

Awana Parent Packet AND Registration Form
First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, AR
401 North First Street 501-982-1519
2021-2022 Awana Year – (September-April)



Dear Parents AND Awana Leaders!

We join you in offering Awana children the BEST Biblical training possible! This document will help us all be on the same page when it comes to teaching children the Word of God and operating an effective Awana ministry. Parents, our role is to come alongside you and help you honor the Lord's calling on your lives to raise your child(ren) in a manner that leads them to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and live lives that honor the Lord. We welcome you and your family!

Kerry Murphy, Children's Minister, FBC
Bob Fielding and Chuck Winer, Awana Ministry Leaders

Our first night is Wednesday, September 1, 2021. More details in this packet.

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Our AWANA ministry has three age-group areas:

	<p>Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their Cubbies friends, they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes.</p>	<p>3-4 Year Olds</p>
	<p>Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank. Each year, Sparks clubbers: a) explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture b) memorize Bible verses, and c) complete handbook activities</p>	<p>K-2 Grades</p>
	<p>T&T engages children by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace. Handbooks and large-group lessons deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life.</p>	<p>3-6 Grades</p>

Awana Meeting Times, Drop-off and Pick-Up Policy

Awana Drop OFF starts at 5:45PM. **We use a computerized check-in system that will generate labels that will be placed on the back of your child's shirt or top. You will receive a label receipt for each child, WHICH MUST BE SHOWN WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN. Please do not drop off your children outside and leave. You must come in and check in your children every week. After check-in:** Cubbies should be taken by parents directly to their classrooms in the church nursery area. Sparks and TNT children then report to the fellowship hall. The opening ceremony is at 6PM and includes the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the AWANA Flag and the Bible. We then move on to our game times, small group times, and large group times.

Children will be ready for pickup at 7:30PM. Parents agree to pick up their children on-time. Parents MUST come inside and receive their children. Children will not be allowed to leave to get into a car. The Awana calendar is on the last page of this document.

The average child will be adequately prepared for the weekly AWANA Club meeting if they spend some time daily in their handbook. We are using Awana Essentials this year, so there is far less memorization work. Help your child develop this habit early so they will stay on track to complete as much of their book as possible!

We will issue each child and Awana T-shirt and book bag. We are using a simplified version of Awana called Awana Essentials, but will have extra work for those children who want it. We are not doing weekly awards/vests, but will have an end of the year ceremony and recognition for extra work.

Our club has a neat system of tracking **Awana bucks!** Each week, depending on their age, your child is asked if they have their handbook, their uniform, if they attended church and Sunday School---and besides those things, the handbook sections they complete are a HUGE part of earning points over the year. They also get credit for participating in the monthly theme nights – like “crazy sock night.” The theme nights are on the calendar attached to the back of this document. **Points are converted into Awana bucks they can shop with on “store night” – which will be held in May. Parents:** your help is invaluable in helping your child learn and grow.

Club Expectations

What First Baptist Church and Parents should expect from Awana Leaders:

- A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A leader must be an active member of First Baptist Church.
- A leader must have a desire to work with and a compassion for children.
- A leader must have a background check, and be trained in our child protection policies.
- We expect our leaders to be on time.
- We expect our leaders to be examples by wearing clean, neat uniforms every night.
- We expect our leaders to follow the rules.
- We expect our leaders to display a proper attitude before the clubbers and other leaders.
- We expect our leaders to pray for our Clubs on a regular basis.
- We expect adults to only have appropriate physical contact with children as outlined in the child protection policies in this document.

What Awana Leaders expect of Parents:

- Encourage your child. Children have much more fun when parents show interest in their accomplishments.
- Help children attend Awana every week and arrive on time, as consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline.
- During the week, help your child prepare their handbook sections. This will ensure they will complete their handbook, and that they receive their special awards.
- Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome at Awana and are encouraged to attend special events as a way of showing your support and approval for your child's accomplishments. Note: especially Parent night on September 18, 2019, and the Gran Prix racer day on Saturday, FEB 1, 2020.
- Please review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. Awana has very few rules of behavior, but in order to ensure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn and have fun, some rules of behavior will be enforced.
- Please plan to pick up clubbers promptly after club at the church auditorium. Clubbers will not be permitted to leave the building – you must receive your child from us inside the building.
- If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, please send a note to that effect to their leader; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.

What We Expect from Clubbers

All rules in the Awana clubs are for the safety and well-being of the children and adults who are participating.

- Check-in with the club secretary when arriving (failing to do this may cause you to lose your perfect attendance status). Cubbies must be taken to their rooms by parents . All other children may check-in at the Awana table in the lobby and go straight to the fellowship hall for the opening. Check-in is very important!
- All children must attend their age appropriate class (no skipping ahead or staying behind).

- Follow the instructions of your leaders.
- Move quietly between rooms. Walk, do not run, in the church, except during game time!
- Stay in your room unless a leader has given permission for you to leave.
- Treat others with respect. No swearing, fighting, hitting or pushing. Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself at all times.
- Be responsible. Keep up with your books, uniforms, and awards.
- Promptness: Our time at Awana time is valuable. We ask all volunteers to arrive at least ten minutes early each Wednesday evening, so children need to be on-time.

Safety and Security

Illness: A child may not attend Awana if they have had a fever or have vomited within the last 24 hours. If a child appears ill during club, they will be sent home.

Inclement Weather (and holidays): Awana will be cancelled if the roads become hazardous late in the afternoon OR if school is cancelled or let out early that day. If there is no school on Wednesday, there is no Awana (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break).

Injury: In the event of an injury to an Awana Clubber during the Awana club time, the Awana leader(s) who witnessed the incident should first report the incident to their director and the Awana Ministry leaders. Proper care will be taken and parents will be called by the Ministry Leader on duty or the Children's Minister.

Discipline

Discipline is the process of teaching acceptable behavior and self-control. The FBC Awana Club has two main methods of enforcing discipline on club nights:

In the event discipline is required, we have two procedures that will be used by all clubs—the 5-count and the 3-count. The 5-count is for all clubbers in a group setting, while the 3-count is for an individual clubber.

5-count

When a leader needs the clubbers to be still and quiet, he/she will count from 1 to 5. All clubbers need to stop talking immediately and be still. Clubbers who are not quiet by the count of 5 run the risk of missing part of game time.

3-count

If a child is disrespectful, or is disruptive to the club, 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, and the child will be counseled by TWO leaders outside the club room and then returned to club. A leader is never alone with a child.
- A “3” count will be given, and the child is taken by the leader to their parent or guardian if they are in the building, or the parent is called. If this occurs, contact between parents and the Awana Ministry Leader is necessary before the next club meeting for the child to be able to return to club.
- If the clubber has to be taken to the parent a second time, they risk missing the next two club meetings, and another parent meeting will happen to discuss returning to club.
- If a clubber is removed from club a third time, they will not be allowed back into the program for the remainder of the club year. It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

Age appropriate time outs may be used (one minute for each year of age).

There are a variety of appropriate behaviors expected and allowed at Awana:

Flag Ceremony: Orderly and Formal

Handbook/Small Group Time: Quiet but Informal

Large Group Time: Quiet and Listening, publicly participating when called upon

Game Time: Controlled with lots of excitement!

Gospel Wheel Verses – English Standard Version of the Bible

Parents – this is so you will know how we share the gospel in an age-appropriate way with children.



God

Revelation 4:8b “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Man

Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Cross

Romans 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Trust

Acts 16:31 “And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,”

First Baptist Church Awana Child Protection Standards

1. An electronic criminal background check and criminal sexual registry check is performed on each leader. All workers complete "Ministry Safe" Training.
2. There are always two adults in a room with children at all times. Adults are NEVER alone with a child. Adults are trained to call their leader for assistance if an adult must leave a room and only one adult is there.
3. No private one-on-one meetings between an adult and a child occur for any reason.
4. If a child needs assistance in the bathroom, TWO ADULTS must assist, and those adults must be the same sex as the child.
5. Good behavior is encouraged with praise. Corporal punishment is NEVER permitted. No physical disciplinary contact should be made, such as grabbing a child, unless the child or others are in immediate physical danger.
6. Words intended to demean or harass a child are NEVER permitted.
7. A firm yet gentle voice addressing the offense will be used, making eye-contact with the child when delivering instructions. We address behavior as the problem, not the child as the problem.
8. Appropriate physical contact is non-demanding gentle such as touching a shoulder, hand, arm, head or back. No kissing, demanding hugs, or things like opposite sex piggy back rides are allowed.
9. A small child is allowed to sit on one knee of an adult as age appropriate. Children first grade and above do not sit in the lap of an adult. For all ages: no sitting on the center of the lap, or the child sitting between an adult's legs. Children can sit beside an adult on their own chair or the floor. Children who are kindergarten aged or younger may want or need the security of being held. If a child of this age positions himself/herself on an adult's lap, the adult will gently pick the child up by the waist and position the child on one of the adult's knees. At no time will a child sit in the center of an adult's lap or between an adult's legs, regardless of the gender of the adult.
10. Shoulder hugs are appropriate. When a child asks for a hug, it shows there is a relational connection between two people and that the child has an obvious trust in the adult. The main point about giving hugs is that they must be mutual. If there is any hesitation or resistance, the hug does not happen.
11. Any suspected child abuse must be reported to Awana Ministry leaders and the Children's Minister and will be reported to the authorities. Church leaders are mandatory reporters according to the law.

AWANA Leadership

All Awana leaders are committed people trained to provide your children with the best club experience possible. If you have any questions, issues or concerns don't hesitate to contact your child's director or our Awana Ministry Leaders.

Ministry Leaders:

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FBC Children's Minister:

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2021-2022 Awana Calendar

September

Sept. 1Awana
Sept. 8.....Awana
Sept. 15Parent Night
Parents are invited to attend Awana with their children
Sept. 22.....Awana
Sept. 29.....Awana

October

Oct. 6Awana
Oct. 13..... Pajama Night
Wear your PJ's to Awana!
Oct. 20 Awana
Oct. 27 Awana

November

Nov. 3Awana
Nov. 10Red/White/Blue Night
Wear Red/White/Blue in honor of Veterans Day
Nov. 17Awana
Nov. 24.....NO Awana

December

Dec. 1 Awana
Dec. 8..... Awana
Dec. 15.....Awana Christmas Party
Dec. 22.....NO Awana
Dec. 29.....NO Awana

January

Jan. 5 Awana
Jan. 12.....Mustache Night
Use your imagination and wear a funny mustache!
Jan. 19 Awana
Jan. 26.....Awana

February

Feb. 2 Awana
Saturday, FEB 5.....Awana Grand Prix
Feb. 9 Awana
Feb. 16Ice Cream Night
Feb. 23 Awana

March

March 2..... Awana
March 9..... Holiday Night
Dress for your favorite holiday!
March 16Awana
March 23.....NO Awana
March 30Awana

April

April 6..... Awana
April 13.....Backwards Night
Dress backwards – and we'll do the Awana schedule backwards!
April 20Awana
April 27Awana Closing Night

**Awana Clubs
Registration Form
Year: 2021-2022**



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Cubbies: Pre-K Sparks: K -2nd grade T&T 3rd - 6th grade

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____

Cell Phone for #1 Name of your provider required _____ (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Cell Phone for #2 Name of your provider required _____ (_____) _____ - _____

STREET Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Are you on Facebook? YES NO

Name of church you attend/city: _____

Could you help with snacks for Christmas and other parties? _____

Emergency Contact (other than parents during club time):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child(s) Name (First, Last, Nickname)	Gender M or F	DOB MM/DD/YY	Elementary Grade if appl.	Club assigned to:
#1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please answer for each child. Write NONE if none:

- Child #1- Allergies to medications/foods or any special needs _____
- Child #2- Allergies to medications/foods or any special needs _____
- Child #3- Allergies to medications/foods or any special needs _____
- Child #4- Allergies to medications/foods or any special needs _____

Club Registration is \$20 per child, with a \$60 cap per family. This is the average cost per child during their time in each age group. Per child, this covers one Awana T-shirt, handbook, book bag, and all awards. If the handbook is lost or new uniform is needed they may be purchased from your child's club secretary. We never want cost to be an issue of a child not being able to participate. Please see a club director or the commander if cost is an issue. See club secretary for details.

Club Times are Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please have your children here 15 minutes early for check in. An ADULT must check children in at the computer system. An adult MUST have the receipt to pick up children.

Term and Conditions for Participation in First Baptist Church Awana Clubs

Please initial each blank on the left side of the page as you read each paragraph.

 1) **Check in – We used computerized check in for each family. Each child will have a label affixed to their clothing. The adult checking in the child will receive a receipt FOR EACH CHILD. The receipt MUST BE PRODUCED when picking up your child(ren). An adult MUST check in children every week. We will not accept drop-offs. You must come in and check in your children.**

 2) I understand that my child may participate in physical activities such as those held during game time. As with any physical activity there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability FBC and any persons involved in the AWANA ministry. I understand that **CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES EVERY WEEK.**

 3) I give consent for a volunteer at FBC to administer first aid in case of minor emergency.

 4) In the event of an emergency that requires medical treatment for my child(ren), I understand every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contact. However, if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the Awana volunteer to secure necessary medical care to provide the care necessary for my child's well-being. I assume responsibility for all costs connected to any accident or treatment of my child.

 5) I give my permission for my child to attend and participate in activities sponsored by FBC. This includes occasional off campus activities.

 6) I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear in an unpublished club directory to be used for Awana leaders only. I also give permission for photos of my child to appear among other general club shots as long as there is not identifying information shown, such as publicity photos, end of year awards presentation, on our Awana website and/or social media pages, to include Facebook.

 7) I have received the parents information packet and will go over rules and guidelines with my child.

 8) I will pick up my child on-time at 7:30 p.m.

I have read, and agree to, the Terms and Conditions stated above and have received a copy of the First Baptist Church Awana Parent and Leader packet.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Awana secretary signature: _____

Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____