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PARENT'S GUIDE

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year of Awana Clubs at Bay Leaf Baptist Church. Excitement is in the air as we have been gearing up and preparing for another great year. We are anticipating an enjoyable time for the children and pray that they will take pleasure in being with their friends as they learn God's Word and discover practical applications that are found within.

It is my prayer that you will spend quality time with your child as they prepare for each club night. Through the material your child will grow closer to God and learn how to serve Him.

While striving for excellence, a few changes have been made this year. Please be sure to read over this handbook with your child and discover any changes that may apply to you and your child. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns about the Awana Clubs or other children's ministries.

In Christ Alone,
Mark A. Bainbridge
Children's Minister

Awana is divided up into appropriate age groups so that children can learn and interact with other children their age. Each group has a motif that fits their age group.



Puggles

A new program for boys and girls who miss the Cubbies cutoff date, August 31, 2010. Older 2s and younger 3s.

Cubbies

Boys and girls age three by August 31, 2010 through five years.



Sparks

Boys and girls that are beginning Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Truth and Training (T&T)

Boys and girls that are beginning 3rd through 5th grade.



If you and your family are not currently attending services with a local church, we would love for you to join us!

Sundays

- 8:30 am Worship
Children's Church
Sunday School
- 9:45 am Worship
Children's Church
Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
Children's Church
- 5:00 pm CLI Adult Bible Study
Missions and Bible Study for 2 yrs old -5th grade
Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm The Gathering (Student Ministry)
- 6:25 pm Children's Choir (Preschool and Elementary)
- 6:30 pm Evening Worship
Elementary Worship KidStyle

Wednesdays

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:15 pm AWANA
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
CLI Adult Bible Study
Student Ministry
- 7:14 pm **714** College & Singles Bible Study

The children's ministry offers programs year round. A few special events include: Awana—during the school year, Vacation Bible School each summer, Fall & Spring Festivals, Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Night Out, KidZone (summer day trips), Camps, and more.

Pick up/Security

In an effort to insure each and every child is protected of while at Awana Club, the following security measures must be taken and followed by each family participating in Awana.

- Puggles and Cubbies should be picked up from their classroom on the preschool hall. Puggles and Cubbie parents will give 2 names of permissible people to pick up their children. Parents, please do not send older brothers or sister to pick up your Puggle or Cubbie. For the safety of the children an adult must pick them up.
- Sparks and T&T will be picked up in the FLC (gym). Sparks and T&T are to be picked up by their parents or an approved, responsible person. A form must be signed by the parent for an approved, responsible person to pick up their child. If a parent desires for a Spark or T&T clubber to be dismissed and leave the gym on their own, a form must be signed. This form can be pick up at the check-in table.

Handbook Time

Handbook time is the club segment when leaders assist clubbers in their achievements of memorizing God's Word and other activities. At the beginning of the club year new clubbers will be given an entrance booklet of general information and material to be memorized. Once they have passed the requirements of this booklet, they are eligible to become an official member of the Awana Club. At this time, they will purchase a uniform and a handbook. See prices in back of this handbook.

Be sure that your child's name is written in their handbook and they bring it each club night along with their *Bible* and *75¢ dues*. Handbook bags are also available for purchase for \$6.00.

It is very important that parents encourage and work with their children in their books. The clubber must work at home throughout the week in preparation for the Awana Club meeting. Sections of the handbook must be passed in their entirety in one sitting.

This includes definitions and questions. With two helps per section, each clubber should have no trouble passing at least one or two sections per night. **In Sparks and T&T clubs, clubbers should not go more than two weeks without passing a section in order to participate in game time.** Two sections each club night will enable a clubber to pass one book each year.

Cassette tapes and CD's are available for each clubber in order to assist them in memorizing the verses. There is also an AWANA website, we encourage you to visit it.

Uniform

Each Awana Club has a different uniform.

Puggles wear a blue t-shirt

Cubbies wear a blue vest.

Sparks wear a red vest.

3rd – 4th Grade T&T wear a green t-shirt.

5th Grade T&T has a new look this year, a blue and white uniform.

Be sure to order one a little larger than needed so your child will not outgrow their uniform before they leave their club.

Upon completing the entrance booklet, each clubber is eligible to buy an official Awana uniform.

The cost of the uniforms are listed in the back of this book. Each clubber that has earned the privilege to wear a uniform is required to wear it at every Awana event.

No child will be deprived of obtaining their uniform because of cost! If you need assistance or if you would like to sponsor a clubber in the purchase of a uniform, contact the Awana Commander.

Awards

Your child has the opportunity to earn awards throughout the club year. Most awards are earned by passing sections in handbooks, but some are given for attendance.

There will be an Awards Ceremony at the end of the club year where all children will receive either a certificate for participating in AWANA or one of the following awards:

Cubbies:

First Book Bear

Second Book Ribbon



Sparks:

First Book Ribbon

Second Book Ribbon

Sparky Plaque (for completing all 3 books)

Extra credit and Review patch and/or pin



T&T:

First Book Ribbon - Completion of 1 handbook

Excellence Trophy - Completion of 2 handbooks

Third Book Plaque - Completion of 3 handbooks

Timothy Trophy - Completion of 4 handbooks

Clubber of the Month

Point System

Sparks and T&T:

5 points for each the following

On time attendance, Dues, and Bring a friend

10 points for the following

On time attendance with handbook, Bible, and Uniform

Passing a non-review SECTION (signed off by Awana Leader)

2 points for the following

Passing a review SECTION (signed off by Awana Leader)

Points will be tallied up at the end of the year to determine the Clubber of the year.



Game Time

Game time is the club segment when clubbers enjoy fun games on the unique Awana game square. Sparks and T&T will be assigned one of the four team colors (red, blue, green, or yellow) to play games. Visitors will be placed on the color team of the person that brought them.

Awana Store

Sparks and T&T earn Awana shares for each section they pass and other special times. These shares are like money and can be spent in the Awana store that will be held twice during the club year.

Club Attendance

Awana is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:45 pm. The club year is divided into four quarters. Attendance awards are given out to clubbers that have no more than two absences.

Dues

Sparks and T&T clubbers are required to bring .75 cents each week for dues. Cubbies are required to bring .50 cents. 25 cents from each clubber will assist our Awana Missionaries. The remaining dues will help offset the cost of awards, Awana store, and special events that will be held throughout the club year. Please help clubbers remember to bring their dues each club night.

Dues can be paid up front

Puggles and Cubbies \$15

Sparks and T&T \$23

Clubber Responsibility



**Bring to club each
night your
Bible, Handbook, &
Dues (75 cents)**

**Wear your uniform
each club night and
to other special
events.**

Bring a friend!

Nightly Schedules

Puggles

6:00 – 6:15 – Check In Time

6:15 – 7:45 - Activities (Bible Story, Songs, & Coloring)

7:45 – Clubbers go home

Cubbies

6:00-6:15 Coming-In time

6:15-6:30 Starting Time

6:35-6:55 Book Time/Craft Time

7:00-7:20 Game Time/Snack Time

7:25-7:40 Story Time/Award Time

7:45 – Clubbers go home

Sparks

6:00 – 6:15 – Check In Time

6:15 – 6:20 – Opening Ceremony & Pledges

6:25 – 6:45 - Handbook Time

6:50 – 7:10 – Game Time

7:10 – 7:30– Green Meadow Time

7:35 – Awards and Closing

7:45 – Clubbers go home

Truth and Training

6:00 – 6:15 – Check In Time

6:15 – 6:20 – Opening Ceremony & Pledges

6:20 – 6:40 – Game Time

6:45 – 7:05 – Handbook Time

7:10 – 7:30 –Council Time

7:35 – Awards and Closing

7:45 – Clubbers go home

Awana Standards

1. Awana Club begins at 6:15pm and ends at 7:45pm. Everyone is encouraged to be in his or her area on time. An appropriate drop-off time is 6:00pm.

2. Opening Ceremony

- Prayer – everyone quiet with heads bowed and hats off.
- Pledge to flags – everyone with right hand over heart and saying the pledge to the American flag and the Awana flag.

3. Game Time

- Good sportsmanship.
- Participation is encouraged.
- Stay **behind** your team color line or assigned area.
- Listen for instructions.
- Cheer for your team.
- Have fun!

4. Handbook Time

- Bibles and handbooks are needed every Awana night.
- If a Clubber is not passing a section with a leader, they should be studying their handbook.

Awana standards continued

- When talking, Clubbers should keep it down to a whisper. Do not disturb others.
 - Room contents (dry-erase boards & markers, etc.) are off limits.
5. During Council Time the following should apply.
- Clubbers are expected to be quiet, except when called upon.
 - Everyone is encouraged to participate in all of the Council Time activities.
 - Everyone is expected to stay in their seats during Council Time, unless the Council Time Leader needs for them to stand.
 - Disrupting others is strongly discouraged.

General Standards

1. Pushing, shoving and roughhousing are not allowed.
2. Running is allowed only on the game square during certain games.
3. Gum and candy should be left at home and not brought to club.
4. Clothing is to be worn in a modest fashion at all times. Undergarments should remain concealed; T-shirts with slogans, pictures, or advertisements need to be in good taste & in keeping with Christian ideals.

General standards continued

5. Language is to be positive and uplifting.
6. Negative humor is to be avoided.
7. Questionable or improper language (such as in profanity, rudeness, etc.) is not acceptable.
8. Each person is fully responsible for all personal items; valuables and toys should be left at home.
9. Church facilities will be properly cared for and straightened after each use.
10. All leaders, workers and other adults will be respected at all times (in action and attitudes).
11. To avoid interrupting segments of the night, restroom breaks need to be completed before segments begin.

The Five-Count

During any segment of the night the five-count is used to get Sparks through T&T's attention. A leader does the five-count by slowly and loudly counting to five. At the same time Sparks through T&T are to count with his or her fingers only, raised high so everyone will get the message. By the count of five, they are expected to be still and quiet.

The Three-Count

The three-count is a method for disciplining an individual clubber who continues to misbehave after repeated correction; this method follows the three-strikes philosophy.

If an individual continually disobeys an Awana standard, (found on pages 13-15), they will receive “one” strike, and a leader will explain what will happen if he/she receives a “two” or “three” strike. If that individual continues to disobey, he/she will receive a “two” strike, the director will counsel with the child. Then, if he/she still does not cooperate, they will receive a “third” strike. At that time, the commander will counsel with them, and possibly, a phone call to their parents will be made. The child will explain to their parents what has happened.



Theme Nights

September 8	Awana Kickoff
September 15	Parent's Night – Cubbies & Puggles
September 22	Parent's Night - Sparks
September 29	Parent's Night – T&T
October 6	High Attendance / Friend Night
October 13	Ice Cream Night
October 20	Wild Hair Night
October 27	No theme
October 31	<i>Fall Festival</i>
November 3	Canned Good Drive
November 10	Canned Good Drive
November 17	Pilgrim/Am. Indian Headdress & Canned Goods Drive Ends
November 24	<i>NO AWANA</i>
December 1	Backwards Night
December 8	No theme
December 15	Birthday Party for Jesus & Store Night
December 22	<i>NO AWANA</i>
December 29	<i>NO AWANA</i>
January 5	No theme
January 12	Crazy Hat Night
January 19	No theme
January 26	Favorite NFL Team Night
February 2	No theme
February 9	No theme
February 17	No theme
February 23	Dot your leader Night
February 26	<i>GRAND PRIX</i>

March 2	No theme
March 9	Adopt-A-Club begins
March 16	March Madness
March 23	No theme
March 30	No theme
April 6	No theme
April 13	Cool Sunglass Night
April 20	<i>NO AWANA Spring Break</i>
April 27	Store Night / Adopt-A-Club ends
May 4	Water Night / LAST NIGHT OF AWANA
May 11	AWANA AWARDS NIGHT

Other Special Events



Grand Prix **February 26, 2011** **1:00PM, FLC**

Awana Grand Prix is a model car racing event that combines creativity and skill. With the parents involvement the clubbers will have a blast as they prepare for race day. You and your child will not want to miss this great event.

Adopt-a-Club



Connecting kids, changing lives

Adopt-A-Club -Missions

Awana Adopt-A-Club offers Clubbers an opportunity to take part in reaching children for Christ in another country.

Prices for Awana 2010-2011

Puggles	Shirt \$9.50 Back Pack \$7.00
Cubbies	Vest & Handbook - \$19.00 Handbook Only - \$8.75 Handbags - \$6.00
Sparks	Vest & Handbook - \$20.00 Handbook Only - \$9.75 Handbags - \$6.00 Handbook CD's - \$10.00
T&T	3 rd -4 th grade Ultimate Adventure Shirt & Handbook - \$22.00 Handbook Only - \$8.75 Back Pack – \$4.50
T&T	5 th grade Ultimate Challenge Shirt & Handbook - \$23.00 Handbook Only - \$8.75