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**Dear Parents,**

I am excited about the upcoming *Awana Kids Club* year here at First Baptist Church. I am praying this year will be a time of spiritual growth and loads of fun for your child. Please pray alongside me for both the clubbers (kids) and the leaders who will be helping.

During the *Awana Kids Club* year, more than 20 adult leaders show up on Wed. nights to volunteer for 90 minutes with 45 (+/-) kids most nights. The goal of AWANA KIDS CLUB is to reach children with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. We strive to do this through memorizing scripture, learning about God's Word, games, and fellowship.

Awana stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed", coming from the scripture 2 Timothy 2:15. Kids are encouraged to be confident in who they are for Christ, they are taught how to study His Word, and they are shown practical ways to apply it in daily situations, like at school or home.

This handout includes a nightly schedule for the upcoming Awana year. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me.

While Awana is going on, we offer an Adult Bible study and prayer; the Youth also meet at this time for worship, games & Bible study. So, bring the whole family!

Thank you in advance for bringing your children to church.

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## AWANA KIDS CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30 – 6:05	Check-in ( <i>Wear your vest/shirt &amp; Bring your handbook weekly</i> )
5:30 – 6:05	Family Meal – children & youth eat <i>FREE</i> / Adults \$3
6:15 – 6:25	Opening Ceremony – Pledges, Prayer, Announcements
6:25 – 6:45	GAMES / COUNCIL TIME <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GAMES... CUBBIES – 2<sup>ND</sup></li><li>• COUNCIL... 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup></li></ul>
6:45 – 7:05	GAMES / COUNCIL TIME <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GAMES... 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup></li><li>• COUNCIL... CUBBIES – 2<sup>ND</sup></li></ul>
7:05 – 7:35	Handbook Time
7:35 – 7:45	Closing Recognition



At First Baptist Whitewright, we strive to show kids the love of Christ. We aren't concerned with how many kids we have in our program but with how many kids are not involved in church and are searching for somewhere to plug-in and be accepted.

Awana KIDS CLUB is a place where kids can:

- 1) Be with their peers.
- 2) Have a blast at Game Time.
- 3) Memorize verses to complete handbooks.
- 4) Earn awesome prizes and awards.
- 5) Feel loved.



## **Handbook Progression**

Now your clubber has their handbook, what do they do?

**CUBBIES** (Pre-K) will progress through their books together. The sections will be completed in order except for some special sections for special times of the year. Each lesson contains required memory work and activities that should be done at home as well as an optional extra credit activity. There are additional materials available for purchase for those children who need an extra challenge. Since the progress through the main book will take the entire club year, the extra credit materials should be completed concurrently.

**SPARKS** (Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup>) will progress through their books at their own pace. Sparks will have a Rank Path for each book. Completion of the rank test will earn them their Rank Patch. Each handbook contains four Bible Drills (red jewels) that must be completed in order and four Activity sections (green jewels) that may be completed in any order and concurrently with the Bible Drills. Some of the Activities can take several weeks to complete and should not be left to the end. All steps within a section must be completed in order. There are also four blue jewels awarded for attendance throughout the club year. After completion of the Bible Drills and Activities, all the memory work and some of the Activities are reviewed and an extra review section can be completed to earn an extra patch. There is also an extra credit workbook available for each rank that can be completed to earn an additional pin.

**TRUTH & TRAINING** (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) clubbers have handbooks called *The Ultimate Adventure Series*. The handbooks are divided into eight segments called Discoveries or Challenges. Each segment contains seven sections that will be done in order. Clubbers will progress through their books at their own pace. It is suggested that three to four sections be completed each week in order to complete the handbook within the club year. There is no review for these handbooks. Each segment contains optional extra credit work. The Silver and Gold level extra credit sections may be completed along with the segment or may be returned to after the book is completed. Silver award is given after completion of ALL Silver sections. Gold award is given after completion of ALL Silver and ALL Gold sections.



## **RULES TO COMPLETE THE HANDBOOKS**

Clubbers must pass an entire section in one sitting. They may not say one verse, study, and then say the second or third verse in the same section.

Clubbers must recite both reference and verse.

Clubbers may be given 2 HELPs per section. A HELP is whatever aid a leader chooses to assist a clubber in the completion of a section. One HELP would equal no more than three words or any other hint.

Clubbers who wish to do more than three sections per night **MUST** say the first two sections **WORD PERFECT!** This means **NO ERRORS** and **NO HELPS** from the leader.

Bible reading sections should be done at home. Each Bible reading section has two or three parts to be completed on different days. The goal is to help clubbers develop a daily quiet time. Answers to Bible reading questions must be correct. If an answer is wrong, a clubber may look for the correct answer during handbook time and the leader will check their work again. If right answers are given, the section will be passed. If wrong answers still appear, the clubber must work on the Bible reading at home and try to pass the section again next week at club.

### **THE AWANA GRAND PRIX**

The Awana Grand Prix is a Pinewood-Derby-style racing event with CO<sub>2</sub> power! Awana Grand Prix is more than just building a race car, it helps to build a bond between kids and their parents as they work together to design the best car ever. Two or more workshops are held prior to the event to help anyone who might need assistance. This is a Spring event and more details will be sent out when an exact date is set.

### **GAME TIME**

Game Time is fun and attracts many boys and girls who might not otherwise attend AWANA. We have Game Time leaders who put together a program of exciting competition. Leaders and assistant leaders will travel **WITH** their teams to game time and provide additional support to the Game Director and his assistants. Points will be awarded to winning teams as well as those teams exhibiting good sportsmanship. Points earned in Game Time will go toward a team award and not toward points that can be spent at the store. Game Leader(s) and their assistants will be responsible for these points.



## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

A Three-Count is used for an individual clubber who continues to misbehave after repeated correction; this method follows the three-strikes-and-you're-out philosophy. Your child is welcome in club as long as he or she is respectful of the rules. The director or commander may consider asking the child to stay home for a week, or until the child is ready to be a part of the group. We will not allow an unruly child to be a distraction to the whole club.

## **CLUBBERS HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Please maintain the following guidelines in determining if your child is well enough to attend AWANA. If your child has any of the following symptoms, he/she should not attend AWANA's that night. Any child should be symptom free for 24 hours before attending:

- Fever
- Coughing, croup or sneezing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Green or cloudy runny nose
- Any skin inflammation such as rashes, ringworm, impetigo
- Symptoms of any childhood disease (chicken pox, measles, mumps, etc)
- Inflamed throat or mouth
- Runny or pink eyes
- Head lice

Please be considerate of other clubbers and their parents. If you would not want a parent sending a clubber to AWANA with the symptoms your child is exhibiting, it's likely that other parents would not want you sending your clubber with those same symptoms.

No medications can be dispensed by the child or your child's leader, if your clubber requires regular medication, please ensure that he/she has been given the medication prior to attending AWANA.



## **PLEDGES**

### **Pledge of Allegiance to USA:**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **AWANA Pledge:**

I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for the Awana Clubs,  
Whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ,  
and train them to serve Him.

## **SONGS**

### **AWANA Theme Song**

Firmly AWANA stands, led by the Lord's commands,  
Approved workmen are not ashamed, Boys and girls for His service claimed!  
Hail AWANA on the march for youth; Hail AWANA holding forth the truth.  
Building lives on the Word of God AWANA stands!  
Our Savior following, with steps unfaltering,  
And love unaltering, His praise we sing,  
His banner over us, in service glorious,  
We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!  
YOUTH!...ON THE MARCH!

### **Cubbies Song**

We are Awana Cubbies, we're happy all day long.  
We know that Jesus loves us! That's why we sing this song.  
We hop because we're happy and we jump and shout for joy.  
For Jesus is a friend to us. He loves each girl and boy.

### **Sparks Song**

We are "Sparks", for Jesus, "Sparks" to light the world,  
We will shine for Jesus as we tell each boy and girl!  
We will hide God's Word in our hearts;  
We will serve Him right from the start;  
From His love we never can part for we are  
"Sparks!" "Sparks!" "Sparks!" "Sparks!" "Sparks", to light the world.

