



**Parent Handbook
2019-2020**

Puggles

Cubbies

Sparks

T & T



Welcome to Awana!

It is a pleasure to have your child(ren) in Awana this year and to be part of his/her spiritual growth.

This handbook is designed to give you all the information you will need to have a successful year. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us any time.

Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks and T & T will meet every Wednesday evening unless otherwise noted in the bulletin or the Awana Calendar. **Puggles** will go directly to the nursery. **Cubbies** will meet in the Kinderchurch room. **Sparks** and **T & T** members should arrive a little before 6:50 pm for check-in and should meet in the fellowship hall for our opening session at 6:55. Awana will end promptly at 8:00 and children should be picked up in their designated places. For safety reasons, all students are required to check in at the children's security station in the lobby. Check-in for Awana points, used quarterly in the Awana store, will be completed in the lobby for everyone except **Puggles & Cubbies**. Parents and clubbers must have matching name badges for dismissal. All children's tags will be checked before leaving Awana. Also, for safety reasons, we ask that parents and guardians of students remain on the church grounds during the time of club meetings. If you bring a visitor, you become that child's parent for the evening.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your child(ren)!

In His Service,
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What is Awana?

Awana stands for “Approved Workmen are not Ashamed...” from II Timothy 2:15

The Awana ministry embraces five principles:

1. Awana is centered on the Gospel.
2. Scripture memory is a key element.
3. Awana is exciting and fun.
4. Children are trained to serve.
5. Awana is built on volunteer leadership.

The Awana prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Awana’s purpose is to be a strategic partner with churches and ministries in a global effort to ensure the opportunity for all children and youth to be evangelized and disciplined in Christ.

Awana Values:

We will glorify God and serve the body of Christ by committing ourselves to these values:

- We proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity and urgency.
- We commit to God’s Word as our guide and standard.
- We treat all people as created and loved by God.
- We maintain a servant heart in all we do.
- We manage God’s resources with faithfulness and integrity.
- We pursue excellence as unto the Lord.

Key Club Scriptures:

I Corinthians 15:2-4 – “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Acts 16:31 – “And they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.’”

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

Romans 5:8 – “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Book and Scripture requirements:

Students will be required to bring their books to Awana each week. If a student does not bring a book for two consecutive weeks, he/she will be asked to sit out of game time. Games are an essential part of Awana; however the purpose of the program is to “Hide God’s Word in our hearts.” A student must also use handbook time to study scripture and make an attempt to check-off at least one section each evening. Handbook time is critical to the success of the program. Children will not be allowed to come weekly to disturb others who are working towards their Awana goals.

Look for news on Facebook or in the bulletin:

All information including schedule changes, bonus point opportunities and other announcements will be sent through Facebook this year. Go to the church’s website at mysanctuary.org for information!

Awana Calendar 2019 – 2020

August	14th	Awana Kick-Off
	21st	
	28th	
Sept	4th	
	11th	
	18th	
	25th	
Oct	2nd	Store Night during games.
	9th	
	16th	
	23rd	
	30st	No Awana - Family Fest
Nov	6th	Support Christmas missions
	13th	
	20th	No Awana Happy Thanksgiving!
	27th	
Dec	4th	
	11th	
	18th	Store Night
	25th	No Awana – Merry Christmas!

Jan	1st	No Awana Happy New Year!
	8th	
	15th	
	22rd	
	29th	
Feb	5th	
	12th	Rose Delivery week! Make cards.
	19th	
	26th	
March	4th	Store Night
	11th	
	18th	
	25th	
April	1st	
	8th	No Awana Spring Break
	15th	No Awana Easter EggStravaganza
	22th	
	29th	
May	6th	
	13th	Store Night – Final night to complete all handbook sections.
	20th	Movie Night!
	27th	Awana Awards

*****Please watch for notes in the bulletin concerning any changes to the calendar.***

Awana begins at home!

Involvement and encouragement from home are critical. Each week, parents should help their clubbers study verses and lessons for the next week. There are activities in each book which must be completed at home. Time is limited for practice in class. Students should come prepared to say at least one verse per week.

About our Clubs:

All students are divided into four groups:

Puggles are nursery ages birth to 2 years.

Cubbies are potty trained 3's and 4's.

Sparks are students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

T & T's (Truth & Training) are students in grades 3rd through 5th.

Students in each club will be divided into small groups during handbook time to work on verses together. There will be several groups in Sparks during handbook time, two groups of K-5's, two groups of first and two of second graders.

Cubbies will remain in their classroom during the evening. Their schedule is as follows:

Coming-in Time	- Welcome Activity
Play Time	- Games/Music
Opening Time	- Prayer and puppets
Story Time	- Story
Book Time	- Verse recital
Snack Time	- Snack

Sparks and T & T will change classes during the evening. Half of the evening will be used for verse practice in handbook time.

The other half will be used for game time.

Apple Acres Entrance Booklet, Flight 3:16 and Start Zone are the first materials students complete in the program. **Upon completion of these brochures and attendance for at least 3 weeks, students will be eligible for their club vests or shirts and handbooks.**

In each handbook, students are taught basic truths about God and His Word. In order to receive awards, students are required to learn the verses and complete work in their handbooks. Awards, badges, etc. are given out according to the pages and verses successfully completed.

Club Costs:

We are excited to announce that our church will provide all teaching materials, first booklets, badges, and shirts/vests. Parents are responsible for the following:

*Dues each week a suggested amount is
(all students) \$1.00 per week if possible
At least .50 for 2 points

*Missions offerings

*Optional: Club bags \$7

***Costs for lost items- \$12 for lost books/\$17 for lost shirts/\$12 for lost vests /\$2 for lost badges**

Tips on How Parents Can Help:

- Help your child learn weekly verses.
- Check the schedule and calendar for the week number corresponding to that week's lesson.
- Check the calendar for special events and bring your child prepared.
- Make sure your child brings his/her Bible, dues and handbook (once they receive one), and make sure he/she wears the club uniform and tennis shoes.
- Listen to your child recite the memory verses.
- Be encouraging! Practice in the car.
- Bring your child to Awana on time!
- Be on time to pick up your clubber.
- Become a listener or leader in Awana.
- Be on stand-by to help with special events.

**Learn more at www.awana.org

Suggestions for Memorizing:

- Repeat the verse over and over to your child.
- Break up the verse into short phrases.
- Explain what the verse means.
- Show them how the verse relates to their lives.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help them learn their verses.

Basic Rules:

- Listen and don't talk when a leader is talking.
- Always raise your hand when you have something to say or want to answer a question.
- Always be quiet and respectful during lesson time, so all students are able to hear.
- Always keep your hands and feet to yourself. No hitting, kicking, wrestling or climbing. (Running is only permitted in games.)
- Come to class prepared with all supplies and one page or verse memorized.
- Do not bring food, toys, etc. to class.

Discipline:

In the Awana program, we have the Three-Count and Five-Count systems.

The Five-Count is the way leaders keep meeting times orderly. To start the Five-Count, the leader claps and raises his/her hands. The leader then begins to count to five (slowly), while holding up the appropriate number of fingers. As soon as the other leaders hear the count, they will stop what they are doing and raise one hand also. All leaders will keep their hands raised until all the children around them are quiet.

The Three-Count is the order of discipline. The leader will first try a warning. If the clubber needs to be disciplined again, the director or coordinator will take the clubber out of the club for a 5 minute break. The third offence will result in the clubber being removed from the club and taken to a parent for the remainder of that club meeting.

Store Points:

For the 2019-2020 year, we will continue to have store nights! Students will redeem points from the check-in table for small toys, candy, crackers, etc.

***Parents must report to the check-in desk with their student to fill out and initial the student point cards. If students do not check-in with a parent or guardian, they will not be permitted to shop in the store on the designated evenings.

Special Needs:

If your child has special learning needs, please let us know on the registration form. We do have provisional learning requirements available for our special needs children.

Dress Code:

Tennis shoes are required for the safety of our children. We want to prevent as many injuries as possible. There are many relays or running events during game time. If a clubber does not wear tennis shoes, he/she will be asked to sit out of games.

Girls should **not wear dresses or skirts** for modesty reasons in game time. Shorts should also be of modest length which is below fingertip or midcalf.

Points earned each week:

Attendance - 2

Bible - 2

Handbook - 2

Uniform - 2

Dues - 2

Missions - 2

Tennis shoes - 2

Attended church - 2

Total possible excluding visitor points = 16

Visitor - 10

****Turn this page in to a secretary for bonus points. No credit can be given without this form. Thank you!**

1st Child's full name and club

2nd Child's full name and club

3rd Child's full name and club

4th Child's full name and club

Email address

Phone

Parent or guardian signature

Date

I have read the parent booklet. _____ 10 bonus points