



Welcome to AWANA
at Faith Fellowship
Church!!!



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Frequently Asked Questions

Does Awana cost anything to register?

No. We do not charge to register, but periodically, we do ask that payments be made for uniforms, books, and a quarterly donation. See page 1.

Do you follow everything in the Awana books?

No. Awana gives us the liberty to fit the program to our church. So, most things are how they appear in the handbooks or on Awana's website, but several things are different. That's why we have tried to make this booklet that explains Awana at FFC. If you have questions, just ask!

Do they have to memorize verses?

Yes and No. Memorization has been at the core of Awana since it started over 50 years ago. We understand that many kids have difficulties memorizing and different ways of learning. That is why we only allow certain kids 3 weeks to memorize, after that we make sure they have a good understanding of the verse, then let them move on. Talk with us if your child has difficulties.

What is the Awana Grand Prix? And is it mandatory?

The Awana Grand Prix is like the Boy Scouts Pine Wood Derby. The kids all purchase car kits and make their car. We then have a race day where they get to race it! This is not mandatory to be in Awana.

Why do you collect offering?

We collect a weekly offering to teach the kids the importance of giving back to the Lord through our Awana ministry. Everything we collect goes straight back into Awana.

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Awana Basics!

What is Awana?

- Awana was founded in 1950 and is an international, nondenominational, weekly program for kids to learn the Bible, grow in their faith and have a blast doing it. Awana stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. Each week kids from preschool through 6th grade will meet and have lessons, learn verses, and play games. Clubbers are divided into age-appropriate groups so they can learn and interact with children their own age.

What else do you do at Awana?

- Throughout the year we will have lots of other fun things to do. We will have theme nights, Awana store where the kids can purchase prizes, and Grand Prix, which is similar to a pinewood derby.

Who can attend Awana?

Any boy or girl preschool to 6th grade may attend AWANA. FFC offers AWANA for the following age levels:

- Cubbies: Preschoolers (Must be Potty Trained)
- Sparks: Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- T&T (Truth and Training): 3rd– 6th grade

Registration for Awana

- Complete AWANA Ministry Registration Form
- Children may join AWANA any time during the year.
- If your child brings a friend to AWANA, please provide the friend’s parent/ guardian information (names, address, and phone number) on the first night of the friend’s attendance.

Cost of Awana

- There is no official registration cost for Awana
- We do ask families to pay for each child’s handbook, uniform and a quarterly donation of \$5 per child.

T&T Awards



Alpha Award

The Alpha Award recognizes completion of the first handbook or study, including all associated activities. Recipient must have completed third grade or higher. An Alpha Award pin is also included; clubbers display this on their uniform to show their achievement level.



Excellence Award

This award is given to those who have completed two handbooks or studies between 3rd and 12th grades. The amount of work for the Excellence involves completing 2 handbooks and includes all associated activities. The recipient must have completed fourth grade or higher.



Challenge Award

This award is given to those who complete any three 3rd through 12th-grade handbooks or studies, including all associated activities. Recipient must have completed fifth grade or higher. A Challenge Award pin is also included; clubbers display this on their uniform to show their achievement level.



Timothy Award

This award is presented to those students who have completed any four of the 3rd through 12th grade handbooks or studies, which involves completing 4 handbooks and includes all associated activities. The recipient must have completed the sixth grade or higher.

T&T Awards

In T&T Ultimate Adventure, clubbers earn an emblem for each Discovery completed. These Discovery emblems can be placed on the jersey to form shapes and patterns using either the Standard Method or Custom Method.

1. Discovery emblems
2. Extra-Credit emblems
3. Book completion pins
4. Special Events & Awana GO Emblems
5. Passport Collector pins
6. Handbook Review Emblems



In T&T Ultimate Challenge clubbers personalize their jerseys by choosing an award emblem and placing it anywhere in the white areas of the jersey. Clubbers earn an emblem for each Challenge completed.

1. Challenge emblems
2. Book completion pins
3. Special event emblems
4. Extra-Credit emblems
5. Passport Collector pins
6. Handbook Review Emblems
7. Awana GO Emblem



Point of Contact

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Awana Leaders:

Awana Director: Bridget Rothhaas — arbornurse3213@gmail.com

Club Secretary: Karen Green— greenkaren2@gmail.com

Cubbie Director: Lani Peppers— lanipeppers@aol.com

Sparks Director: Beth Sullivan— callalily@fioptics.com

T&T Director: Colleen Taylor — ctay2357@gmail.com

Church Office: ffc@goffc.org or 513-598-6734

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

For your Clubber's success, it is extremely helpful that each section is reviewed with a parent/guardian prior to attending club. As you help them learn, here are some things to remember:

- Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse to your child. You will find that they memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing.
- Each handbook has parental helps and tips for discussion. Our leaders are also available as resources.
- If your child has a learning challenge that requires accommodations in order to be successful in AWANA, please talk with the Awana Director and/or your child's leader.
- Encourage prompt, consistent attendance. Consistency creates good habits and consistent attendance shows your Clubber the importance of AWANA.
- Pray for and with your child.

Point of Contact

UNIFORMS

Clubbers will be provided a uniform once they complete their entrance booklet. The Cubbies and Sparks uniform is a vest. The T&T uniform is a t-shirt.

- Uniforms promote pride and uniformity as a group.
- Clubbers may earn awards for wearing their uniform; however, the Clubber must wear their uniform at check-in to receive awards or points for wearing their uniform.

CLUB DAY AND TIMES

Awana meets on Wednesday.

Check-In: 5:45 pm –6:00 pm

Club Times: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

AWANA starts at the scheduled time so please leave enough time for check-in AND don't forget to remind your Clubber to bring his or her handbook, Bible and uniform or necessary materials for the Club night theme.

We know that life is hectic, especially in the evenings after school and work. So on club night we have our FFC Community dinner from 5:00pm - 6:00pm. There is no cost to this meal, but donations are accepted. We also do not require reservations, but they are helpful for food preparation and can be made weekly on our website at www.goffc.org.

Please be familiar with the check-in/out procedures

CHECK-IN AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Check-In Procedures

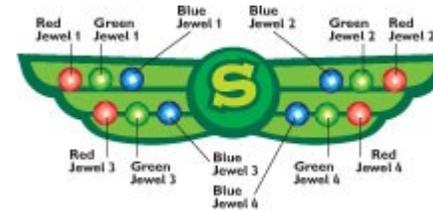
- All Clubbers MUST be escorted into the building.
- Check-in begins at 5:45 pm and ends at 6:00 pm in the auditorium through the double doors closest to the main entrance.
- Clubbers will need to check-in with their specific club director located at the check-in table.
- Clubbers then will go to their designated color line and wait for club to begin.
- If an alternate adult or family member is going to drop off (or pick up) your child, please let the secretary know in advance.

Spark Awards



Sparkies love the classic red vest and the awards they earn in Sparks that display their progress.

1. Sparkies Emblem
2. HangGlider Rank Emblem
3. WingRunner Rank Emblem
4. SkyStormer Rank Emblem
5. HangGlider Review Emblem
6. HangGlider Pilot Wings and Jewels
7. HangGlider Extra Credit Pin
8. Church Attendance Emblems



Sparks get their pilot wings after they earn their first jewel.



Sparks can also earn ribbons for finishing each of their first two books.

Sparky Award

To earn a Sparky Award, a clubber must complete the three Sparks handbooks, which involves memorizing 150 verses. The recipient must have completed second grade.



Cubbie Awards



1. AppleSeed Trail Emblem
2. HoneyComb Trail Emblem
3. Red Apple Achievement Emblem
4. Green Apple Achievement Emblem
5. Awana GO Emblem



AppleSeed and HoneyComb Book Award Ribbons

Cubbies receive a confetti-filled ribbon to take home once they complete each handbook.

AppleSeed and HoneyComb Trail Emblems

Cubbies receive the AppleSeed Trail emblem for completing the AppleSeed Trail or the HoneyComb Trail emblem for completing the HoneyComb Trail. Trails are at the beginning of each handbook.

Green Apple and Red Apple Achievement Emblems

Reward your Awana Cubbies at key levels of achievement in the Apple Acres entrance booklet and AppleSeed handbook with bright red and green apple emblems. Cubbies earn four green apple emblems and four red apple emblems during the year. Achievement emblems for the AppleSeed handbook complete the letter "A" on the vest and achievement emblems for the HoneyComb handbook complete the letter "C".

Pick-Up Procedures

- Pick-up is at 7:30pm.
- All clubbers remain on their color line. Parents/Guardians will be required to get them from their color line and speak with their leader before taking them.
- Clubbers MUST be escorted out of the building by an adult.
- Please provide a note to your child's club director upon check-in if an alternate adult or family member is going to pick up your Clubber. They will be required to present identification.

Safety Procedures

AWANA WORKERS

The people who work in various capacities in AWANA at FFC are excited and passionate about working with kids. All AWANA workers are volunteers who have undergone a background and security check. In addition, all have gone through an orientation training course.

SAFETY

Your child's safety is important to us. We want to make sure that Clubbers are safe while in our care.

- Each Clubber MUST be escorted in and out of the building. If an alternative adult or family member is going to drop off or pick up your child, PLEASE PROVIDE A NOTE.
- Please have your child wear tennis shoes (no flip-flops, please) and pants or shorts.

VISITORS

Parents who stay, or visitors, must register with the AWANA secretary in the commons area and, while visiting AWANA, adults must wear a "visitor" lanyard. When leaving, return the lanyard and check-out with the secretary.

DISCIPLINE

Maintaining that Club night runs smoothly we use the 5 Count and the 3 Count methods.

Frequently Clubbers are called to order during Club night by use of the FIVE COUNT. The FIVE COUNT is when an AWANA leader raises their hand and loudly and slowly begins to count to 5. All Clubbers and adults are to be still and quiet immediately. The FIVE COUNT is for the entire group.

- If a child is not quiet by the time the leader reaches 5 in the FIVE COUNT, or the child is overly disruptive, he or she may be put on the THREE COUNT. This is for an individual Clubber. It works as follows:
- 1 COUNT Warning: Should be given by leader in charge.
- 2 COUNT: The child is talked to by the leader and the Awana Director about his or her inappropriate behavior and will lose privileges for the evening.

3 COUNT: Only the Awana Director, or Pastor, may give a 3 COUNT after objectively reviewing the situation. The child will be removed from the group activity and taken by the AWANA Director to a location near the AWANA secretary. The Commander will contact the parent. If the offense warrants such discipline, the Clubber will not be allowed to attend the following Club night. We DO, however, want the Clubber to join us again after the one week's absence!

WEATHER

Occasionally, AWANA will need to be cancelled due to inclement weather. If this should happen, notice will be posted on our website at www.goffc.org. NOTE: FFC follows Oak Hill School District. If they have cancelled, we cancel.

ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is important for each Clubber's success. The AWANA Club year is divided into quarters in regard to Club attendance. Each Clubber can earn one attendance award each quarter if they miss no more than two nights during a quarter.

- ⇒ **Small Group**—At this time, your clubbers will break off into a smaller group of T&Ters and meet with their individual T&T leader to talk about application of the section material, what the specific bible verse(s) mean and review this with the small group. This is the time where each leader will get to know your children specifically and pour truth into their lives about God's Word!



- ⇒ **Fast Track**—At this time, your clubbers can complete sections in their handbook with a T&T listener/leader. Completion of these sections eventually earn the clubber their awards. These awards are placed on the uniform and proudly worn each week to show others what is being learned and worked on by the clubber.



- ⇒ **Game Time**—At this time, your clubber will participate in group games around the Awana circle. These games are competitive, yet easy enough for any clubber to participate in. These games are not about how athletic a clubber is, but how they can work with their team to accomplish the task at hand.

- ⇒ **Closing**—At this time, the entire club comes back together to receive individual awards, find out which team won for the evening and then close, as we started, in prayer. Clubbers will start out in a small pamphlet called a "Start Zone" and work through it over the course of 2-3 weeks. Once they complete it, they are eligible to order their T&T *Mission: Grace In Action* handbook and uniform.



We are so glad you are a part of the program and pray that God blesses you and your child as we learn His truths together!



The AWANA clubs 3rd through 6th grade program is called Truth & Training (T&T). This year, we are embarking on a new journey with a brand, new curriculum—*Mission: Grace In Action*. It is going to be an EXCITING year for sure!

We will be utilizing the “All Together” method for our T&T group. This method allows the T&T leaders to ensure that your children are learning the gospel message and truly hiding the Word of God in their hearts.



This method also allows the leaders to build a personal relationship with the kids, helping them to learn in the manner that suits them best.

We will still have a handbook time, group times and game time. The difference will be that each week, we will work together on the SAME material, reinforcing it throughout the night into the following week. Our main goal is to help your children learn the Bible and retain what they’ve learned so that they can be 100% sure they know who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for them!

A typical T&T night looks something like this:

- ⇒ **Opening**—At this time, the entire club comes together to say our pledges, check in with leaders and open in prayer.
- ⇒ **Large Group**—At this time, your clubbers will participate in a group lesson with all other T&Ters and kickoff the week’s material.

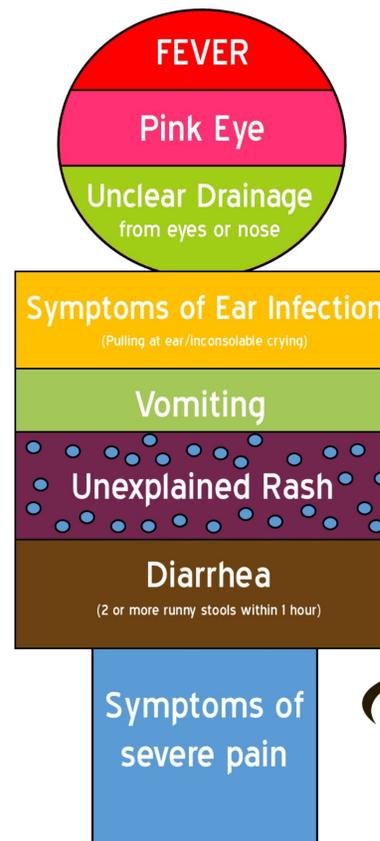


ILLNESS

It is important to keep our AWANA club healthy. Please see the below diagram for determining to keep them home.

HELP KEEP OUR KIDS HEALTHY

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME FROM AWANA AT FFC!



WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHILDREN THAT MAY BE CONTAGIOUS TO OTHERS. IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS SYMPTOMS DURING AWANA, WE WILL TEXT YOU AND ASK THAT YOU TAKE YOUR CHILD HOME. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN KEEPING AWANA AT FFC HEALTHY!





2019-2020 Calendar of Monthly Events

September

4: First Awana Night!!!
 11: Awana Night
 18: Awana Night
 25: Pirate Night

December

4: Awana Night
 7: Grand Prix Workshop 1
 11: Awana Night
 18: Awana Store
 25: No Awana

March

4: Awana Night
 11: Awana Night
 18: No Awana
 25: Sports Night

October

2: Awana Night
 9: Awana Night
 16: Awana Night
 23: Awana Night
 30: Costume Night

January

1: No Awana
 8: Awana Night
 11: Grand Prix Workshop 2
 15: Awana Night
 22: Awana Night
 25: Grand Prix Workshop 3
 29: Crazy Hair Night

April

1: Awana Night
 8: No Awana
 15: Awana Night
 22: Crazy Hat Night
 29: Awana Night

November

6: Bring a friend Night
 13: Awana Night
 20: Awana Night
 27: No Awana

February

5: Awana Night
 8: Grand Prix
 12: Awana Night
 19: Awana Night
 26: Mismatch Night

May

6: Awana Night
 13: Awana Store
 20: Awana Awards

- ⇒ **Large Group**—At this time, your clubbers will participate in a group lesson with all other Sparks that cover different Bible lessons.
- ⇒ **Closing**—At this time, the entire club comes back together to receive individual awards, find out which team won for the evening and then close, as we started, in prayer.

Curriculum

Sparks curriculum is comprised of three handbooks. Each handbook builds a foundation of biblical wisdom through memory verse drills, activities and review of key doctrine and Bible facts. Before working in the first handbook, HangGlider, all newcomers to Sparks will complete an entrance booklet – Flight 3:16 – that centers on the gospel message of John 3:16. WingRunner and SkyStormer handbooks challenge Sparkies to learn about 15 more verses than the preceding book. Each handbook includes an audio CD with readings of all the Bible biographies, memory verses and character stories featuring Sparky the Firefly and his friends Chloe, Jacob and Joel.



Parents Role

Invest in your child's growing faith by reading and discussing the Bible and the handbook sections with your child and by helping them memorize the verses. Use the Parent Ideas section in each handbook to help your child understand the biographies and see how they fit in the Bible. Sparks Bookwalks are online tools that walk you through your child's handbook to help YOU help your child. Optional parent handbooks (HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer) from Awana at Home correspond to your child's handbooks. These books make it easy to learn more about the Bible and answer your child's questions.



We are very excited to share this year with you and your Spark!!!



The AWANA clubs *Kindergarten through 2nd grade* program is called Sparks. To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games and spending time with leaders and friends.

Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank: HangGlider®, WingRunner® and SkyStormer™. Each year, Sparks clubbers:

- explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture
- memorize Bible verses
- complete handbook activities



The handbooks, combined with Large Group Time lessons from the WHO Do I Need to Know From the Bible series, take your child on a journey through the entire Bible!

A night with Sparks looks something like this:



⇒ **Opening**—At this time, the entire club comes together to say our pledges, check in with leaders and open in prayer.

⇒ **Game Time**—At this time, your clubber will participate in group games around the Awana circle. These games are competitive, yet easy enough for any clubber to participate in. These games are not about how athletic a clubber is, but how they can work with their team to accomplish the task at hand.

⇒ **Handbook Time**—At this time, your clubbers can complete sections in their handbook with a Sparks listener/leader. Completion of these sections eventually earn the clubber their awards. These awards are placed on their vest and proudly worn each week to show others what is being learned and worked on by the clubber.

Different Clubs

Awana is made up of different clubs depending on age. At FFC, to be in Awana you must be 3 years and potty trained, through 6th grade.

We have three different clubs



Awana Clubs

Cubbies



Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their Cubbies friends, they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes.

Cubbies helps you lead your child to God early so your child will respect and trust Him for life.

The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers.



Curriculum

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. Each Cubbies handbook contains a helpful review CD to use at home. One handbook is completed in a club year. Each handbook contains 26 Bear Hug sections along with four special-day sections.



A normal Cubbies night looks something like this:

⇒ **Opening**—At this time, the entire club comes together to say our pledges, check in with leaders and open in prayer.



⇒ **Lesson Time**—The Cubbies gather together for a Bible story and puppet show. This is great time to enforce God's Word with things that are exciting to preschooler!

⇒ **Handbook Time**—At this time, the Cubbies can work on their handbooks with their leaders. Completion of these sections eventually earn them their awards. These awards are placed on their vest and proudly worn each week to show others what is being learned.

⇒ **Games**—Being active is important for Cubbies. This is a time where they can play group games, suitable for everyone, and expend some energy.

⇒ **Closing**—At this time, the entire club comes back together to receive individual awards, find out which team won for the evening and then close, as we started, in prayer.

Parents Role:

Cubbies encourages parental involvement. Your child's handbooks feature parent-child activities for home. You will lead your child through handbook sections, called Bear Hugs, to prepare for the next club gathering. Each Bear Hug includes optional activities, called "Under the Apple Tree," for reviewing Bible verses and lessons learned earlier. An audio CD included in your child's handbook has review material that you can listen to together.



At club, your Cubbie will review the verse you helped teach at home. Working through the handbook with your child develops your spiritual leadership and helps you instill your child with a lifelong biblical worldview.

We are excited to have you and your Cubbie with us this club year!