

Top Ten Steps Parents Can Take To Ensure Their Child's Success in Awana Club



Parents are a critical part of the Awana Club Team! In order for your child to get the most out of the Awana experience, parents need to do their part! Your partnership with us in this effort is essential. Here are ten practical steps you can take that will insure your child's success in the Awana Club this year:

- 1) ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS EVERY WEEK. Consistency will build friendships and inspire the dedication needed for achievement.
- 2) ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD GETS TO CLUB ON TIME. Promptness helps us maintain good discipline. Club starts at 5:15 pm.
- 3) ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS THEIR UNIFORM TO CLUB. Proper display of awards contributes greatly to a sense of achievement. Awana awards cannot be given to a clubber who is not wearing his/her uniform.
- 4) ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR BOOK EACH WEEK. Handbook time is a vital part of the club night, and kids who don't have their book can become a distraction to the other kids.
- 5) HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR CLUB EACH WEEK. Spend a little time reading and reviewing the handbook material with your child.
- 6) PICK UP YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY EACH WEEK AT 7:00 PM. (Arrive at 6:50 p.m. for awards). Our leaders have duties to attend to after club is over. Some of the leaders have their own children to pick up from other areas.
- 7) BACK US UP ON THE RULES. We strive to be fair, so here are the rules:
 - a. Clothing rules:
 - Uniform shirts and modest apparel for all.
 - Sneakers or closed-toe shoes must be worn.
 - Oversized or baggy clothes are dangerous on the game circle.
 - b. Behavior rules:
 - Clubbers are expected to be respectful to others and of other people's property.
 - Clubbers are expected to obey instructions and direction of Awana Leaders.
- 8) ATTEND ALL MAJOR EVENTS. The Grand Prix, Awana Games, and the Awards night at the end of the year are exciting times for the clubbers. You will receive flyers to special events that are going on at your child's club from time to time.
- 9) PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN IN AWANA, THE AWANA CLUBS, AND THE LEADERS. PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD AND FOR YOUR CHILD.
- 10) CALL the Commander or the Pastor if you have any problems or questions, or contact your child's leader.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Awana at South Holly Baptist Church! It is a pleasure to have your child come to our Awana Club, and we consider it a privilege to provide for your child's physical, mental and spiritual growth.

We want our Awana clubbers to realize that God loves them and that through His Son, Jesus, He provided salvation and the ability to have a relationship with Him, and that learning His Word and obeying Him gives them meaningful and rewarding lives. This is accomplished through Bible memory, games, achievements and fellowship. Awana also helps discipline clubbers to work, play and study within their own peer group.

This year's theme from Awana International is "One More." One more child in your car, one more prayer said for a clubber, one more child & family reached for Christ, rippling out into eternity. This is our goal for the Awana Club Ministry here at South Holly Baptist Church for 2011 & 2012.

The name "AWANA" is an acronym based on the Bible verse, 2 Timothy 2:15
 "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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 Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with his or her memorization and encouraging enthusiasm about Awana. This booklet is designed to inform you of the various workings of, and activities within Awana. You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs.

Our Awana Club includes:

Ages 3 & 4 (3 by Sept. 1 st)	Cubbies
Grades K, 1 st & 2 nd	Sparks
Grades 3 -6	Truth & Training (TNT)

I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with your child(ren) each week in Awana. I hope your child enjoys our program and will continue to progress through all the club levels. If you ever have questions or comments about any aspect of our Awana Club Ministry, please feel free to call me, or our Pastor.

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AWANA MINISTRY ANNUAL CALENDAR 2011-2012

Registration/Prices

Although the Awana Club Program is being provided as a ministry of our church, there are expenses we incur that we are not able to meet from our general budget. For this reason, we ask that each family who benefits by having children in Awana help out with expenses in the following ways:

1. **Annual registration fee of \$15.00 per clubber.** (Maximum \$40 per family.) This needs to be paid each year when your child begins Club. This covers the miscellaneous expenses & awards for one year. Other activities may have additional costs, but only for those participating in those events. (Scholarships are available for special cases.)
2. Participate in our "Awana Sponsored Activities" such as Adopt-A-Club, Missionary Support, etc.
3. Replacement items and additional items are listed below with cost.

Cubbies Club

Cubbies Handbook	\$9.00
Cubbies Vest.....	\$10.00
Cubbies Bag*.....	\$7.00
Cubbies CD*	\$10.00
Cubbie Bear Stuffed Toy*	\$12.00
Cubbies T-Shirt*.....	\$12.00

Sparks Club

Sparks Handbook/CD	\$10.00
Sparks Vest.....	\$10.00
Sparks Bag*.....	\$6.00
Sparks CD*.....	\$10.00
Sparky Doll*.....	\$9.00
Parent Handbooks*: Beginnings, Promise, Glory.....	\$8.00

Truth & Training Club

Handbook	\$9.00
Adventure Uniform/T Shirt	\$13.00
Challenge Uniform Shirt.....	\$14.00
Award Badge.....	\$1.50
Club Book Bag*	\$5.00
T&T CD*.....	\$10.00
Parent Handbooks*: Guide, Shepherd, Witness, Servant.....	\$8.00

*Non-stock item – pre-pay when ordering

SEPTEMBER 11	GET YOUR FEET WET NIGHT.
SEPTEMBER 18	NO THEME
SEPTEMBER 25	NO THEME – CARDBOARD BOXES HANDED OUT
OCTOBER 2	BRING A FRIEND NIGHT
OCTOBER 9	DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT – BRING YOUR BOX-CAR!
OCTOBER 16	FROG NIGHT – FULLY RELY ON GOD!
OCTOBER 23	NO CLUB – See you next week!
OCTOBER 30	PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY
NOVEMBER 6	NO THEME.
NOVEMBER 13	CHRISTMAS CHILD NIGHT (Operation Christmas Child).
NOVEMBER 20	PILPRIMS AND INDIANS NIGHT
NOVEMBER 27	NO AWANA (HAPPY THANKSGIVING)
DECEMBER 4	AWANA STORE!
DECEMBER 11	CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE NIGHT
DECEMBER 19	NO THEME
DECEMBER 25	NO AWANA (MERRY CHRISTMAS)
JANUARY 1	NO AWANA (HAPPY NEW YEAR)
JANUARY 8	NO THEME
JANUARY 15	WILD WEST NIGHT
JANUARY 22	PIE-IN-YOUR-LEADER'S-FACE NIGHT
JANUARY 29	SPORTS TEAM NIGHT
FEBRUARY 5	NO CLUB (Super Bowl Sunday)
FEBRUARY 12	RED NIGHT – GOD IS LOVE.
FEBRUARY 19	TWIN NIGHT – BRING A FRIEND & DRESS ALIKE
FEBRUARY 26	AWANA STORE!
MARCH 4	DR SEUSS NIGHT
MARCH 11	GRAND PRIX TRIAL RUN
MARCH 20	GRAND PRIX! Registration at 4:30. Race begins at 5:00
MARCH 27	NO AWANA (SPRING BREAK)
APRIL 1	NO THEME
APRIL 8	NO AWANA (EASTER)
APRIL 15	LAZARUS NIGHT
APRIL 22	PAJAMA NIGHT
APRIL 29	NO THEME
MAY 5	CINCO-DE-BOOK-O – A CHANCE TO FINISH UP YOUR BO
MAY 6	LETTER NIGHT
MAY 13	LAST NIGHT OF CLUB & AWANA STORE!
MAY 20	AWARDS NIGHT & CARNIVAL - EVERYONE IS INVITED

Special Awards

In addition to the awards the clubbers receive throughout the year for scripture memorization and attendance, there are some special awards to encourage clubbers to be all they can be for Christ!

Book Ribbon Awards

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of club handbooks.

Sparky Plaque

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of all 3 three Sparks Handbooks.

Excellency Trophy

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of **two** 3rd through 6th grade Handbooks.

Third Book Award Plaque

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of **three** 3rd through 6th grade Handbooks.

Timothy Trophy

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of **four** 3rd through 6th grade Handbooks.

Meritorious Award

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of **six** handbooks.

Citation Award

Awarded at the end of each club year based upon completion of **ten** handbooks. **(There are college scholarships available to Citation Award winners, as well as some Meritorious and Timothy winners.)**

SECURITY & CHILD PROTECTION

At South Holly Baptist Church, the safety and security of your child is of utmost importance to all of us. Some of our procedures may seem inconvenient, but our priority is taking care of each one of the precious children entrusted to our care. We require parents to drop off and pick up their own children inside each week. If a different person other than a parent is picking up the child, please let your child's leader or director know. Certain doors will not be accessible during the club night, so be sure that you are early (or on time) for drop-off.

Each of our trained volunteer Leaders and Directors have been screened, including background and reference checks to ensure the safety of your children. For further information about our policies, please speak with Pastor Dan Williams.

An Awana Club Night – At A Glance

Reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him is our two-fold purpose. We strive to accomplish our purpose through the three main elements of each weekly club meeting:

1. **Game Time**
2. **Handbook Time**
3. **Council Time**

Game Time

Individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to Awana and playground favorites. We will assign each child to color teams of red, blue, green and yellow that could be changed periodically during the year. As a visitor, you may be on the team of the clubber who brought you. Game time gives the clubber a chance to unleash his or her energy!

Handbook Time

Clubbers will work either in a group or one-on-one with a trained leader to complete assignments in the clubbers handbook. Awana emphasizes the memorization and understanding of key Bible verses that show how to know God and walk with Him. A series of awards and trophies are given for achievements at every level as clubbers progress.

Council Time

Each club gathers together for announcements, award presentation, and most importantly, a practical message from the Bible.

Guidelines for a Great Awana Experience!

All clubs start promptly at 5:15 PM and end promptly at 7:00 PM each Sunday evening. Sign-in time for all clubs begins at 5:00 PM, so clubbers should arrive early enough each week to be in the appropriate place when their club starts. We encourage parents/guardians to return at 6:45 PM to watch the children receive nightly awards.

This year we will once again have “**Bonus Bucks**”. Bonus Bucks will be given to each child who arrives and registers before 5:15. This is an “on time” bonus, and will be given for that reason. Bonus Bucks may also be given for uniform inspection or other reasons deemed appropriate by the Commander and Directors.

Entrance Books

Each clubber is given an Entrance Booklet the first time they attend Awana, which must be completed in order for them to become an official member of the club.

Uniforms

When the clubber has completed the Entrance Booklet, he/she is eligible to purchase and wear the official Awana uniform. Clubbers are expected to wear their uniforms each club night. For safety during Game Time, each child should wear athletic shoes. Periodic uniform inspections are planned to motivate clubbers to wear them and the awards they have earned. *Clubbers cannot receive their awards unless they are in uniform that evening.* If the clubber loses an award after it is given to them they will have to purchase a new one to replace the lost one.

Handbooks

Similar to the uniform, the clubber is eligible to purchase their handbook once they have completed their Entrance Booklet. Each club has their very own handbook. The handbook is a vital tool for your child’s success in Awana. It helps them learn about God and it reinforces positive moral standards.

Here are some things to remember to help your child complete their handbook.

- No more than two helps per section are given in order to receive credit. A help is no more than two or three words.
- Sections are passed when said to an Awana leader during club times or when special arrangements are made between the leader and child for the purpose of completing a book to receive a year-end award.

- Help your child to be disciplined by suggesting that they take 10 to 15 minutes a day to work on their handbook. (Handbook tapes and CD’s are available to purchase to aid in verse memorization. The T&T clubs also have two interactive computer games that can be ordered.)
- Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that your child will memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you want to confirm the meaning either with the “help’s” sections located in your child’s handbook or with your child’s leader or director, feel free to give them a call. They want to help!
- Encourage your child to work on two sections per week. Our leaders are concerned that the clubbers truly understand what they memorize. (The handbooks are designed to be finished in one Awana Club year.)

Discipline

We want parents to be aware of and understand our discipline policies and expected behaviors.

5 Count

Clubbers are called to order by use of the “5 count”, which is similar to scouting clubs. The person in charge does the “5 count” by slowly and loudly counting to five.

3 Count

The “3 count” is a method for disciplining an individual who is consistently misbehaving, being disruptive or disrespectful. If improper behavior occurs, the clubber will receive a “**1 count**” from his/her leader.

If, after this first warning, the behavior continues, he/she will be placed on a “2 count” which results in meeting with the Club Director, who will make sure that the clubber understands the rules and reasons for them. When a child receives a “**2 count**” he/she loses game privileges and any treat for the evening.

If the clubber chooses not to cooperate after rejoining his/her group, he/she will receive the “**3 count**” which results in the Awana Commander asking the clubber’s parents to take the child home. If a parent cannot be reached, the clubber will remain with the Commander for the remainder of the evening.

At the Commander’s discretion, as a disciplinary measure, a clubber may not be allowed to attend the following club night. However, please know *we do want the child to rejoin us after the one week’s absence.*