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AWANA GUIDELINES



What is Awana?

For nearly 60 years, Awana has been a leader in children's ministry, helping churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ. Based in the Chicago area, Awana is the only organization with fully integrated evangelism and discipleship programs for ages 2-18 that actively involve parents, church leaders and mentors. Each week, more than a million children and youth, 250,000 volunteers and 300- plus field staff take part in Awana in over 17,000 churches in the U.S. and internationally.

Awana works with churches from nearly 100 different denominations. It began as a children's program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941. Lance Latham, North Side's senior pastor, collaborated with the church's youth director, Arth Rorheim, to develop weekly clubs that would appeal to churched and unchurched kids, lead them to trust Christ for salvation and grow them in enduring faith and service to God.

Other churches learned about the success of the program and inquired about its availability. In 1950, Latham and Rorheim founded Awana as a parachurch organization. By 1960, 900 churches had started Awana programs. By 1972 Awana had begun its first international club. Today, children and youth in more than 100 countries participate in Awana programs, and millions of adults are alumni.

The founders of Awana derived the Awana name from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 of the Bible.

How is Our Awana Structured?

Each night of Awana is made up of three equally important segments:

- Handbook Time (Small Groups)
- Council Time (Large Group)
- Game Time

In Handbook time clubbers share the sections in their handbooks that they have memorized since the previous club meeting. They will be in small groups or singly saying their sections and verses to a “listener”.

During Council Time clubbers learn Bible stories and hear a presentation of the Gospel.

Game Time allows the clubbers to play organized games, learning discipline values, team cooperation, and good sportsmanship.

Parents are always welcome to come and observe their child at Awana.

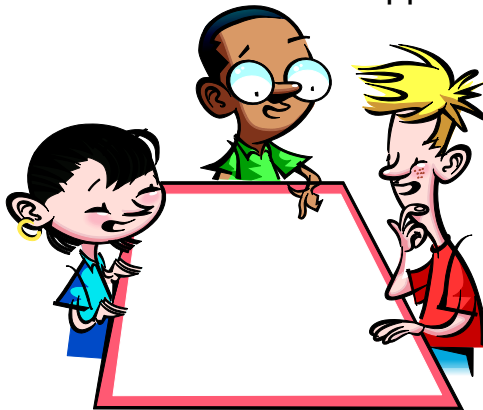


General Rules

Children are expected to:

- Be on time.
- Be in uniform.
- Bring handbook, Bible.
- Come prepared to say verses or sections from their handbook.
- Say all section parts, in one continuous recitation, word perfect. (For example, if a section requires recitation of two verses, both verses must be recited from memory without stopping to study the second verse.)
- Only two helps per section. Helps consist of three words or less.
- Children may say up to (4) sections per night.
- Clubbers must wear tennis or athletic shoes and socks. Bare feet or exposed toes are not allowed. (Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, or boots pose a safety hazard on the Game Square.)

Note: Parents please ensure that your child is not ill prior to attending Awana clubs. We follow the standard public school and childcare guidelines of 24 hours free of fever and symptoms before returning to club. We are not staffed or equipped to handle sick children. Children who appear ill will be sent home.



How can I help my child with his/her Handbook?

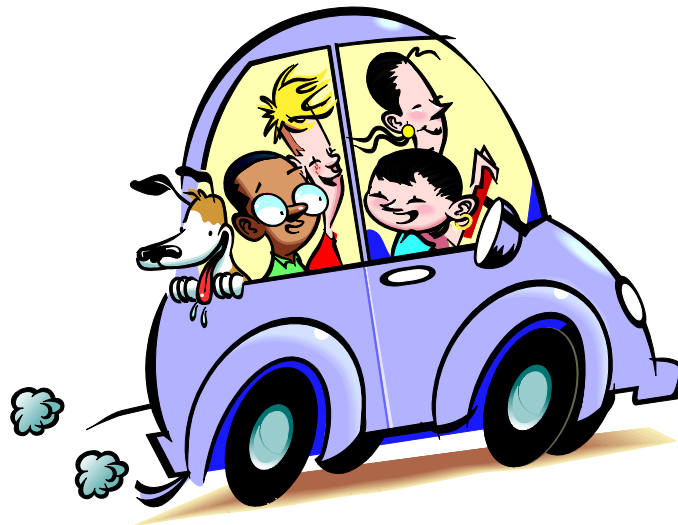
Each club night children are encouraged to say sections (sets of memory verses) and learn important guidelines for their life. Hiding God's Word in their heart is the most important exercise we can encourage our children to do. God uses His Word to guide us and as parents, grandparents and other adults with special relationships with the Clubbers. We can use the time during the week for study and recitation to share personal understanding and insights with our children on a level that is unique to our relationship with them.

There are Sparks and T&T resources for parents on the web page, www.clcbc.com/index.php/weekday/awana



How can I support the Awana Ministry?

- Volunteer to serve. Service is the means to joy and fulfillment in the Christian life. Even occasionally listening to sections will bless you and the workers in your child's club.
- Help your child prepare for club.
- Pray for the Awana Club, for the children and the workers.
- The children need to be in uniform to complete their sections and receive awards, so help make sure your clubber is in the uniform that corresponds to their age group.
- Whatever you show an interest in will become valuable to your children. Learn Scripture along with your children and God will bless you too!
- Also remind your children to use the restroom before club and leave gum, candy, electronics, and toys at home.



How do we address Discipline in our Awana Club?

Discipline is the process of teaching acceptable behavior and self control.

Discipline begins with the structure of opening ceremony (pledges and prayer) and is a part of every aspect of club.

Unruly and disruptive clubbers take away from everyone's experience and cannot be tolerated.

We use the three-count Awana discipline model club night.

1. Verbal Warning about conduct
2. Leader will talk with clubber about what they did wrong and notify a Director as soon as possible.
3. The leader will escort clubber to Commander and discuss child's behavior. The Commander will contact the parent of the child and discuss the child's behavior.

Your child is welcome back again when they can behave according to club rules & expectations.

We use lots of positive reinforcement and award the progress made by children!



Awards

Philippians 3:14

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Children respond well to positive enforcement and incentives. Awana has an award system built into the handbook process. Clubbers earn an award for each handbook section they complete. The awards can be displayed on the Awana uniforms PreK-6th grade. Clubbers also earn awards for participation and handbook completion, which are presented at an Awards ceremony in the spring.

Sparks

1. Sparks Emblem
2. HangGlider Rank Emblem
3. WingRunner Rank Emblem
4. SkyStormer Rank Emblem
5. HangGlider Review Emblem
6. HangGlider Pilot Wings and Jewels
7. Extra Credit Pin
8. Church Attendance Emblems



T&T Adventure

1. Streamwood Award bar
2. Extra Credit pins
3. Book completion pins
4. Special event emblems
5. Passport Collector pins
6. Handbook Review Emblems



T&T Challenge

1. Challenge Award emblems
2. Book completion pins
3. Special event emblems
4. Extra Credit pins
5. Passport Collector pins
6. Handbook Review Emblems

Points & Awana Store

In addition to the club awards system, we use a point system to positively reward participation and conduct in club. Points are earned for a variety of tasks, behaviors and accomplishments. These points are recorded in our data base and used to determine the amount of tickets or “currency” clubbers will have to shop at Sparky store/T&T Cash-in and the family fun night.

Point System

- Attendance – 1 point
- Bringing handbook – 1 point
- Wearing Uniform – 1 point
- Bringing a visitor – 2 points
- Paying registration fees – 1 point
- Going to Church/Sunday School – 2points
- Sections – 1 point per section (said 2 sections receive 2 points)
- Review Sections – 2 points per section said