

AWANA CLUBS

PARENT AND CLUBBER GUIDE



First Emmanuel Baptist Church

2014-2015

Dear Awana Parents:

We're glad your family is joining us for Awana at First Emmanuel Baptist Church. It is a privilege to work with your children and provide opportunities for their 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 taught through Bible memory, games, achievements, special activities and fellowship. Awana also helps discipline clubbers to work, play and study within their own peer group.

Awana is non-denominational and all clubbers and their families are encouraged to attend their family place of worship. If you do not have a home church, we encourage you to attend ours. First Emmanuel Baptist Church has worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays at:

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

AM Service - 11:00 a.m.

PM Service - 6:30 p.m.

Awana – 6:45 p.m.

Bible Study – 7:00p.m.

For more information, please call the church at (843) 871-1949.

Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with memorization and by encouraging his or her

enthusiasm with Awana. Your help and encouragement is the key.

We are providing this handbook as a helpful reference for both you and your clubber. It includes information about the program and the calendar at activities. Please refer to this throughout the year to see what's happening each club night. Make note of important events now. Updates and further information will be sent as these events draw near.

You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs. Please feel free to call your child's leader or director if you have any questions.

Your Awana Directors:

Commander – Richard Megget – (843) 830-8164

Cubbies: Bashira Stewart – (843) 875-5540 (home)

Sparks: Stephanie Flatt – (231) 557-7649

T&T Boys: David Seabrook – (843) 818-9627

T&T Girls: Kia Reese – (843) 469-6704

What is Awana?

The letters in the word Awana stand for "Approved workmen are not ashamed" according to II Timothy 2:15 the Bible says, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Over 50 years ago, the Awana ministry was started with a dedication to building young lives on the Word of God. Today there are thousands of clubs and hundreds of thousands of clubbers actively involved worldwide. Clubbers gather weekly in different communities around the world to share their Bible memory work and to have fun doing so.

The memory work is designed to establish a personal relationship between the clubber and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives, to build up the clubber in Bible knowledge and to install in him a love and respect for God and His word.

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Cubbies (co-ed) 4 year olds and prekindergarten

Sparks (co-ed) Kindergarteners-2nd grade

T & T (Truth and Training) (co-ed) 3rd-4th grade

The program starts promptly at 6:45pm.

Children need to be picked up in the building at 8:30 pm by a parent if not riding the bus.

Dues are collected to help provide the funds needed for awards, prizes and incentives for your child. Awana is a Non-profit organization and we appreciate very much your support of the ministry.

Other costs include handbooks and uniforms as listed below. These may be purchased from the club secretary

scholarship funds available to help families if the cost presents a difficulty.

Our goal is to have every child participating in Awana to the fullest.

2014-2015-Price List

\$5.00 Cubbies Uniform

\$7.00 Cubbies Handbook

\$5.00 Sparks Uniform

\$7.00 Sparks Handbooks

\$5.00 T & T Uniform

\$7.00 T & T Handbooks

Discipline Plan

5 Count - The 5 count is used in group situations by the person responsible for the group. This person asks for quiet and then starts counting slowly. By the time the count reaches 5 or before, the group should be quiet.

3 Count - The 3 count is used for discipline of individual clubbers. It is administered only by Directors, not by leaders. The first time a clubber misbehaves, he is told "This is a 1 count". If the behavior happens again, the clubber is taken away from the group and spoken with and given a "2 count". The 3rd incident the same evening prompts a call to the parents to come and pick up their child. The child is not allowed to attend club the following week.

3 counts are rare. When a clubber returns after a 3 count discipline, extra attention is given to him/her. It is very important in these situations that the clubber understand

it is their actions, not their person that the discipline is directed at.

Communication of love and forgiveness is critical when a 3 count discipline occurs.

Examples of behavior problems where a 3 count may be given: repeatedly interrupting a leader in charge of a club segment, physically harming a leader or clubber, damaging church property, or profane language.

AWANA schedule of Events for 2014-2015
(Schedule may change-watch for monthly flyer)

September 3 Pre-registration
September 10 Parent Night
October 4 West Farm Corn Maze
November 15 Festival of Lights
December 10 Assistant Living Home Bell
May 16 Charlestown Landing

Uniforms, Handbooks & Bibles

All clubbers and leaders wear an Awana uniform to club. Wearing uniforms unifies the clubbers as a group and provides the means for a well disciplined club. Leaders and clubbers are knit together by the uniforms, making the leader/clubber relationship much closer. Cubbies and Sparky's wear brightly colored T-shirts. T&T clubbers wear special green T-shirts. Uniforms may be purchased at the registration desk.

(See enclosed price list)

Children begin Awana by learning portions of an entrance booklet. Each handbook is specific to the clubber's age and level of learning with Awana. Clubbers will work at their own pace through their handbook and most clubbers will finish one handbook during the year. Clubbers should bring their handbook and Bible (If they have one) to club each week.

Dues and Other Costs

Weekly dues are \$0.50 for one child. Parents wishing to pre-pay dues for the entire year can do so during preregistration: \$16.00 for one child per family.