



GENERAL INFORMATION

- First club night is September 7th at 5pm. This initial club night will be a time for clubbers to meet the directors and leaders, receive fall calendar, club application, and entrance gates for clubs. T-shirt orders will be taken.

CLUB DIVISIONS

- Cubbies: 3 and 4 years olds (both levels of pre-K)
- Sparks: Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades
- Truth & Training (T&T): Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grades.
Boys and Girls may be divided depending on numbers of clubbers.
- Trek 24/7: Seventh and Eighth Grades
- Journey 24/7: Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grades.



Annual Fees and Dues...

The yearly AWANA fee is \$25.00 per child. The yearly fee includes club t-shirt, handbook, and handbook bag for Cubbies and Sparks. It will also aid in funding AWANA store. Each member is also responsible for bringing a weekly due of \$1.00. Dues are used to fund awards.

First Baptist Church requests that the annual fee be paid in full by the last Sunday of October. Our church desires that no child be denied participation in club due to finances. Should the expense be too high for your family, please note that on the application and a scholarship from the church body will be requested.

Lost Materials...

All clubbers will be responsible for their handbooks and uniforms. If materials are lost and need to be replaced, the clubber will be responsible for paying cost plus shipping for the replaced item.

AWANA Schedule...

5:00pm	Go directly to your club classroom for sign-in, due collection, and Handbook Time.
5:40pm	Game Time for all clubs.
6:10pm	Flag Ceremony, Announcements, Prayer
6:20pm	Awards Presentation
6:30pm	Praise and Worship; Counsel Time
7:00pm	Club Dismissal. Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T members are to be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult (notified to us prior to club).

THE AWANA PROGRAM

The Clubber's First Night...

If your child has never attended an AWANA Club before, they will be given an Entrance Booklet on their first night in Club. All Entrance Booklets are different depending on the grade level of your child. This is their first step of achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this within the first 3 consecutive weeks. A section ends each place where there is a spot for a leader's signature. A clubber can only receive two helps per section. Once the Entrance Booklet is completed, your child is an official member of their club and will be receive the handbook and uniform for their age group. This is just the start of many more awards they can achieve as a member.

The Parent's Role...

Active participation by you is crucial to your child's success in the program. Each week, your clubber will need to complete one to two sections to be able to complete one handbook each year. Younger clubbers may need help and encouragement to memorize scriptures. Older clubbers may be able to achieve the sections on their own but many need oversight from parents to ensure weekly progression. Please take the time to encourage your child(ren). Scripture memorization gets easier the more you do it.

Working Side by Side...

The AWANA program is set up so that each clubber should finish one handbook each year. Each club director strives to help the clubbers learn and understand their sections. If you have any questions concerning handbook progression, feel free to call your child's club director at the numbers provided on the handbook inside cover.

Awards & Recognitions

Club Attendance...

Quarterly club attendance awards will be given to members of Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubs. Each uniformed clubber who regularly attends AWANA according to the following guidelines will receive the appropriate award, according to their club:

Each quarter, every clubber is allowed two excused absences. The parent can either send a note or speak to an AWANA staff member directly. Sickness, vacation, school conflict or sports team conflict are examples of an excused absence. Club attendance awards are special recognition for clubbers who consistently attend AWANA. Therefore, no unexcused absences will qualify or more than two excused.

Sunday School Attendance...

Semi-annual Sunday School Attendance Awards will be given to each clubber in uniform who regularly attend Sunday School (these awards also only apply to Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubs). Sunday School is defined as an age-related class outside of regular church worship that is engaged in the instruction of religious principles. CCD classes will be accepted to earn this award. Each clubber is only allowed four excused absences per half year.

Handbook Awards...

Every child works through their handbook at their own pace. They have the opportunity to earn exciting awards. Awards are worn on their uniforms. If your child progresses at the rate of 2-3 sections per week, they will be awarded a ribbon, plaque, or trophy at the end of the year.

- Cubbies Bear Pin - After completion of first Cubbies Book
- Cubbies Ribbon - After completion of second Cubbies Book
- 1st Year Spark Ribbon - After completion of first Sparks Book
- 2nd Year Spark Ribbon - After completion of second Sparks Book
- Spark Plaque - After completion of third Sparks Book
- First Book Ribbon - After completion of first book in 3rd - 12th grade series
- Excellence Award - After completion 2 books in 3rd - 12th grade series
- Third Book Award - After completion 3 books in 3rd - 12th grade series
- Timothy Award - After completion 4 books in 3rd - 12th grade series
- Milestone Award - After completion of first book in Trek Series
- Meritorious Award - Citation - After completion all 10 books in 3rd - 12th grade series

AWANA CLUB RULES

All children are expected to abide by the following rules:

1. Gum, food, and drink are to be enjoyed before and after Club.
2. Treat each other and church property with respect.
3. Running is only allowed during Game Time!
4. Clubbers must always be with a leader while on church property.
5. Dress Code - The AWANA T-shirt is considered our uniform. Clubbers are asked to wear them each club night. Shorts may be worn as long as they are finger-tip length. No short shorts! NO FLIP FLOPS (they make game time difficult). Athletic shoes are preferable.

CLUB DISCIPLINE

Rules are ineffective unless they are enforced. Scripture says that God is not the author of confusion; therefore, orderliness is an element of godliness. Discipline is enforced positively and without exception with the purpose of building character. AWANA uses the following count rules:

5-Count

The 5-Count is used by all leaders and simply involves counted to 5 to give clubbers notice of the immediate need for quiet.

1-2-3 Rule

The 1-2-3 Rule allows clubbers three opportunities per night to understand that Club rules must be followed. Clubbers will be advised by their Club Director or the Commander if they have violated a Club rule. Parents will be notified after the second offense if a clubber refuses to cooperate. After the 3rd time, the Clubber will enter a parent-pastor conference and if a fourth offense occurs, the clubber will be suspended for 2 weeks. They will be welcomed back to club if they agree to abide by the rules.

PARENTS WE NEED YOU!

Parents, you are essential in helping your child to get the most enjoyment and fulfillment out of AWANA. Please use the following guidelines.

1. Encourage your children to attend club every week. Not only will consistency help your child to excel, but he/she is also a member of a color team that needs your child's participation.
2. Make sure they wear their uniform and pay their dues every week. Clubbers are recognized for their achievements each week but can only receive them if they are in uniform.
3. Be sure they arrive on time! Promptness helps keep our program on track and doesn't disrupt the sections of our program.
4. Help your child to complete 1-2 sections a week. This keeps them motivated and will help them complete their book in a year.
5. Attend all major events. Your attendance really encourages the clubbers. Parents are always welcome and may attend any club meeting.

6. Please pick your child up promptly at 7pm. The children are tired by then and the young ones get anxious if their parent doesn't arrive with the others.
7. Please pray about helping with club. You will find that your blessing is even bigger than the clubbers!
8. The main website for AWANA is www.awana.org. There are many ideas and helps there including CD's that can help with scripture memorization.

IF YOU LIKE OUR AWANA PROGRAM

Why not visit us on Sunday morning?

Our services include Sunday School at 9:45am and service at 11:00am each Sunday.

FBC offers age appropriate Sunday School lessons. We have caring adults working with our nursery, preschool, and school age children during our Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 am. Bible Study classes are also available for adults during this time. Church service follows at 11:00am.

On Wednesday evenings, FBC offers bible study classes:

"EDGE" is for 7th through 12th grades and begins at 6:30pm. Supper is served and is followed by games and bible study.

Adult bible study is from 7pm to 8pm.