

Parent Handbook

2020-2021



Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - 2 Timothy 2:15

Welcome to Awana!

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that we introduce ourselves to you. Grace Church of Orange has asked us to lead the AWANA program as your commanders. We love the AWANA program and are so thrilled to serve in this way.

God has blessed us with six children from 7 to 19 years old. Our hearts' desire is to train up our kids to know and love our Creator. We found AWANA to be this goal's perfect complement. We hope you share the same desire and sentiment.

We want every clubber to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Bible, and to form lasting friendships that spur them on and encourage them in their walk with God.

A normal AWANA night includes fun games, biblical teaching time, and Bible verse recitation. As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's success. By spending 10 minutes a day helping your children learn their verse(s) and work through their book, you enable them to come with confidence and excitement to Awana on Wednesday nights. We are here to partner with you as we raise our children for God's glory together. Feel free to come say "hi" to us anytime.

Marty and Anh Young
Awana Commanders



CLUB DIRECTORS

If you have questions or concerns regarding Club or your child's needs, call your Club Director, the Awana Program Directors or Pastor. Here are their names and phone numbers.

Awana Commanders <i>(Program Directors)</i>	All Clubs	Marty & Anh Young 714.685.6768 (home) 714.697.8531 (Anh Cell)
Cubbies	Coed Ages 3 & 4*	Kristin Cowles 714.264.5986 Anna Boucher 714.726.0643
Sparks	Coed Grades K-2nd	Sarah Woodson 205.434.7266
Truth and Training	Girls Grades 3-6	Melodie Manthorne 714.998.1388
Truth and Training	Boys Grades 3-6	Simon Goodyear 714.538.4340
Club Secretary		
Children and Family Pastor		Randy Clark 714.633.8867x222

***Cubbies Guidelines:** Children **must** be 3 years old by September 1, 2020, potty-trained and scheduled to enter Kindergarten by Sept. 2022.

CLUBBER/PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Participating in an Awana Club involves two things:

- 1. Attending the Wednesday night meetings**
- 2. Working through the handbook**

As a parent, your enthusiasm and support, and your time and guidance, will help your child enjoy Awana and succeed in their book. Each Club handbook contains Bible memory verses. There are sections with activities and readings that follow a central theme, grouped into sections. Children earn team points and individual awards by completing these sections. Handbook work should be completed outside of Club, and will be recited on Wednesday evening to a leader.

Awana's main goal is to help each child truly understand the bible verses and concepts in the books, and not just build memorization skills. We want every child to comprehend the material and apply it to their lives.

Most children will be prepared for the weekly Awana Club meeting if they spend an average of 10 minutes a day working in their handbooks. We encourage you as a parent to help your child develop this **10 minute per day** habit. **Review** each section with your child prior to the Club night, and **initial** (next to the Leader's Signature line) every verse that your child is ready to complete. This helps the Leader know which sections your child is prepared to recite, and your initials earn **double points** for his/her team.

Even though many of us have very busy schedules, we encourage you to make your child's Awana Club a priority. Help your child develop the habit of working in his/her book regularly and to understand the meaning of each verse (questions and definitions are provided inside the handbook to help).

Your involvement makes a big difference!

CLUBBER STANDARDS

On Time:

Clubbers should arrive on Wednesday nights in time to check in and be ready to start by 6:30pm. Club begins in the Worship Center with worship and announcements.

Dress Code:

Earn and purchase a uniform, and wear it to club every week. Uniform awards can only be presented to Clubbers who are in a uniform. Wear long pants and shoes you can run in, no slide shoes or sandals. We play games on the asphalt for K-6th grades. Clubbers in unsafe attire will be asked to sit out during games.

Self-Control:

Order is very important with so many children in Club. Always be courteous, friendly and show good sportsmanship. Be respectful toward all Leaders, Helpers, and other Clubbers.

Prepared:

Bring your Handbook and Bible each week to Club (Bibles are available; ask us if you need one). Spend 10 minutes a day preparing for the next Club night.



CLUBBER ORDER

As we look forward to spiritual and numerical growth, it is important to have and communicate a method of maintaining order. Along with encouragement and positive reinforcement, we employ the following techniques:

Respect

The “Respect” sign is the most common way to maintain order in groups. Children (and adults) are to show respect for God, His Word, others, themselves, and property. An adult holding up the “Respect” sign (fingers crossed as an “R” in sign language) is a cue for children to stop what they are doing, stop talking, and to likewise hold up the “Respect” sign.

3 Count

The 3 Count is for individual children who have not been responding to the Respect sign. If a child has been particularly difficult (this judgment is at the leader’s discretion), that child will be verbally warned and given a count of 1. If the child continues to misbehave, they will be given a count of 2 and a leader will talk to his parents afterward. If misbehavior continues, it may be necessary to give the child a count of 3. If this happens, the child should be removed from the activity and his parents contacted immediately.

These disciplinary rules are standard throughout all of Children’s Ministry at Grace Church or Orange. They will be used Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and at any special events.

AWANA DOLLARS

How to earn Awana dollars:

1. For each section in the handbook a Clubber completes and is signed off by a Leader, the Clubber will earn:
1 Awana dollar
2. Each Club night, every member of the color team with the most team points will earn:
2 Awana dollars
3. For every new friend that a Clubber brings to Club, both the Clubber and their guest will earn:
2 Awana dollars
4. If a Clubber brings the same friend back to Club a second week in a row, both the Clubber and their guest will earn:
5 Awana dollars
5. Sparks: For each handbook review sticker a Clubber receives, they will earn:
2 Awana dollars

What can a Clubber do with Awana dollars?

During the course of the Club year there will be several Awana Store Nights for Sparks. This will give the Clubbers an opportunity to spend their dollars on fun items such as books, puzzles, games and assorted toys.

T&T will have additional opportunities to spend their dollars, such as raffles and fun activities on non-Wednesday dates (see calendar).

Clubbers should spend their Awana dollars at every given opportunity. All dollars earned during this Club year, must be used during this Club year. Dollars earned during any previous year will no longer be honored.

AWANA COSTS

Uniform:

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of uniforms. New Clubbers may wear uniforms after they have completed the entrance book. Uniforms should be ordered and paid for early in anticipation of completion.

Cubbies Vest	\$13.00
Sparks Vest	\$13.00
Truth and Training Jersey	
3rd & 4th-Green	\$19.00
5th & 6th- Blue	\$19.00

Books:

Entrance booklets are free. Handbooks may be purchased before a child has completed the entrance booklet, but they will not receive the handbook until after the entrance booklet has been completed.

All Handbooks	\$17.00
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Fees/Dues:

These cover the cost of awards, materials, and other supplies.

\$65 per child (*first two children*)
\$60 per child (*each additional*)

AWANA CALENDAR

September

September 8, 2021 First Club Night - 6:30pm
 September 15, 2021 Parent Mtg. - 7:00pm
 September 23, 2021
 September 29, 2021

October

October 6, 2021 Missionary Night
 October 13, 2021
 October 20, 2021
 October 27, 2021 On-Target / Pumpkin Pandemonium

November

November 3, 2021 Missionary Night
 November 10, 2021 Volunteer Appreciation Night
 November 17, 2021 Pajama Night
 November 24, 2021 No Club - Happy Thanksgiving!

December

December 1, 2021 Missionary Night
 December 8, 2021 Store #1 Sparky Christmas Play
 December 15, 2021 No Club - Merry Christmas!
 December 22, 2021 No Club - Merry Christmas!
 December 29, 2021 No Club - Merry Christmas!

January

January 5, 2022 Back to Club-Missionary Night
 January 12, 2022
 January 19, 2022 On-Target Night
 January 26, 2022 Glow In The Dark Night

February

February 2, 2022 Missionary Night
 February 9, 2022
 February 16, 2022 Sparky Store #2
 February 23, 2022 Crazy Hair/Hat & Sock Night

March

March 3, 2022 Missionary Night / On-Target
 March 9, 2022
 March 16, 2022 Volunteer Appreciation Night
 March 23, 2022 Boat Races

April

April 6, 2022 Spring Break
 April 13, 2022 Missionary Night
 April 20, 2022 Sparky Store #3
 April 27, 2022

May

May 4, 2022 Missionary Night/On-Target/Soak Your Leaders
 May 11, 2022 AWARDS NIGHT

Non-Wednesday Events

Friday Nov 19, 2021 AWANA Drive-In Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm
 Saturday Feb 19, 2022 T&T BKCH Game Day 10:00-12:30pm
 Saturday May 14, 2022 T&T BKCH Pool Party 2:00-4:00pm

