



# Parent Handbook 2015-2016

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## **About Awana**

The name AWANA stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” and is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 which says, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.” Awana was founded in 1950 as a ministry dedicated to train children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Awana is now operating in nearly 20,000 churches worldwide.

## **Our Clubs**

Ridgeview offers Awana clubs for the following age groups:

2-3 years old:	Puggles
3-5 years old:	Cubbies
Kindergarten-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	Sparks
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grades:	Truth and Training (T&T)
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades:	Trek
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades:	Journey

## **Club Night Activities**

The Awana club night is typically divided into three parts: game time, council time (a large group time with a Bible lesson, announcements and awards), and Handbook Time (memorizing Bible verses and understanding their meaning).

## **Time of Club**

Ridgeview Awana Clubs run throughout the school year. The first night of club is always the Wednesday after Labor Day. The club year ends with Awards Night, typically the last Wednesday in May. Our club times are as follows:

Puggles: 7:00-8:20

Cubbies: 7:00-8:20

Sparks, T&T, and Trek: 7:00-8:30

Journey: Meets at Larry & Kim Mancini's home at scheduled times. Contact Larry Mancini for more info.

## **Pre-Club Policy**

Clubbers will not be permitted on the church premises earlier than 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday night. Puggles, Cubbies, and Sparks should go directly to their club rooms. T & T should go directly to the gym (with the exception of store nights). Trek may go to the gym from 6:30 until 6:55. No high school age students will be allowed in the gym. Clubbers in the gym will not be permitted in the bleachers or on the stage. Clubbers may use only the approved game equipment that is provided.

## **Dismissal Policy**

Puggles and Cubbies must be picked up by a parent from their respective rooms. Sparks must be picked up by their parent or approved older sibling in room C104 (in the gym building). T&T clubbers must be picked up by their parent in the downstairs hallway of the Treehouse.

## **Wellness Policy**

Please exercise discretion if your child has symptoms of illness. Please do not send your child to club if he has “tummy” illnesses or a fever over 100 degrees.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

In the case of bad weather, please call the church or your child’s director. You may also check the WHSV weather closings and delays website at [www.whsv.com/closings](http://www.whsv.com/closings). If Ridgeview cancels evening services, this includes Awana.

## **Other Awana Events**

Besides Wednesday night club activities, Awana offers events such as Bible quizzing, Awana Games, Sparks-a-Rama, Awana Grand Prix, sleepovers, hiking, and other activities. Many of these events are regional and are run by our area Awana ministry team staff.

## **What to Bring to Awana**

Clubbers should wear their Awana uniforms each week. For Sparks age and older, clubbers should also wear athletic shoes. Clubbers should bring their Awana handbooks, pens or pencils, and Bibles.

## **What Not to Bring to Awana**

Clubbers should not bring toys, any electronics, including iPods, MP3 players, or handheld game devices. Cell phones are also not permitted. Each director will have a cell phone in case of emergency. The church will not be responsible for lost or stolen electronics.

## **General Behavior Expectations**

Clubbers are asked to show respect to adults and other clubbers. No teasing, bullying, or defacing of property will be permitted.

## **Discipline Procedures**

In the even that a clubber is being disruptive or disrespectful, the following procedure will occur:

- A '1' count will be given for the first offense.
- A '2' count will be given for the second offense in one night. The clubber will be counseled by a director or the commander aside from the other clubbers and then the child will return to the group.
- A '3' count is given and the parents will be contacted. The clubber will sit out of activities until the parents arrive. The director or commander will inform parents of the problem.
- If a parent has to be contacted a second time in a club year, the clubber must miss the next two

club meetings. Parents will need to meet with the director to discuss returning to club.

- If a clubber is removed from club a third time, that clubber will not be allowed back the remainder of that club year.

**It is our prayer that no situation will have to resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.**

### **The Awana Store**

Incentives are offered to clubbers for various achievements. One incentive is the Awana “share” system. The clubbers earn shares to spend in the Awana Store. The store is open 2 times per year as scheduled on the events calendar. For T&T age clubbers, the store opens at 6:30 and stays open after club until 8:45.

### **Permission Slips**

Whenever a clubber participates in an AWANA event which is not held at Ridgeview, a permission slip must be signed by the parent. Clubbers will not be permitted to attend the event without a signed permission slip. Also, clubbers must have signed permission slips/ medical releases to participate in Awana Games and Sparks-a-Rama.



## **Fees for 2015-2016**

General fees will cover a book and participation in club for one clubber. If a clubber did not complete his handbook last year, this fee will cover his new book whenever he finishes the old one. Discounts for multiple children in one family are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> child.....	regular fees
2 <sup>nd</sup> child.....	\$5 discount
3 <sup>rd</sup> child.....	\$10 discount
4 <sup>th</sup> and remaining children...	\$20 discount

If a clubber joins AWANA after January 1, the general fee will be reduced by half. If a uniform is purchased, it will be the same price.

### **Puggles:**

General fees.....\$20

### **Cubbies:**

General fees.....\$30

General fees plus vest.....\$42

### **Sparks:**

General fees.....\$30

General fees plus vest.....\$42

### **T&T:**

General fees.....\$30

General fees plus shirt.....\$45

### **Trek:**

General fees.....\$30

General fees plus shirt.....\$42

### **Journey:**

Both books.....\$25

**Please note: We are very aware that times are difficult and do not want any child to be excluded from AWANA due to finances. If your family needs financial assistance, please speak to your child's director or to the commander and we will arrange for assistance.**

## How You Can Help Your Clubber

The Awana Club at Ridgeview is designed to help boys and girls come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our desire to partner with the parents in the spiritual training of their children. Although children will learn a great deal on Wednesday evenings, we want to encourage you, as the parents, in the necessary role you play in your child's spiritual development.

One of the many ways you can be involved in your child's Christian growth is by spending time with your child looking at his Awana handbook. Take time to read and help him study and understand the verses in the book. At the Sparks and T&T levels, Awana offers an adult study handbook for the parents to work in right along with their children. It is a great adult Bible study and memorization program, and it helps in understanding what your child is learning in Awana. You may ask an Awana leader about purchasing one of these books.

The AWANA handbooks are designed with a goal of one club year for completion. Awards are earned for each book completed. Generally, two to three sections per week will keep clubbers on target for that goal. Please remember, however, that it is our primary goal to have the clubbers **understand** what the Bible says, not just memorize it.

Awana has many beneficial resources including memorization tips, award placement for uniforms, parenting pointers, and discipleship tools on their website at [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org). We strongly encourage you to tap into these helpful resources.

## 2015-2016 Calendar of Special Events

Mark your calendars for these special events!  
All dates are Wednesdays unless stated otherwise.

September 9	First Night of Club
October 14	Family Flap-Jacks
November 25	No Club- Happy Thanksgiving!
December 9	Store Open- T&T
December 12	Awanastravaganza, T&T
December 16	Store Open- Sparks
December 23	No Club- Merry Christmas!
December 30	No Club- Happy New Year!
February 3	Souper Bowl, Parent Night
March 6-27	Grand Prix available for use
May 4	Grand Prix
May 6-7	T&T 5th-6th Girls Sleepover
May 11	Store Open- T&T
May 18	Store Open- Sparks
May 25	Awana Awards

## What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

*Gospel* means “good news.” The good news of Jesus Christ is so good because the Bible tells us in Acts 4:12, “there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

**God** is the creator and sustainer of all things (Isa. 40:28; Job 12:10). “The LORD is **righteous** in all his ways, and holy in all his works” (Ps. 145:17).

About **man**, God says: “**There is none righteous**, no, not one”; and, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:10,23).

Our dilemma is that because God is righteous, He cannot declare the guilty, innocent; that would be a sin and He would no longer be righteous (Pro. 17:15; Gen. 18:25). We are sinful; and therefore are deserving of God’s just punishment.

However, God is merciful and kind toward undeserving sinners (Ps. 145:8; Eph. 2:8-9). Because of God’s love, He sent His perfect Son, Jesus, who was “delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom. 4:25). So in order to pardon our sin, **God put our sin on Jesus**. “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 says, “that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

Jesus said in Mark 1:15, “repent ye, and believe the Gospel.” **Repent** means to “turn;” turn *from* sin and self, and turn *to* Jesus Christ. Jesus says of the true believer, that he will “deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Lk. 9:23).

*This is a brief statement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and it is what Awana is all about. If you have any questions please contact us; we would be happy to talk with you.*

## We Invite you to Worship with Us

Sunday School for all ages is held from 9:30-10:30. Our worship service begins at 10:30, as well as our children's worship service, the TreeHouse. Lifegroups are held Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., and there are several that meet different evenings of the week. If you do not have a church home, please join us!



If you have read this book in its entirety, please sign and date below. Clip this coupon and have your child turn it in for a special reward in his/her club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

...or you can email [cwomack@ridgeviewministries.com](mailto:cwomack@ridgeviewministries.com) and let us know!