of these costs is an issue, please speak with the commander, or Sue Gibson.

- Flight 3:16 Booklet – FREE
- Handbook - \$10.00
- Uniform Vest - \$10.00 (if newly received this year)
- Grand Prix Wooden Car - \$5.00 (More information as the date approaches)

We are able to provide the first handbook free of charge, however, if your child loses their handbook, it will need to be replaced at cost. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to West Highland Baptist Church with AWANA in the memo line. Please fill-out, detach and return the bottom half of this sheet with your donation.

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I would like to provide a donation to the AWANA club covering the cost of the following checked items for \_\_\_\_\_ (Spark's name)

- Handbook \$10.00
- Uniform Vest \$10.00 (if new this year)
- Grand Prix Wooden Car (To be delivered closer to Grand Prix) \$5.00

Total of Check/Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # (If paid with Check): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Is Your Child Bringing Everything?**

It is especially important to us that the children come prepared for an awesome night of playing, handbook time and devotions! With that, we ask that each child tries to bring his/her AWANA Uniform (also comfortable shoes for running and playing) along with his/her handbook, and even a Bible! During the special theme nights, children can bring additional items to participate in the fun.

## **ABOUT West Highland Baptist**

West Highland Baptist is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and has many ministries to help meet the needs of the community. We offer many children's ministries as well as youth and adult ministries. For more information, contact the church office 248-887-1218 or visit our church website:

[www.westhighlandbaptischurch.org](http://www.westhighlandbaptischurch.org)

We invite you to attend our Worship Services

- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 and 11:15 am
- Sunday School @ 10:15 am
- Mid-Week Bible Study / Youth Groups – Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

(Above Schedule is subject to change.)

## **WHBC Pastor**

- Senior Pastor – Tom Roberts
- Associate Pastor- Andy Gibson

## **SECURITY**

Your child's safety is very important to us. Therefore, we are asking that parents/guardians of all children who attend the program check their children into club when arriving. We request that parents pick up Sparks and T&T clubbers from the Sanctuary following the end of club; Cubbies from their classroom. Please do not allow your children outside without your supervision.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The “5” Count is used to bring the group to order. As the Leader counts to “5”, the children should become quiet and still.

The “3” Count is used for an individual. The child is given a “one” the first time they have misbehaved and their action is discussed so they understand the suitable behavior. If the child continues to misbehave, then they receive a “two”. The child now sits down with an Awana Director or Commander to discuss their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they receive a “three”. When the child receives a three they are taken to their parents/guardians for the rest of the evening unless not present at the church. If not present, then they are called. The Leader will discuss with the parent/guardian the reason for his/her action.

Our Awana Leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child’s behavior. We encourage you to let your child’s Awana Director know if there is any situation that may help us in ministering to your child.

We require our clubbers to:

- Respect God
- Use Proper speech – speak to others with respect
- Respect Leaders and others
- Keep your hands to yourself
- Respect the church building and properties
- Walk, do not run
- Always stay with your club
- Listen and follow your club Leader’s directions
- Gum, Candy, Food, Soda, Personal items are not allowed during club night, except when offered by club.
- Obey the “5” and “3” count

## **WELLNESS POLICY**

We request that you refrain from bringing your child to AWANA if your child has a temperature greater than 99.5 degrees, has a rash, any viral or bacterial infection, sore throat/strep, head or body lice, pink eye, or if diarrhea or vomiting is present. If your child becomes ill during AWANA, he/she will be removed from the group and you will be contacted.

## **Bad Weather/ AWANA Cancellation Policy**

**When Hartland Consolidated School District has cancelled school due to inclement weather, AWANA will also be cancelled.**

**NO SCHOOL... NO AWANA!**

## **WHBC Awana Club Directors**

CUBBIES: Nicole Moore / Bettina Tomlins

SPARKS: Debra White

T & T: Sharon Gibson / Laurie Matthews

## **WHBC Awana Commander**

Jordan White      810 623 5990

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