

# Program Overview

## WHAT IS AWANA?

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed



*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15, the Awana key verse)*

Awana Clubs International is a Bible-centered, non-denominational ministry. Awana equips local churches to form weekly clubs with comprehensive, structured programs for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Awana is designed for the spiritual growth and evangelism of children and their families. Awana strives to educate children and youth of all ages to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

**Puggles**    Preschool (2 and 3 years old)

**Cubbies**    Preschool(4-5 years old, prior to Kindergarten)

**Sparks**    Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2nd grade

**Truth and Training--Ultimate Adventure**    3rd and 4th grade

**T & T-- Ultimate Challenge**    5th and 6th grade

**(6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Youth Group are Welcome)**

### CLUB SCHEDULE

All clubs meet every **Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 PM.**

Except Spring Break (March 14)

**Our first meeting is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Our last meeting will be **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## Club Structure

Awana provides weekly club meetings, divided into the following activities:

- **Handbook Time** – All clubs (except Puggles) dedicate time to Bible Scripture memorization and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the New International Version (NIV) Bible. Clubbers should be studying their handbooks during the week, and are rewarded each week according to their progress.
- **Council Time/Story Time** – All clubs are presented with an age-appropriate Bible message, often including a presentation of the gospel message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Game Time** – Sparks and T&T practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games. Weather permitting, Game Time is held outside on the concrete next to the Sanctuary. Please have your children wear clothing appropriate for Game Time (no flip-flops, etc).
- **Award Time** – Clubbers are recognized for completing sections in their handbooks.



# Handbook Requirements

Handbooks are an essential part of the Awana program. Every club (except Puggles) has its own set of handbooks, and every clubber should be working to complete their handbook before the end of the year.

Any time a child enters a new club, the first thing they must do is complete an **entrance booklet**. Once completed, usually in 1 to 3 weeks, the clubber is given a **uniform**, a **handbook**, and a **book bag**.

All handbooks (even the entrance booklets) are divided into **sections**. Clubbers should study their sections at home during the week, and at their next Awana meeting a leader will sit with them one on one and **review** their sections. When a clubber completes a section, the leader **signs off** on that section and awards the clubber **shares**.

Most sections involve **memorizing Bible verses**. Clubbers should be memorizing these verses (including the verse reference) at home, and must recite these verses from memory when reviewing sections with a leader. The leader is allowed to give the clubber two "helps" per section (not per verse). Clubbers do not have to recite verses exactly word for word, but they will get bonus shares if they do. All verses in a section must be recited in a single sitting in order to complete that section.

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## Cubbies

The entrance booklet for Cubbies is called the **Bear Hug Brochure**. Once that is completed, all Cubbies will be working in the **Jumper** book together. The sections in the Hopper book are referred to as **Bear Hugs**. Cubbies all progress at the same rate, one Bear Hug per week. Each week parents need to read the Bear Hug material to their children, help them memorize the verse at the end of the section, and sign off the section when they've learned it. **Apple Tree** sections are optional, for extra credit. Unlike other clubs, Cubbies do not earn shares for their sections.

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## Sparks

The entrance booklet for Sparks is called **Flight 3:16**. From there, clubbers work in order through three books: **HangGlider**, **WingRunner**, and **SkyStormer**. A clubber cannot start the WingRunner book unless they are in 1st grade, and cannot start the SkyStormer book unless they are in 2nd grade. Extra credit work is available for clubbers who finish their books early. Clubbers progress at their own pace in Sparks, but in order to complete one book in a year they must complete **40-49** sections, so their goal should be to complete **2 sections per week**. Sections in the Sparks books are grouped into a **Rank Path**, four **Red Jewels** and four **Green Jewels**. All sections in the book must be completed in order.

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## T&T

The entrance booklet for T&T is called the **Start Zone**. (There are two Start Zones, one for 3rd and 4th graders, and one for 5th and 6th graders.) From there, clubbers work through either the two **Ultimate Adventure** books for 3rd and 4th grades, or the two **Ultimate Challenge** books for 5th and 6th grades. A clubber cannot start Ultimate Adventure Book 2 until they enter 4th grade, and cannot start Ultimate Challenge Book 2 until they enter 6th grade. Clubbers progress at their own speed in T&T.

# Handbook Sections



## Bringing Visitors

All Sparks and T&T handbooks have a section that requires your child to bring a visitor to an Awana meeting. These sections may be completed at any time during the year. If your child is unable to bring a visitor, a list of alternate activities will be available. All visitors must be checked in at the front desk by an adult and must fill out and sign the Registration Form and return it to the church office. After they complete the "Entrance Booklet" for their Club, the Registration fee is due to receive their Awana Uniform, handbook and book bag.

## Missionaries

All T&T handbooks have sections that require your child to find out information about one or more missionaries. These sections cannot be skipped, but they can be completed early. We will try to schedule missionaries to come visit our clubs during the year to help with these sections, but feel free to find missionaries on your own.

# Awards and Rewards

The Awana curriculum is fun, but it is also a lot of work! As such, we like to award and reward our clubbers for their achievements:

- **Shares:** Sparks and T&T clubbers earn "shares" during the year for completing sections in their handbook, as well as other activities. These shares can then be redeemed in the Awana Store (held four times per year) for various prizes.
- **Uniform Awards:** After reaching specific milestones in their handbook, clubbers are presented with awards which attach to their uniform.
- **Book Awards:** At our Year-End Awards Ceremony, Book Awards are presented to all clubbers who have completed their handbook for the year.

## Registration Fees

After completion of the "Entrance Booklet" for their Club, the Registration fee is due to receive their Awana Uniform, Handbook and book bag

### **Puggles: (Age 2-3)**

Registration \$10.00 T-Shirt included

### **Cubbies: (Age 4-5)**

Registration \$20.00 Vest, Handbook, and Book Bag included

### **Sparks: (K-2)**

Registration \$20.00 Vest, Handbook, and Book Bag included

### **Truth & Training (T&T): (Grade 3-6)**

Registration \$23.00 Shirt, Handbook, and Book Bag Included

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to "Ovilla United Methodist Church" Cash or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# Scholarships

# are available!

email request:  
[green224@me.com](mailto:green224@me.com)

# Parental Participation



Parents are requested to participate in the following areas:

- **PRAY for your children and their Awana leaders!**
- Encourage and help your child in Scripture memorization. This is important for all age levels, but especially for Cubbies and Sparks who cannot yet read.
- Deliver and pick up your child promptly for all club meetings and functions. Check-in for Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T starts at 5:45PM in the Youth Building. Clubs promptly start at 6:00PM and end at 7:30PM
- Stress to your child the importance of the Club Rules below.
- Encourage and help your child to attend Church and Sunday school weekly.
- Encourage and help your child to attend each weekly club meeting.
- Assist and encourage your Awana Leaders. These dedicated Leaders help promote every child's growth!

**Please Note:** Parents, you must fill out and sign the Registration Form and return it to the church office or an Awana Leader by your child's second visit. You must complete this form every year, even if you have registered with us in the past.

## Club Rules for Clubbers

Clubbers should follow these rules:

- **Behave!** The same standards of conduct that would apply at home or at school would apply here, too. Any child who continually disrupts the club may be sent home. Of course, that child is welcome back to future meetings.
- **Obey** your Leaders! Disobedience cannot be tolerated. Any child who continually disobeys may be sent home. Again, that child is welcome back to future meetings.
- Please be **on time**. Club meetings will start promptly at 6:00 PM, and check-in for Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks and T&T starts at 5:45.
- Wear your **uniform** every week (including name tag). Clubbers cannot receive awards or present flags unless they are in uniform.
- Do not bring any toys, games (Nintendo DS, PSP, iTouch, etc.), iPods/MP3 players, cell phones, trading cards (except T&T trading cards), or sports equipment (footballs, etc.) to Club meetings.
- Wear **tennis shoes** and **long pants** for protection during Game Time. If you are in Sparks or T&T. This is recommended, not required, but you may not be allowed to participate in games if you do not follow this rule.