

Dear Awana Parents,

We're glad your family is joining us for "Awana at The Rock". It is a privilege to work with your child and provide opportunities for their physical, mental, and spiritual growth.

We want our Awana clubbers to realize that God loves them and that through His Son, Jesus, He provided salvation and the ability to have a relationship with Him. We want them to know that learning His Word and obeying Him gives them meaningful and rewarding lives. This is accomplished through Bible memory, games, achievements, special activities, and fellowship. Awana also helps discipline clubbers to work, play, and study within their own peer group.

Awana is non-denominational and all clubbers and their families are encouraged to attend their family place of worship. If you do not have a regular place of worship, I invite you to attend ours. Christ The Rock Community Church has Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:45 and 10:30. For more information you can call the church office at 674-7000

Please support your child's interest in this program by helping with memorization and by encouraging his or her enthusiasm about Awana. Your help and encouragement is an essential key to their success in Awana. The information in this guide is a helpful reference source for both you and your clubber. You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs. Please feel free to call us or your child's leader if you have any questions.

In His Service,

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What is Awana?

The letters in the word Awana stand for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" according to 2 Timothy 2:15

"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."

More than 65 years ago, the Awana ministry was started with a dedication to building young lives on the Word of God. Today there are thousands of clubs and hundreds of thousands of clubbers actively involved worldwide.

Clubbers gather weekly in different communities around the world to share their Bible memory work and to have fun doing so. The memory work is designed to establish a personal relationship between the clubber and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives, to build up the clubber in Bible knowledge, and to instill in him or her a love and respect for God and His Word.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, correcting, rebuking and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work," — 2 Timothy 3:16

Uniforms, Handbooks and Bibles

All clubbers and leaders wear an Awana uniform to club night. This unifies the clubbers as a group and provides the means for a well disciplined club. The Clubber's achievement awards are displayed on their uniform. Clubbers who do not wear their uniform will receive no awards for that evening. Cubbies and Sparks wear brightly colored vests, while Puggles & all older clubs wear T-shirts with logos identifying their club.

Each clubber receives a handbook that is specific to their club within Awana. Clubbers will work together at a scheduled pace. Clubbers complete one handbook during the Awana year.

May 1st is the last night to say verses & receive an award May 15th. Our final club night is May 8th Awards night is May 15th at 6:30 pm

One-on-one teaching and training of the clubber by their leader occurs primarily through the lessons and Scripture passages in the handbook. Handbooks are in the NIV 1984 Version of the Bible. Clubbers should be sure to bring their handbook (and Bible if they have one) to club each night.

Discipline Plan

5 Count - The 5 count is used in group situations by the person responsible for the group. This person asks for quiet, then starts counting slowly. By the time the count reaches five (or before), the group should be quiet.

3 Count - The 3 count system is used to help individual clubbers understand appropriate behavior and correct that which is disruptive or unsafe. When a child's leader notices inappropriate behavior, the problem is explained to the child and the child is given the opportunity to correct their actions. This correction is called a "**1 Count**".

If the situation continues, the Club Director is informed. The Club Director will spend some time with the child explaining why the behavior needs to be corrected. The Director will suggest some actions that can be taken to remedy the situation. This correction is called a "**2 Count**". At this time the clubber is removed from participating the rest of the evening.

In the event that neither of these steps remedy the problem, the Club Commander will contact the child's parent to come and pick up the child. This is called a "**3 Count**". This is a very rare action and is only used when all other attempts to correct the problem have been exhausted. The clubber is asked not to attend Club the following week and try to develop some strategies to ensure that the problem does not occur again. It is very important in these situations that the clubber understand it is their actions, not their person, that the discipline is directed at. Communication of love and forgiveness is critical when a "**3 Count**" occurs. Our goal is to make the evening enjoyable and safe for all involved. If you have any questions about these rules feel free to contact our Club Commanders.

Awana Clubs

There are six different Awana Clubs at the Rock. Each of the clubs is led by a Director. Leaders, working under the supervision of the Director, work directly with small groups of clubbers. Clubbers spend one-on-one time with their leader, learning verses and how to apply them to life. Secretaries track verses, attendance, and other important information about each clubber.

Clubbers are divided up into the following Clubs:

Puggles - 2 years old *by Sept. 1st* & for Leaders' children only

Cubbies - 3 & 4 year old boys & girls *by Sept. 1st* (Must be potty trained)

Sparks - Kindergarten thru 2nd grade boys & girls

T&T (Truth & Training) - 3rd thru 6th grade boys & girls

Trek - 7th and 8th grade boys & girls

Journey - 9th thru 12th grade boys & girls

Wednesday Night Schedule

Please be sure to have your child check in **before** the club night begins. Club starts promptly at 6:30 and ends at 8:30. **Sparks and older clubbers can arrive AFTER 6:15. Cubbies meet from 6:30 to 8:10. They may arrive AFTER 6:30 pm. Puggles meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

The evening is divided into three sections for all older clubs. All groups have a Game Time. This time helps develop team skills while giving the children a chance to expend their energy. The games are designed to allow all children to participate without regard to physical strength or athletic prowess.

The second portion of the evening is called Council Time. This is when we make announcements, sing songs and have a Biblically based message. We occasionally have a special guest for this portion of the evening. If this is something you might be interested in helping with, please contact our Commanders, Matt & Kerri Clark.

The third portion of the evening is devoted to work in the child's handbook. The children are given the opportunity to recite their memory work and to accomplish projects that lead to their uniform awards.

Parents are welcome to join us anytime during the Awana evening. We encourage parents to join us at 8:20 for our awards and the closing announcements.

Dues and other Costs

Annual dues are \$25.00 per child. The fee for families with three or more children attending club is \$60.00.

Registration fees help provide funds needed for awards, prizes, and incentives at club. We appreciate your support of this ministry. Other costs are listed below, there are NO refunds on uniforms or handbooks.

Handbooks Cubbies thru Trek ~ \$10.00
Journey Handbooks ~ \$20.00
Puggle, Cubbie, & Sparks Vests ~ \$12.00
T&T, Trek, & Journey Shirts ~ \$15.00


Special Activities

In addition to our regular club night, several special events are planned for the club year. Detailed information will be sent home as each event nears.



**Feb. 23 at
Kitsap Pavilion
Watch for times**

**T&T Jan. 26 @ CRCC
Trek & Journey, Feb. 16 at
Boulevard Park in Burien**



**Puget Sound Camp
is held at Black Diamond
Camp in Auburn, WA
(July 20-27)**

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