

# **AWANA CLUBS**

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**AWANA**

**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**

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***“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”***

***II Timothy 2:15 (NIV)***

# A Word From Pastor Travis

I'm so excited to have an AWANA Club at Connection Church! As our name indicates, we are all about building connections – connections between God and people, connections between one another, and connections between the church and the community. An AWANA Club is a great way to accomplish this in the lives of our children! At our AWANA Club, kids will learn to know Jesus better through Bible stories, lessons, and memorization. During game time, clubbers learn to compete in godly, healthy ways as they have fun developing life-learning team skills and building friendships with one another.

The benefits don't stop with our kids, though. The lessons learned at AWANAs can help parents and children in their connection with each other at home, too. And special events like the Grand Prix and Pie Night bring the whole family in on the fun.

What your kids learn and do at our AWANA Club will be more successful when families help with the process at home. By participating in the following activities, you can keep up with what your children are learning as well as reinforcing their growth in the Lord:

- (1) Encourage your child to come to all club meetings and activities.
- (2) Spend time working with your child on handbook sections (we suggest a brief 2-3 minute time segment each day).
- (3) Talk with your child about club activities: Let them 'report in'.
- (4) Encourage achievement by keeping track of your child's progress and providing praise.

Let us know about any special needs or concerns.

With your support and encouragement, and the enthusiasm of both the kids and our AWANA Club Team, we look forward to a very special year of fun and growth.

Thank you,

Pastor Travis

## **Welcome to AWANA!**

AWANA is a very special program designed just for our child(ren). We want them to have fun, make new friends, and learn about the special life we can have as children of God.

Our AWANA program has clubs for children grades K through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In each club children will compete with old and new friends in exciting games and learn from their leaders who will work with them on their handbooks. Encourage your children to study hard to earn awards to wear on their uniforms and to finish their book by the end of the year. They will have fun with our “Theme Nights” and special activities. But best of all, your children have God’s Word planted in their hearts to draw upon for a lifetime.

Each of the clubs has its own name, handbooks, and uniforms. The following list of the clubs will tell you which club they will attend:

T & T (Truth & Training)	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Sparks	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Cubbies	Ages 3 & 4

We look forward to a good year of growing, learning, and having fun together. Thanks for allowing us to work with your children and family in AWANA – we hope to see them every club meeting this year!

In Jesus’ love,

Connection Church AWANA Team

**Looking for a church home? We invite you to visit our church!**

**You can now register your child(ren) online at:**

[www.connectionchurchlive.com](http://www.connectionchurchlive.com)

## **DUES**

Dues for AWANA Clubs pay for the awards which will be received as each section is passed in the AWANA Handbooks and for book awards at the end of the year.

1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$15.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$10.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$ 5.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Child+	Free

**Your child will earn \$15 in AWANA bucks to spend at the AWANA Store if their dues and books are paid on or before September 28th.**

One check can be written for a family. Please make check payable to Connection Church and give it to the club secretary at the check-in table for recording.

## **HANDBOOKS**

The AWANA Handbooks have the sections which your child will work on and learn to earn his or her awards. We have handbooks available for all clubs which you can buy as they pass their entrance requirements or complete each book.

Handbooks for all ages are \$12.00

## **UNIFORMS**

The AWANA uniform identifies which club your children belong to, provides a place to display the awards they earn, and shows others that they are a member of the AWANA Clubs. You will want to order a uniform for your children as soon as they complete the entrance requirements for their club.

Once they receive their uniforms, they should wear it to all club meetings. Uniforms should be clean and awards displayed proudly. Awards will be held in the AWANA office until a uniform has been purchased for proper award display. Extra points will be awarded if clubbers wear their uniforms to school. The cost of the uniforms are as follows:

T & T Jersey	\$17.00
Sparks uniform vest	\$12.00
Cubbies uniform vest	\$12.00

Qualified children (those who have finished their entrance booklets) will receive their books and uniforms upon payment. A payment plan can be set up if necessary. Please see club secretary or director or email the secretary.

**If you need assistance with club costs, we have implemented an adopt-a-clubber program: see your club director or secretary for details or email [pastortravis@connectionchurchlive.com](mailto:pastortravis@connectionchurchlive.com) .**

## **AWANA Handbooks – What you should know:**

The Handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in AWANA. It helps them to learn about the Lord and reinforces his positive moral standards. Please be sure your children have their handbooks weekly.

### **Clubber's Role**

**Here are a few things to remember:**

- Clubbers must have their Handbooks at club to receive credit for sections passed that evening.
- No more than 2 helps per section are given in order to receive credit.
- Sections are passed when said to an AWANA leader or listener.
- In order to finish their handbooks by year-end, clubbers must pass 2 or 3 sections every week.
- Clubbers may be restricted to the number of sections passed because of the number of children present at club and/or number of helpers available. If the clubber is prepared with more sections, the leaders would be happy to assist them after club night is over to pass off extra sections.

### **Parent's Role**

**How you can help:**

- Help your children be disciplined by having them study 10-15 minutes per day in their handbooks.
- Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that your children memorize more quickly when they understand what they are memorizing.
- Please initial next to the verses the sections you feel they are ready to recite.
- Bring your children every week and encourage them in their work.

- Write the words of verses on 3"x5" cards. Shuffle the cards and ask your children to arrange them in order.
- Write verses on poster boards or white boards and hang them around the house.

## **AWANA Club Nightly Schedule**

AWANA Clubs meet from 6:00-7:45 p.m. (except Trek/LITT-please see below) on Wednesday evenings. Our flag ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. for all clubbers. ***The doors will be closed at 6:00 pm until the flag ceremony is over, so please plan to arrive no later than 5:50 p.m.*** so that you can bring your children inside to sign in and be ready for the flag ceremony. This sets the tone for the evening so please make every effort to be on time.

Light supper served	5:30–6:00	
T & T	6:00-6:05	Flag Ceremony
	6:05-6:30	Game Time
	6:35-7:00	Handbook Time
	7:00-7:25	Council Time
	7:25-7:45	Awards & Announcements
Sparks	6:00-6:05	Flag Ceremony
	6:05-6:30	Sparkle Time
	6:35-7:00	Game Time
	7:00-7:25	Green Meadow Time
	7:25-7:45	Awards & Announcements
Cubbies	6:00-6:05	Flag Ceremony
	6:05-7:45	Cubbie Time

***Please DO NOT bring children before 5:45 p.m unless you and/or your children are having a light supper at the church. Clubs will end at 7:45 p.m. We request that you come into the building to drop off and pick up your children. We are concerned for their safety.***

## **CLUB GUIDELINES**

### ***PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILDREN***

#### **Be Prepared**

- Come prepared to participate and to have fun.
- Wear modest, comfortable clothing. **Tennis shoes are required, as Game Time is active.**
- Bring your AWANA Handbook and Bible.
- Come ready to recite verses and work on them.
- Wear your uniform.

#### **Be Considerate**

- Be kind – treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Be on time – be ready for Flag Ceremony by 6:00 – arrive at 5:50 unless eating a meal.
- Work quietly during Handbook Time while others are reciting.
- Encourage one another in Game Time.
- Listen quietly in Council Time and Green Meadow Time
- Treat the church building with respect – It's the Lord's House.
- Respect the personal space of others; keep your hands to yourself.

#### **Be Safe**

- Walk in the building - except during Game Time, of course.
- Remain inside the church building until your parents come inside to pick you up. Parents, please come inside the building to pick your children up and to check them in.
- Do not come to Club if you are sick, have a fever, or are coughing/sneezing due to sickness.

#### **Be Obedient**

- Know and listen for the “Five Count” which means to be quiet before the count of “Five”.
- Listen and follow instructions given by your Leaders, Directors and the Commander.

## **THE THREE STRIKE RULE**

A clubber who will not follow these guidelines will be given a “one strike” by the leader in charge. A “two strike” is given for a second offense and if there is still a problem, the clubber will be put on a “three strike”. The clubber will then be taken to the AWANA Commander, who will contact the parents to come and take their child home. The child is not allowed to come to Club the following week, but is welcomed back thereafter, with the understanding the child will follow the Club Guidelines.

## For Your Information

### **If you are sick and can't come to Club . . .**

Bring a note from home the following week and you will get credit for your attendance award. If you can't come and normally ride with someone, please let them know.

### **If you lose a book or award . . .**

You may buy another book for \$12. Awards normally cost from 25¢ to \$1.00.

### **If you bring a friend . . .**

Please arrive by 5:50 so that we can meet your friend, register their attendance, and you can show your friend around.

### **If you need help with Club costs . . .**

Please let your leader know. We have a scholarship and an Adopt-A-Clubber program. We do not want finances to prevent your children from attending AWANA.

**Thank you for being a part of our  
Connection Church AWANA Club program!**

## AWANA LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFO

### **PASTOR/COMMANDER**

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