

# Role Description – Leader

A leader is a clubber's main Awana contact. Leaders specifically are responsible to lead clubbers in Handbook Time; however, leaders also are in leadership roles during the other club segments. These adults and Leaders-in-Training (LITs) have the greatest opportunity – and responsibility – to affect lives of children for eternity.

## Role and Responsibilities

A leader has one main role – to lead clubbers. Specific responsibilities during each club segment are included in this document.

### Check-in/Opening ceremony

Opening ceremony includes a flag ceremony and general announcements.

Some ways a leader may help during this time include:

- Help set up.
- Assist with check-in.
- Greet clubbers by name.
- Participate in pre-club and opening ceremony activities.
- Discipline clubbers.

### Large Group Time

Large Group Time should be just as fun as Game Time. This is time for leaders to help clubbers worship the Lord with enthusiasm and hear the gospel in a large group setting.

Leaders can help clubbers in the following ways:

- Participate in large group activities.
- Discipline clubbers.
- Assist director as needed.
- Counsel clubbers who respond to invitations.

### Handbook Time

During Handbook Time clubbers have the opportunity to recite sections and receive credit for their efforts. This is also the best opportunity for leaders to develop relationships with clubbers. This small group time can change a clubber's life.

During this time, leaders should:

- Pray with the children.
- Teach spiritual truths.
- Pass sections.
- Enforce standards to pass sections.
- Maintain discipline.
- Keep records.

### Game Time

Game Time draws kids to Awana because the kids want to have fun. Fast paced, exciting and fun are three words to describe Game Time.

Leaders participate in the excitement in the following ways:

- Organize teams and maintain order.
- Support the game director.
- Ensure clubber participation.
- Explain game rules.
- Model good sportsmanship.

### Closing Ceremony and Checkout

Some clubs bring all the groups together at the end of club for a final word of encouragement. Try to take some time to talk with clubber's parents when they pick up their children. Encourage parents to review the evening's lesson throughout the week – this helps parents and clubbers grow spiritually.

Expectations for leaders for this time period include:

- Greet parents and talk to them about their children.
- Assist in discipline.
- Assist the director.

### Leading a clubber to Christ

The prayer of Awana is to see every child come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. To this end, the gospel should be presented regularly, resulting in clubbers asking leaders questions and putting their trust in Jesus Christ. A leader must know and be able to clearly present the gospel to children.

Responsibilities, therefore, of every club leader are the following:

- Be prepared to share their testimony.
- Be able to share the gospel in age-appropriate language.
- Look for opportunities to explain the gospel and invite clubbers to trust in Jesus.

### Qualifications

A leader needs to be qualified in the following ways:

- Have trusted in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.
- Be growing in relationship with Christ.
- Be walking with the Lord.
- Be in compliance with the requirements of leadership in his or her church.
- Demonstrate an attitude that is attractive to kids.

### Time Requirements

Three-four hours per week.