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Parents & Clubbers 2013-2014 Handbook



For Two Year Olds



For Three & Four Year Olds



For K thru 2nd Graders



For 3rd thru 6th Graders

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How To Be A Great Awana Parent

Often Asked Questions About Awana

♦ What Is The Purpose Of Awana?



The goal of Awana is “To reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.” Thus, the purpose of Awana is twofold: evangelism and training.

- ☑ Evangelism - to draw boys and girls into the club ministry where they may hear the gospel and accept Christ as Savior.
- ☑ Training - to prepare clubbers to help fulfill the Great Commission through outreach to the lost, service to the local church, and development of leadership qualities.

♦ What Do The Kids Do At Awana?

The club meeting, which lasts 1½ hours, is divided into three segments: Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Playing games on the unique Awana Circle, kids have fun, get exercise, and learn good sportsmanship. During Handbook time, clubbers progress through age-appropriate handbooks by memorizing and demonstrating understanding of Bible passages. The main feature of Council Time is a Bible lesson, but it also includes recognition of achievement and presentation of awards.

♦ What Does The Word “Awana” Mean?

“Awana” is an acronym for:

Approved

Workmen

Are

Not

Ashamed



It is taken from II Timothy 2:15, which states, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

◆ **What Is A Section?**

A section is a segment of material to be memorized, usually two or three Bible verses depending on the age level. Some sections contain brief quizzes or puzzles designed to test Bible knowledge and understanding. Sections also include memorizing vocabulary words to help better understand the meaning of Biblical passages.

◆ **What Is The 5 Count And 3 Count?**

- ☑ 5 Count - When an Awana leader begins to count aloud from “one” to “five”, that is the signal for quiet and attention among clubbers and leaders. This is usually done more often during game time.
- ☑ 3 Count - This is used for discipline purposes. When a clubber is warned repeatedly to obey and there is no improvement they are given a “one count” (1st warning). If they continues to be a problem they are give a “two count” (contact with the parents). If discipline is still a problem the clubber is given the “three count” (asked to remain home from club until clubber can be obedient).

Helpful Info For The Awana Parent

1. **Communication** - Know the name and phone of your child's club director . If you should have any questions concerning something your child has told you about Awana or any other problem or misunderstanding that may be brewing, start by calling the club director first . If you should still have any questions or concerns please call the Awana Commander (phone number listed on last page.



2. **“I Can’t Find My Awana Handbook”** - This cry is heard all too often about the time parents are getting ready to drive their child to church for the Awana Club meeting. A good way to avoid this is to designate a place in your home where the child’s Bible and Awana handbook is to be kept. As long as the Bible and handbook are put back in their place after studying or going to club, the child will find them easily when the next club rolls around.
3. **Only 10 Minutes A Day** - The average child will be adequately prepared for the weekly Awana Club meeting if they will spend 10 minutes a day in the club handbook. Help your child develop the “10 minutes a day” habit early in the club year.
4. **Make Awana A Priority** - You are busy. But if you want to help your child be successful in Awana you need to make Awana one of your priorities. OK, you’re going to ask your child to spend 10 minutes a day in the handbook. Now, set aside enough of your time to help them learn their sections and to provide on-time transportation to club and related activities.
5. **Levels Of Achievement** - New clubbers receive an entrance booklet. It consists of six or seven sections that teach basic Bible truths and introduces clubbers to Awana. On completion of the entrance brochure, (Cubbies-Bear Hug, Sparks-Flight 3:16, T & T—Start Zone), clubbers may purchase the appropriate vest or t-shirt and handbook. Once they start work in the handbook, clubbers first achieve their rank (Sparks), they then start work on their Drills, Discoveries and Challenges. When you first see the entrance booklet or handbook, look through it so you may become familiar with what your child is required to do. Help your child to work at a pace that will enable him or her to complete the handbook before the end of the club year.
6. **The Awana Uniform** - Puggles may purchase a Puggles T-Shirt, Cubbies will still use the vest and patches. We no Sparks Vest or the T&T T-Shirt as a uniform. We are going to design a First Baptist Church Awana Clubs T-Shirt and they may wear that. Sparks will continue to earn their yearly wing awards and they may be worn on the church’s Awana Club T-Shirt.



7. What To Do With All Those Cubbie Patches - During the club year a cubbie will receive several patches. These include a rank patch, Church attendance awards, club attendance awards, etc. It is recommended that you put these on the uniform as soon as possible to avoid losing them. If you don't know where a patch should go please consult your child's handbook. **WARNING!! DO NOT IRON ON ANY OF THE PATCHES! YOU WILL SCORCH OR BURN THE UNIFORM.**

8. Awana Bucks - Awana Bucks are awarded to those in Sparks and T & T Clubs as an award for their work and participation in Awana. Each clubber has an account where their Awana Bucks are recorded in the Awana Bank account. A running tally will be updated each week to let the clubber know how much is deposited into their account. The ways a clubber can earn Awana Bucks are as follows:

Awana Bucks	Purpose
1	Completing each section
1	Parents signature on sections indicating they heard their child quote that particular section
2	Bringing a friend to club
20	Above said friend completes test
10	Finishing each Discovery or Challenge (does not apply to Sparks)
50	Completion of handbook
1	Easy Buck - Given to clubber when they meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 On time 2 Dues paid for that club night 3 Has their handbook 4 Sitting quietly ready to begin



Each Awana Buck is worth 5¢. A clubber may spend them at anytime during the year. (You must first get the approval of the commander in advance.) If the clubber would like to wait till the end of the year a check will be sent for the total amount earned during the club year.

9. The Clubber's Financial Responsibility

- ◆ The clubber is responsible to purchase their own handbooks, Cubbie uniforms, and pay weekly club dues. (See bottom of this page to save \$1.55 to \$4.50 by paying dues in advance)

☒ **Handbooks/Uniforms**

The clubber may purchase their handbook and uniform after they have finished the entrance booklet.

Prices for the 2013-2014 club year:

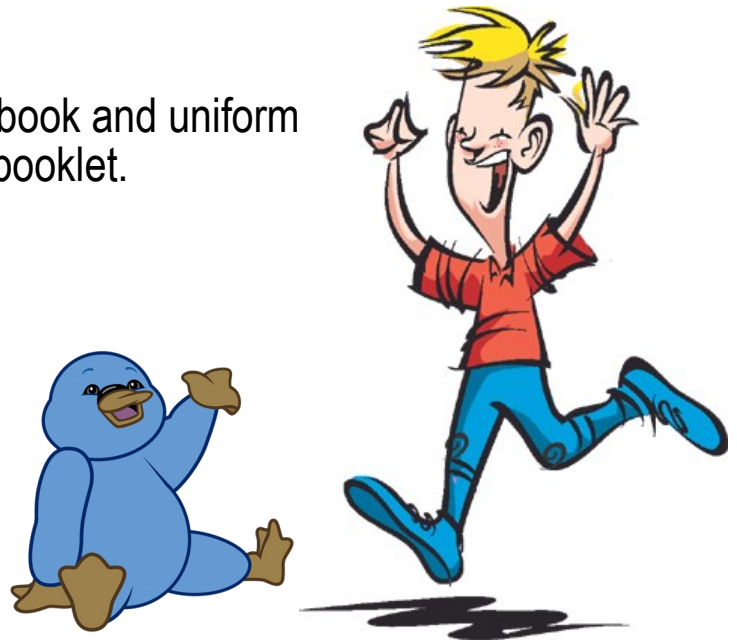
Puggles T-Shirt—\$10.25

Cubbies Handbook—\$9.50

Cubbies Vest—\$10.25

Sparks Handbooks with a CD—\$9.25

T & T Handbooks—\$8.50



An order form will be sent home with the clubber stating what needs to be ordered. In most cases it will be a handbook and uniform. The handbook will already be checked by the director and the parent is to decide what size uniform their child will need. (*Keep in mind that the Cubbie uniform may have to last for two years so order a larger uniform for first year clubbers.*) Please fill out the rest of the information requested on the form and return the form with the correct payment. Checks are to be made out to **First Baptist Church**. Please put on the memo what the check is for.

☒ **Club Dues - NEW INFORMATION!**

Throughout the year your clubber will receive several awards. These consist of stickers, patches, award badges, book ribbons, trophies, etc.. The dues help to cover the costs of these awards and other expenses during the club year. Dues can be paid weekly or yearly.

Puggles Weekly Dues - 35¢ - Cubbies, Sparks & T&T Dues—50¢

Yearly Puggles Dues—\$10.00 (savings of \$1.55 over weekly dues)

Yearly Cubbies, Sparks & T&T Dues - \$12.00 (savings of \$4.50 over weekly dues)

****Note to families who have several Awana clubbers.** If you need several months to pay yearly dues **please inform the club director that you will be doing so.** This will insure that your clubber will qualify for the weekly easy buck (see page 6).

Also, if you are experiencing a financial hardship please call the commander and your situation will be discreetly handled. Every child that comes to Awana will always be welcomed. Please don't let finances keep your child from a wonderful Awana experience.

10. Two "Helps" Per Section - When a clubber says a section to their club leader they may have up to two helps in order to complete the whole section. Any time a clubber needs more than two helps they must redo the section from the beginning before they can pass on to the next section. Sections must be done in order. Clubbers may not skip around when trying to complete these. There are a few exceptions to this rule in the T & T Clubs which have to do with inviting friends to club and getting answers from a missionary.

11. Parents Listen To Your Clubber - Clubbers in Sparks and T & T Clubs can get an extra Awana Buck if they quote their sections to you first. The 2 helps rule applies here also. After they have quoted the section to you, sign your name under the line where the club director is supposed to sign.

12. Handbook Pacing Schedule For Sparks and T & T Clubs (Not Applicable For Cubbies) Each handbook can be finished during a single club year. A pacing schedule has been created to help you keep your clubber on track. Clubbers are rewarded at the end of each quarter for keeping pace with their handbook. The pacing schedule is on the next page.

13. Awana Holidays. This year **there will be no Awana Clubs meeting** for
Thanksgiving Break - Sunday Nov. 24, 2013
Christmas Break – Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013
Easter – Sunday, April 20, 2014

14. Awana Awards Ceremony. The date set for the Awana Awards Ceremony will be May 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.. This is a very special ceremony where each clubber receives their book awards. There will be no club after the ceremony.



Awana Handbook Pacing Schedule For 2013-2014 Club Year



	<u>Nov. 3, 2013</u>	<u>Jan. 19, 2014</u>	<u>Mar. 10, 2014</u>	<u>May 11, 2014</u>
HANDBOOK SPARKS	Is The End Of 1st Quarter	Is The End Of 2nd Quarter	Is The End Of 3rd Quarter	Last Day To Finish Handbooks
HangGlider	Red Jewel 1 Section 2	Red Jewel 3 Section 2	Green Jewel 3 Section 2	Last Day To Finish Handbook
WingRunner	Red Jewel 1 Section 2	Red Jewel 3 Section 2	Green Jewel 3 Section 2	Last Day To Finish Handbook
SkyStormer	Red Jewel 1 Section 1	Red Jewel 3 Section 5	Green Jewel 2 Section 2	Last Day To Finish Handbook

NOTE: NEW SPARKS HANDBOOK INFORMATION: The new format of the **HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer Handbooks** now has Sparkies completing the Red and Green Jewels in their book order. Red Jewel 1 then Green Jewel 1, then Red Jewel 2 then Green Jewel 2 and so on. Sparkies may begin passing Green Jewels as soon as they complete their Rank Path.



	<u>Nov. 3, 2013</u>	<u>Jan. 19, 2014</u>	<u>Mar. 10, 2014</u>	<u>May 11, 2014</u>
Truth & Training Clubs Books One thru Four (Does not include Silver & Gold Extra Credit Sections)	Is The End Of 1st Quarter	Is The End Of 2nd Quarter	Is The End Of 3rd Quarter	Last Day To Finish books
	Discovery 2 or Challenge 2 Section 7	Discovery 4 or Challenge 4 Section 7	Discovery 6 or Challenge 6 Section 7	Last Day To Finish Handbook Last Day Finish Handbook

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Awana Commander - Kirk Holloway

Game Director - Gerald Luschen

Puggles Directors - Bonnie Beck & Diane Luschen

Cubbies Directors - Ashley Gardner

Leaders, Nathan Gardner, Lisa Carr & Mary Lawler

Sparks Director - Jessica Nix,

**Leaders: Dwight Nix, Katrina Blackwell &
Courtney Johnson**

T & T Boys Directors - Mike Chase & Jared Blackwell

**T & T Girls Directors - Janet Holloway &
Tonya Chase**

