



Thank you for enrolling your child in ACC's Awana Club ministry. We are pleased to partner with you in the development of your child's character, values, and moral foundation in Christ.

## Awana Club

Awana is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed", taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Bible. Our goal is to lead boys and girls to Christ, and to train them to serve Him all their lives.

Awana is a four-part program designed to maximize your child's attention, energy, and time.

### **Part 1: Flag Ceremony**

This is the opening time when all clubbers gather together for the Awana pledge and theme song. It's also a time to introduce visitors, recognize birthdays and make announcements.

### **Part 2: Small Group Time (Handbook time)**

This is a small group experience facilitated by an adult leader to help guide your clubber through the handbook.

### **Part 3: Game / Activity Time**

This is a time to develop team skills because learning to work together as a team is a valuable life skill. Sportsmanship is more highly prized than winning, so your child will be learning how to lose as well as how to win with a gracious spirit.

### **Part 4: Large Group Time (Council time)**

This is an interactive large group time between an adult leader and your child's club. A biblical lesson will be presented, and clubbers will discover how to apply that message to their daily lives.

## Clubs

### **Cubbies: Ages 3-4**

"Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word."



### **Sparks: Kindergarten to Grade 2**

"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."



### **T&T: Grades 3-6**

"The T&T (Truth & Training) curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace."



## Helping Your Child Succeed

Parents are the most important part of a child's spiritual development. Awana exists to encourage and empower you to be the primary faith builder of your child, to help your child grow and mature in their faith. We encourage you to be a part of our ACC family if you do not have a church home. Support your child by looking through their Awana handbooks, helping them memorize verses before club, and helping them understand what those verses mean.



## Parent Participation

In order for your children to succeed in their spiritual growth and learn how to serve the Body of Christ, parents of clubbers should participate in Awana as volunteers or as Awana leaders. When parents model a servant's heart to their child, the child is more likely to serve as they grow older. Like Cubbies, Sparks and T&T clubs will require parent participation as part of their child's Awana registration. Also, many current Awana leaders have been serving for many years and there are not enough leaders for the number of clubbers that are enrolled.

## Parent Orientation

There will be a parent orientation on **Friday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 PM on Zoom**. This is mandatory for parents of clubbers. We will go over expectations for the upcoming Awana year. For parent participation, parents can sign up for different dates and for different clubs during orientation or on the first night of Awana. If you cannot participate in your child's club, please contact the Awana Commander to discuss.

## Courtesy Reminders

If you arrive to Awana after the Flag Ceremony has started, please DO NOT open the doors and send your child in. They need to wait quietly outside until a leader opens the door for them. Parents, please do not stand outside the Awana doors and talk; it is disruptive to our younger clubbers. Please go to your own meeting room or to a seating area to visit with one another.

## Completion and Other Achievements

### **Handbooks**

Each child is required to complete at least 1 section of a handbook each week. However, to fully complete a handbook, each clubber will need to complete more than 2 sections a week to finish before the end of the Awana year. Previous handbooks must be completed before clubbers can advance to the next handbook.

### **Extra Credit**

Extra credit work is assigned AFTER all handbooks and reviews have been completed. If clubbers complete the extra credit, additional extra credit work will be assigned by the Awana Commander.

### **Perfect Attendance**

Perfect Attendance is acknowledged for clubbers who did not miss a single club night **or missed only 1 night** during the entire Awana year. Missing club nights due to inclement weather will not be counted.

## Character Recognition

Clubber of the Year awards and Clubber of the Month recognition will be eliminated. **Choosing a "best" clubber among so many deserving clubbers is a challenging task**. Character Recognition allows us to celebrate the different gifts and efforts of every clubber and encourage them to use the God's gifts in their lives. Attitude, sportsmanship, preparedness, improvement, outreach, hospitality, etc. are all factors that are recognized.



## T&T 6th Grade Student Leader

This optional Student Leader program allows 6th Graders to develop leadership skills and serve their peers. For the first 2 months of Awana, the 6th Grader must prove their qualifications in order to serve. The program will be discussed individually with the 6th Grader and his/her parents.

## **Student Leadership Details**

- Vision: Children who get a chance to serve are more likely to see God working in their lives, thus strengthening their faith.
- Clubbers must sign a Student Leader covenant with guidelines.
- Clubbers must have completed 3 T&T handbooks by the time the 4th year begins.
- Clubbers must be able to keep up with their handbooks each week with little supervision.
- Clubbers can serve various roles like helping T&T, Sparks & Cubbies leaders in reciting verses, leading games, flag ceremony duties, clean up, etc.
- If candidates are able to meet all of the expectations of the covenant and guidelines in the first 2 months of the Awana year, they will be promoted to Student Leaders on the 3rd month.
- Student Leaders will report to the Awana Commander and assist Club Leaders.

## **Awana Awards Ceremony**

Our annual **Awana Awards Ceremony** will be held on May 20, 2022. **Parents should attend this event.** This is an important event as clubbers will have their achievements recognized. We are proud of your child's hard work and they need to know that **YOU** are proud of them also. In order to receive their awards, clubbers must complete their handbooks the week before the awards ceremony.

## **Contact Information**

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