



***AWANA CLUB***

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# **AWANA Clubbers Handbook**

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## A Note To Parents

Thank you for allowing your child to come to our AWANA clubs tonight. We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to present the Gospel and love of Christ to your child and we hope to see you both at club each week, Lord willing.

The word AWANA is an acronym that stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, taken from The Bible's New Testament II Timothy 2:15: *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* That is our aim.

Each weekly AWANA Club Meeting has three integrated parts. Your child will participate actively in all of them. Through *Council Time, Handbook Time, and Game Time*, your child(ren) will become equipped to work for God and rely upon His grace no matter what the world throws at them.

Your children are very important to us and more important to God. The Bible says, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* We take this command very seriously and strive weekly to be a club that your child will be excited to attend, and where you and your child (ren) will see the love of God taught and demonstrated each week.

We encourage you to come to any of our meetings so you may better understand the program, and how together we can make this a rich and rewarding experience for your children. If you have any questions, special concerns, joys, blessings to share, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know. We look forward to partnering with you to instill God's love and grace in your children, and to hide God's Word in their hearts.

*"Like Jesus, may we grow together in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men."  
(See Luke 2:52)*

*Sincerely,*

*Commander Mike Gross  
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*Commander Carla Butler  
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**AWANA** is an international organization, formed in the 1950s,  
headquartered near Chicago, IL [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)  
*Motto: "Because kids matter to God!"*

### **Each Club Meeting Night...**

Our clubs move through the building as the evening progresses, alternating activities by age groups. The evening is comprised of three equal parts:

#### **Game Time**

Running, jumping, pulling, cheering, etc. in team competition. Games are in the Fellowship Hall. Clubbers should wear long pants and must wear sneakers...***NO hard shoes, sandals, flip flops or bare feet.*** Clubbers MUST be in uniform to participate in game time. Game time is intended to teach the children good sportsmanship, to encourage cooperation, as well as to have fun!!

#### **Handbook Time**

Clubbers recite verses or sections (*they've been learning & memorizing at home*) from their AWANA books, students may receive two helps per scripture per section. When successfully accomplished, the leader signs off on those verses. Clubbers may be asked to explain the verse after reciting it. This promotes retentions, memorization, and understanding. It is our goal that each child understands the implications of the verses they memorize. Points are awarded for each section completed. All sections from Rank through Drill 4 must be completed in chronological order.

#### **Council Time**

This is a time of worship including testimony, prayer, Bible drills and Bible stories. Awards will also be presented during this time.

## Weekly Assignments

One of the goals of AWANA is to hide God's Word in the children's hearts. Your child is highly encouraged to work weekly on their memory verses (found in their Club books). Practicing out-loud with you as a parent will be great help and benefit to your child as they seek to complete their books. Each Clubber is encouraged to prepare and complete *at least one* section per week. The Clubber will recite memory verses aloud to a verse listener during Handbook Time to receive credit for the work completed. Helps are offered—if needed to assist the Clubber.

**\*\*Handbook Time is not the time for leaders to teach Clubbers their verses. We ask you, the parent, to do this at home\*\***

## Club Age Groupings

*Each AWANA Club has age groupings.*

Our Club meets on Monday nights at Warrenton Bible Fellowship.

**CUBBIES:** Age 3&4: for **Leaders Children Only!**

**SPARKS:** Kindergarden through 2nd grade

**T&T:** Boys & Girls—3rd through 6th grade

**JV TREK:** Middle school—7th & 8th grades

**JOURNEY 24/7:** High School—9th through 12th

## Club Meeting Schedule

**Sign-In:** 5:45-6:10 in Townhouse (Cubbies thru T&T only)

**Opening Ceremonies:** 6:10-6:30 in Sanctuary (Cubbies thru T&T only)

**Club Time:** 6:30-800

**Closing/Pick-Up:** 8:00 Promptly in Church Areas

## **Sign-In/Sign-Out**

In order to ensure the safety and security of all children, **please plan to sign in your child no earlier than 5:45 PM and pick-up your child no later than 8:00 PM. NO DROPOFFS!!!** **Sign-In** is counted as part of our point system and is **required** for children in Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubs. Sign-in will be in the **Town House** (follow signs and/or clubbers). To control traffic flow: ***PLEASE enter through the Town House front door ONLY from Winchester Street.***

## **Club Cancellation:**

If Fauquier County Public Schools are closed due to **inclement/bad weather**, club will be cancelled for the evening. NOTE: Scheduled school holidays and teacher workdays **DO NOT** cancel club, ***except*** for Christmas & Easter/Spring Break. If you are unsure, please check the church website: <http://www.wbfva.org/AWANA.html> for confirmation.



## **AWANA Code of Conduct**

*The Code of Conduct is loosely based on the two great commandments of Scripture from the New Testament, Matthew 22:37-40, when Jesus taught his disciples and challenged His critics saying, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your hearts, with all your soul and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself...on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

*May we live to keep His commands, and to encourage one another in keeping them.*

1. We will strive to honor the Lord in everything we do.
2. Walk quietly and speak softly in the building.
3. Treat ALL adults with respect.
4. Quickly obey all the directions you are given.
5. Treat each other with respect.
6. Keep all body parts to yourself.
7. Dress modestly & appropriately. [Wear your uniform & sneakers!](#)

## **Some Rules:**

***We need participation by all clubbers.*** Plan to take part in the entire club meeting unless you bring a note, or the Director is contacted personally by a parent.

***Come to attention and quiet, whenever you hear a leader give a five- count.***  
Please do not count along with the leader. It is our call for quiet.

The leaders are here for YOU! Please respect their ***commitment by addressing them as Mr. or Mrs. or Miss.***

No one is allowed to enter the main Sanctuary once the flag ceremony has begun, until it is completed. ***It is your responsibility to be here on time.***

Rough play or foul language will not be tolerated by anyone and is grounds to be sent home. ***“Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.” Psalm 34:13***

***You MUST remain with your group*** while at club. Only with your Leader’s permission may you go elsewhere.

Attendance awards are given for attendance.

***The person responsible for the child*** must sign each clubber in and out of club. If your child needs to be picked up by someone other than yourself, please note it on the Sign In/Sign Out sheet and alert your child’s Leader or Director.

## **Warning/Discipline System**

We expect the Code of Conduct to be upheld and the Rules to be followed for the good of the Clubber and for the good of the Club. We use a [three strike](#) system:

### ***If a Clubber is not following our Code or Rules***

**Strike 1:** Leader warns the Clubber *if misbehavior persists, in same night.*

**Strike 2:** Director warns the Clubber *if misbehavior persists, in same night.*

**Strike 3:** Commander contacts Clubber's parents for removal, that same night.

**And...NOTE:** *Only after a meeting with a Commander may your clubber return the following club night; DO NOT come back to club before this meeting!*

## **Special Awards**

At the end of the year, awards are given to the clubbers who have completed books during the year, at a Closing Ceremony. The number of books completed, determines the award(s). *AWANA books are matched to grade levels, those desiring to achieve cumulative awards may/must complete books from other levels. The AWANA Citation Award is comparable to an Eagle Scout award.*

**Sparky Plaque**—awarded to any second grader who has completed all **3** Sparks handbooks.

**Excellence Award**—awarded to any clubber that completes any **2** third—twelfth grade handbooks.

**Third Book Award Plaque**—awarded to any clubber that completes any **3** third—twelfth grade handbooks.

**Timothy Award**—awarded to any clubber that completes **4** third—twelfth grade handbooks.

**Meritorious Award**—awarded to any clubber that completes **6** third—twelfth grade handbooks.

**Citation Award**—awarded to any clubber that completes ALL **10** third—twelfth grade handbooks.

***College scholarships are self funded and awarded annually for Clubbers that complete the AWANA Citation Award.***



As of: Sep 10, 2011  
(subject to change, by year)

## **Club Expenses**

Dues (per week)	\$1.00
(per year)	\$30.00 per child 1&2 \$25.00 per child #3 or more
Cubbie Books	\$11.00
Cubbie Uniform Vest	\$11
Conversion Patch	Free
Cubbie Handbook Bag	\$6.50 (optional purchase)
Sparks Handbooks	\$11.00
Spark Uniform Vest	\$11.00
Current Rank Emblem	Free
Spark Handbook Bag	\$5.50 (optional purchase)
Truth & Training Handbooks	\$11.00
T&T Uniform Shirt	\$14
Book Bag	\$5.50 (optional purchase)
JV Trek Manual	\$11.00
JV Uniform Shirt	\$16.00
Journey 24/7 Main Study	\$11.00
Journey 24/7 Elective	\$11.00



## **Club Dues**

We ask that every Clubber bring dues of \$1.00 to club each week. Dues help pay for equipment, awards, treats, and provide for the overall operation of the club. If you prefer, you may prepay for the entire club year at a special rate of \$30.00 each for the first two children and an additional \$25.00 each for 3 or more. If club expenses are a limiting factor, please see one of the Commanders.

## **The Uniform**

Every AWANA Club has a special uniform just for the club. *Clubbers must earn the privilege to purchase and wear the uniform.* This is done by successfully passing the Club Entrance Test, which is provided to your clubber the first time he attends a meeting. Some uniforms are in-stock, others will be ordered on an individual basis and should be available at the next club meeting.

*\*Clubbers(Sparks and T&T, in particular) must wear the complete uniform to each club meeting. If the clubber does not, they **WILL NOT** be able to receive awards for that week. **NOTE, TOO: this includes the wear of SNEAKERS for the night; without, ANY/ALL clubbers will not be allowed to participate in games (CAN NOT, for safety and health reasons...go without shoes or run in socks)!***

The uniform should be worn over or under any special items on dress-up nights, unless otherwise authorized by the Commanders. Earned awards will only be presented to clubbers **in uniform.**

Uniforms come with our chartered numbers 7309 free of charge. If you need them, please ask your child's Director.

## **Miscellaneous that Matters**

Throughout the year your Clubber will be encouraged to participate in special projects that will require your assistance and your support. Club Handbooks require Bible study and reading assignments, Clubbers may be requested to bring a friend, go on a hike, learn about a missionary, etc...

### **Team Competition**

Teams will be assigned the first night of AWANA and may be changed periodically to ensure balance. A visitor may go with the clubber who brought him the first night, but may be put on another color team if needed upon returning.

AWANA recognizes a point/award system to encourage Clubbers in character development. The following points will be awarded each week and attributed to the Club members (Sparks and T&T ONLY) team; the winning team will be announced no later than the following meeting.

<b><u>Character Counts:</u></b>	<b><u>Points Awarded:</u></b>
Present by 6:00 p.m.	100
Dues payment	100
Handbook	200
Bible	200
Sunday School Attendance	200
In Uniform	200
Bring a Friend	500
Special Night	500
Sections Passed (per section)	300

**Bible Verse Memory Work:** Clubbers are encouraged to work at their own pace, however a good guide rule is two sections/week to finish the book work in a club year. A clubber may say all the sections he can in a single night, but must do so in intervals, to give everyone a chance.

**Team Rewards & Clubber Shares:** During game time, points will be awarded according to how each team placed in each of the games played. The team with the most points will be announced at the end of the game time each night. In addition to earning points, K-6th graders will earn AWANA shares for memory work, and for good character. Those shares are designed to be spent in the AWANA store.

## **AWANA Store**

The AWANA store will be open 4 times during the year, as a quarterly reward and incentive to the younger Clubbers, Cubbies through T&T. The Store features items the children may purchase with the AWANA shares they have earned through verse memorization.

## **Pizza Party**

Twice a year we will have a Pizza Party for the Clubbers and Leaders. They usually fall the last meeting before Christmas Break and the very last meeting of the year. This is a fun time, of food and fellowship that the Clubbers and Leaders really enjoy. The cost is normally \$3 per clubber and includes a drink (water and/or punch). Parents are asked to make snack items...brownies, cookies, etc. to provide as a dessert and to help set up and clean up for the party.

## **Pit Party/Derby Day**

An opportunity for Sparks & T&T clubbers to design & construct a pinewood derby car for competition...then race them! Hosted by the WBF AWANA club, it allows clubbers to go for the checkered flag, promising fun and fellowship. A materials fee is involved.

## **Spark-a-rama/AWANA Games/Quizzing**

An opportunity in Spring for Sparks thru T&T to participate in game and quizzing competition with other regional AWANA clubs. A shirt fee may be involved.

## **Trek/Journey (Middle & High School) Games/Quizzing**

An opportunity for JV & Varsity Club members to participate in regional and national Bible Quizzing and Game competition. A shirt fee may be involved.

## Camp

One of the privileges of AWANA membership is the opportunity to attend AWANA Scholarship Camp. To qualify the Clubber would need to have completed the Excellence Award and have been a member of the Club for two years. The camp is located in Mercersburg, PA. There is also a JV and a VARSITY—Trek & Journey 24/7 Camp. Applications become available in the Spring, through the AWANA website... [www.awanamd.org](http://www.awanamd.org) .... NOTE: Camps fill up *VERY* fast. *Apply early.*



## Club Leadership/Directors:

Pastor Liaison:	Bob Hoke
Commander:	Mike Gross
Co-Commander:	Carla Butler
Recordskeeper:	Carla Hoke
Treasurer:	Dee Gross
Cubbies Director:	Jen Burke
Sparks Director:	Fred Reid
T&T Director:	Charlie Lu
Co-T&T Director:	Drew Hoke
JV Director:	Randy Davidson
Journey Director:	Brad Alexander

## **A Final Note**

Like many other AWANA clubs, God has blessed us with incredible growth and we praise HIM for ALL the children. This is the beginning of our 9th year. We are requesting the support of additional parents who can help out this year assisting leaders. As a parent, if you'd like to assist with Club leadership as a verse listener or a Leader-In-Training, please contact Commander(s) Mike Gross ([michael.d1.gross@thesiorg.com](mailto:michael.d1.gross@thesiorg.com)) or Carla Butler ([donlersgirl@comcast.net](mailto:donlersgirl@comcast.net)) ALL leaders have submitted to and undergone background checks for security purposes as required by WBF.

We recognize that there will be clubbers who are unable to attend AWANA at WBF this year and want to encourage them to attend one of the other AWANA programs nearby as an alternative:

Amissville Baptist Church	540-937-6159
Culpeper Baptist Church	540-825-8192
Grove Baptist Church (Goldvein)	540-752-5806
Haymarket Baptist Church	703-754-8546
Old Dominion Baptist (Bristow)	703-594-3300
Soul Purpose Church (Bealeton)	540-661-7106
Victory Baptist Church (Nokesville)	703-594-2933
Zoar Baptist Church (Catlett)	540-788-9750

We would also ask that you continue to pray for the AWANA clubs, and all of the leaders and children that God has called to a closer walk with Him this year at WBF. To God be the glory!!

*We'll be praying for you, too!  
In Christ,  
Mike and Carla*

**Dear Clubbers (Sparks and T&T ONLY),**

**Thank you for taking time to read this CLUBBER’S Manual. When you and your parents have read it ALL, please sign your names on the lines provided below. When completed, please cut off this back page and returned the signed paper to your check-in leader. You (CLUBBER) will give your team an extra 100 points for doing so.**

**I have read the entire manual:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Clubber’s signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s signature

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