

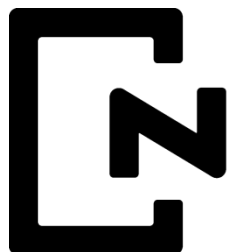


Awana

Information Packet

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General Information

What is Awana?

Awana is a worldwide ministry which partners with churches to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and disciple them to know and serve Him.



2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

A typical night at Awana

You can expect that your child will experience engaging Bible lessons, fun and active game times, Bible memorization, encouraging adult leaders, awards for accomplishments and positive friendships with other clubbers.

Club Times/Calendar

Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm from September - May. The Awana calendar is available on the church website nowthenalliance.org or you can pick up a copy at the Children's Welcome Desk.

Age Groups/Clubs

Awana is for kids ages 4yrs.-6th grade. **Cubbies** is the preschool program for kids ages 4-5 years. **Sparks** is the program for kids in K-2nd grades. **T&T (Truth and Training)** is for kids in 3rd-6th grades.

Club Communication

Communication is important to us! Most club updates/important notices will be sent through email. You are encouraged to call or email if you have any questions or concerns during the year.

Cherie Morgan, Children's Director

email: morganc@nowthenalliance.org

Phone: 763-441-1600

Registration

Online registration/payment is available at nowthenalliance.org. Paper registration forms are located at the Children's Welcome Desk. Kids must be registered to participate and may join any time during the club year.

Costs

Registration Fee: \$10 per child with a family maximum of \$30. This fee helps to cover the cost of awards and special activities during the year.

Uniforms: Vests for Cubbies and Sparks are \$12 each and jersey style shirts for T&T are \$16 each.

Books: \$11 each. All clubbers must have a handbook to work through. Sparks and T&T have an entrance booklet to complete before they begin their first book. There is no charge for the entrance booklet.

If the cost of Awana is a hardship for your family, we will happily make arrangements for a payment plan or scholarship. For more information contact Cherie Morgan morganc@nowthenalliance.org or 763-441-1600

Offering

An offering will be collected each week to support worldwide missions. Kids and parents will be introduced to the project in September and be kept informed throughout the Awana year.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

All children must be checked in each week through our automated check in system. Kiosks are located near the Children's Welcome Desk.

Cubbies: Must be signed in and out by parent/guardian/designated adult each evening. Location for pick up and drop off is room 107 (Noah's Ark room).

Sparks: Must be signed in and out by parent/guardian/designated adult each club evening. Location for pick up and drop off is your child's small group room- classrooms to be announced after the first night of clubs.

T&T: Will be released at end of club night to meet parent/guardian. T&T clubbers are not signed out unless requested otherwise. Drop off location is upstairs sanctuary, pick up is in the gym.

Parents: Please be considerate of our volunteer staff and try to arrive on time to pick up your child(ren). Kids not picked up by 8:25 will be brought to the gym to wait and parents will be called.

Weather/Cancellation Policy

When weather is bad we will communicate a cancellation of Awana with an email and the church website will be updated. Generally speaking, if local schools are cancelled due to weather we will usually cancel Awana.

Discipline Policy

First offense– verbal warning

The child will be verbally made aware of their inappropriate behavior by the teacher. The teacher will clearly define, without degrading or embarrassing the child, how they can alter their behavior so that it is acceptable.

Second offense– time out

The child will be removed from the activity in which they are disrupting. The teacher will determine if the time out can take place in the classroom or if the child needs to be removed and sit with the director. The time out should be one minute per year of age of the child.

Third offense– parent involvement

If a child continues to exhibit inappropriate behavior, the parents will be notified. If disruptive behavior is recurring, a parent may be required to accompany the child for a determined amount of time until behavior improves.

Health Policy

Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever 100 degrees or higher, vomiting, or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Runny nose with any discolored discharge
- Any unexplained rash or skin infection
- If your child is being treated with antibiotics, they should be on the medication for at least 24 hours before returning to Awana.

Awana Clubs Cubbies

Cubbies is for preschool children ages 4-5 years. Cubbies work through their handbook together- they move through the book one section at a time each week. A Cubbies schedule will be handed out with the correct section to prepare for each week.



Cubbies Handbook

Parent Involvement

Each week you will complete one "Bear Hug" section with your child. There is a place for a parent/guardian to sign in the book to indicate that you have gone over the section with your child.

Cubbies Awards

Apple stickers are awarded with each completed section and are placed in the book

Emblems for vests will be awarded approximately every third week





Parent Involvement

Sparks clubbers work through their handbook at their own pace. In order to complete one handbook each year, clubbers should complete an average of two sections per week. Parents are encouraged to work with their children to help them be ready to recite verses at Awana each week.

Difficulty with verses

If your child has a learning disability or is struggling with Awana, please let us know. We want all kids to be able to feel a sense of accomplishment memorizing scripture at a level that is comfortable for them. We are happy to work with you and your child to find the appropriate level of challenge.

Sparks Handbooks (K-2nd grades)



Flight 3:16 Booklet-

All Sparkies start with the Flight 3:16 booklet before they begin book 1.



Book 1

Book 2

Book 3

Sparks clubbers begin with Book 1 their first year of Awana and may complete one book per year. If a child begins Awana in 1st or 2nd grade, they may complete more than one book per year to catch up if they choose to do so. An extra credit handbook is available for purchase if book and review are completed.

Sparks Awards

Sparkies have the opportunity to earn awards to display their progress in their handbooks on their vest. Sections should be completed in order as much as possible. Awards will be handed out the week following the date when they are earned.



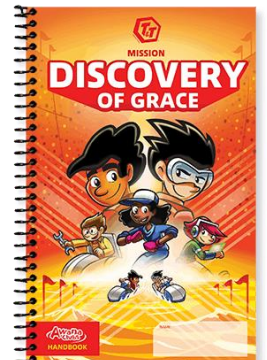
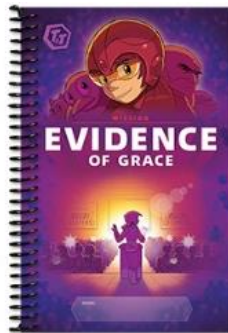


Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to work with their kids at home to memorize verses as needed. If your child has a learning disability or is struggling with Awana, please let us know. We want all kids to be able to feel a sense of accomplishment memorizing scripture at a level that is comfortable for them. We are happy to work with you and your child to find the appropriate level of challenge. T&T Clubbers should bring a Bible each week. If you do not have a Bible we would be happy to give one to your child.

NEW T&T Handbooks

Over the next few years we will be transition handbooks to the four below for the T&T group. We will be using Grace in Action and Evidence of Grace for 3rd-4th grade and Agents of Grace and Discover of Grace for 5th-6th grade. Each child will start with a Start zone before going on to Grace in Action.



Award Patches

One patch is awarded for each completed Discovery, for a total of 8 patches per Ultimate Adventure book. Patches may be placed on the sleeve.



Optional Extra Credit Patches

Earn one silver patch for every two silver sections and earn one gold patch for every four gold sections. May be placed anywhere on the uniform.

T & T Handbooks

The T&T curriculum is divided into two groups with different handbooks, awards, and uniforms: T&T Ultimate Adventure is for 3rd and 4th graders

T&T Ultimate Challenge is for 5th and 6th graders

T&T Ultimate Adventure Books and Awards (3rd and 4th grades)



Ultimate Adventure Start Zone

All T&T clubbers begin with the Start Zone booklet before they start book 1.



Book 1

Book 2

Third and fourth grade T&T Clubbers begin with Book 1 their first year of Awana and may complete one book per year. If a child begins Awana in 4th grade, they may complete both books in one year to catch up if they choose to do so.



Award Patches

One patch is awarded for each completed Discovery, for a total of 8 patches per Ultimate Adventure book. Patches may be placed on the sleeve.



Optional Extra Credit Patches

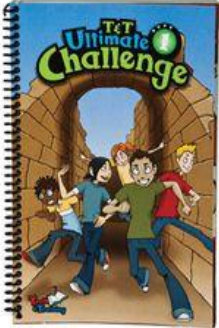
Earn one silver patch for every two silver sections and earn one gold patch for every four gold sections. May be placed anywhere on the uniform.

T&T Ultimate Challenge Books and Awards (5th and 6th grades)



Ultimate Challenge Start Zone

All T&T clubbers begin with the Start Zone booklet before they start book 1.



Fifth and sixth grade T&T Clubbers begin with Book 1 their first year of Awana and may complete one book per year. If a child begins Awana in 6th grade, they may complete both books in one year to catch up if they choose to do so.



Award Patches

One patch is awarded for each completed discovery, for a total of eight patches per Ultimate Challenge book. Patches may be placed anywhere on the white space of the uniform.



Optional Extra Credit Patches

Earn one silver patch for every two silver sections completed and earn one gold patch for every two gold sections completed. May be placed anywhere on the uniform.