

AWANA Parent Handbook 2018 - 2019



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2 Timothy 2:15 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

Approved
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“AWANA is a global, nonprofit ministry with fully integrated evangelism and long-term discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18 that actively involves parents and church leaders. Each week, more than 3.7 million children and youth, 470,000 volunteers and 260 field staff take part in AWANA in over 47,000 churches around the world. Offered through local churches, AWANA reaches kids where they’re at and walks alongside them in their faith journey.”

Mission of AWANA

“That all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Statistics

70% of AWANA alumni said they witness to friends at least once a month.

AWANA Alumni are **3.6 times more** likely to read their Bible several times a week.

92% of AWANA Alumni still attend church at least once a week.

Scripture References

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your head, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorpost of your house and on your gates.

Psalms 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Luke 18:16

But Jesus called to them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Ephesians 6:13-18

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Clubs



3 & 4 year olds



Kindergarten - 2nd Grade



3rd grade - 6th grade

Club night is broken up into 3 segments lasting 25-30 minutes each.

Large Group Time

Children come together within their Club for a time of singing and Bible study. Bible study each night will focus on discipleship, missions, and Biblical truths. Large group time is designed to be like a mini-worship service.

Small Group Time

Children split up into small groups by grade level to recite their memory verses to their leaders. Children will dive deep and discuss the Bible passages in order to truly understand what they are reciting. Children will be rewarded each time they complete a section in the handbook.

**It is very important that parents work with their children each week to help them memorize and understand their verses.*

Game Time

Children come together within their Club for fun, high-energy games. Games are played on the AWANA game square. This is a time for children to learn/display good sportsmanship, team spirit, and encouragement to others while playing unique games.

CLUB NIGHT

Who can attend AWANA?

Children ages 3 through 6th grade.

When and what time does AWANA happen?

Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; AWANA runs throughout the school year from August to May. Please refer to the AWANA calendar for themed club nights and holidays.

Where does AWANA begin?

Sparks and T&T will meet on the AWANA game square at 6:00 p.m.
Cubbies will meet in the 4 y/o room on the preschool hall at 6:00 p.m.

*Please DO NOT leave a child unsupervised if the leader is not present!

Where can I pick up my child from AWANA?

Sparks will end the night in Large Group time. Please pick children up from multipurpose room on second floor at 7:30 p.m.

T&T will end the night in Recreation. Please pick children up from portico or fellowship hall if raining at 7:30 p.m.

Please pick **Cubbies** up from 4 y/o room on preschool hall at 7:30 p.m.

*PLEASE be prompt in picking up your child/children up at **7:30 p.m.!**

What does my child need to bring to AWANA?

Each clubber needs to wear their club uniform and bring their Bible and handbook each week. There are opportunities to earn AWANA shares by bringing their handbook and wearing the club uniform. Each child must also bring **\$.50** in dues each week. This will help offset the cost of patches, awards, etc. It also teaches children the importance of giving an offering to God.

AWANA Club Rules and Guidelines

Our church has established rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of our children during AWANA. We wish to promote a fun, enjoyable, and orderly environment. We expect every child to follow the rules and guidelines of the First Baptist AWANA Club.

1. Treat others how you wish to be treated.
2. Do not bring food, drinks, electronic devices, weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, and/or toys to AWANA Club.
3. Wear your uniform properly.
4. Wear closed toed shoes for Game Time.
5. Shorts must be appropriate length and follow school guidelines.
6. Always walk in the building. Running is reserved for Game Time!
7. Do not use offensive or vulgar language.
8. Listen and follow the instruction of your leaders. Be respectful!
9. You must complete at least one handbook section every two weeks or you will be required to stay out of Game Time to complete the section with a leader.
10. Absolutely NO fighting will be tolerated.
11. When you arrive to AWANA at 6:00 p.m. report directly to your designated section.

Cubbies - 4 y/o room on preschool hall
Sparks - AWANA game square outside
T&T - AWANA game square outside

12. Smile and have a great time because AWANA is a blast!

Discipline

It is important to maintain orderly conduct in the AWANA program so that ALL clubbers can engage fully and benefit greatly from the AWANA program!

Disciplining an individual clubber who continues to misbehave after repeated correction will result in the following ways:

1. The clubber will get a **VERBAL WARNING** to allow for the leader to counsel the clubber and allow the clubber to regain self-control.
2. Should the clubber continue to misbehave, the clubber will be **REMOVED** from the group for counseling with the director/ commander.
3. The last step in disciplining a clubber who continues to misbehave will result in notifying the **PARENT**. The director/commander will discuss with the parent the plan of action to correct the unwanted and/ or inappropriate behavior.

To gain all clubbers attention during AWANA club nights the **Five Count** method will be utilized. The leader will begin counting at “1” loudly and gradually lower voice to speaking level when he/she reaches “5.” By the time the leader reaches 5 the clubbers should remain completely quiet and ready to listen.



COST



3 & 4 year/olds

	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>You Pay</u>
Handbook	\$10.00	\$5
Uniform	\$12.00	\$5
Book Bag	\$6.50 (optional)	\$6.50 (optional)



Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Handbook	\$10.00	\$5
Uniform	\$12.00	\$5
Book Bag	\$6.50 (optional)	\$6.50 (optional)



3rd grade - 6th grade

Handbook	\$10.00	\$5
Uniform	\$12.00	\$5
Book Bag	\$6.50 (optional)	\$6.50 (optional)

*No family will be asked to pay more than \$20.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Only one uniform is required for each club. For example, if you have a clubber in Kindergarten, he/she will wear the Sparks uniform all three years of Sparks. Please keep this in mind when ordering sizes.

*If your family is not able to fully afford AWANA materials, please contact the church office at 478-934-6356 where scholarships may be available.

*Each child must also bring **\$.50** in dues each week. This will help offset the cost of entrance booklets, patches, awards, etc. It also teaches the children the importance of giving an offering to God!

AWANA AWARD SYSTEM

Throughout the year, each clubber has the opportunity to receive awards and AWANA shares. The AWANA Secretary will keep track of all the progress made throughout the year and present awards to clubbers when they are achieved.

AWANA Awards

- Completion of Entrance Booklet Awards
- Attendance Awards
- Handbook Bible Drill Awards
- Handbook Rank Path Awards
- Handbook Completion Awards

Clubbers will receive patches, badges, and/or jewels that are proudly displayed on their club uniform. These awards encourage clubbers to **store up God's word in their hearts**. These awards represent achievement in spiritual growth of the knowledge of God and His word. All clubbers are encouraged to strive for their highest level of potential.

The Secretary will also keep track of each clubbers' AWANA shares that are earned. Clubbers will have the opportunity 3 times throughout the year to go to the famous **AWANA Store** to buy toys, games, snacks, gifts, etc.

AWANA Shares

Attendance	1 share
Bible Brought	5 shares
Handbook Brought	2 shares
Uniform Worn	1 share
Each Section Completed	10 shares
Initials of Parent	2 shares
Parent Handbook Signed	5 shares
First Time Visitor Brought	10 shares
Theme Night Participation	5 shares
Bonus for Previous Section	2 shares
Tennis Shoes	1 share

Things to Remember

Parents and clubbers please sign and date the **Handbook Form** indicating that you have read the handbook in its entirety. Clubbers return the **Handbook Form** to your leaders so that you may earn **5** AWANA shares!

The children's department must also have a completed **Medical Release Form** on file every year. This form will also act as a field trip form for any field trip forms throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this form each year. Clubbers: return your Medical Release Form to your leader so that you may earn **5** AWANA shares!

Dear Parents,

God tells us in His Word that it is your responsibility as parents to provide spiritual training to your children (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:7 & Proverbs 22:6). AWANA club is designed to help you as parents do just that. AWANA places a strong emphasis on scripture memorization so that our children can store up his word in their hearts (Psalm 119:11). Please make AWANA a priority for your family. You can do this by working with your children throughout the week to complete sections in their handbook and learn Bible verses. The AWANA club is only able to reinforce what you are doing at home as a family. We cannot do this without you parents! It is our pleasure to lead and encourage your children to do their very best in AWANA. Thank you for entrusting them with us on Wednesday nights!

-In God's love,
AWANA Leaders

Connect at First Baptist Church

Early Service Worship	8:30am - 9:30am
Sunday School	9:45am - 10:45am
Late Service Worship	11:00am - 12:00pm
Bible Drills	Sunday Nights 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Children's Choir	Sunday Nights 5:30pm - 6:30pm
AWANA Club	Wednesday Nights 6:00pm - 7:30pm



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