

Awana

Parent/Guardian Handbook

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For Boys & Girls
Ages 2 years-old thru 6th grade

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WELCOME AWANA FAMILIES

We are thrilled you have chosen to have your child involved in such a fun and exciting program and that they will be joining our Awana Club here at Evergreen FWB Church this year!

You and your child are extremely important to our church. We have a great desire to minister to your child through this program. We strive to provide a place and environment that shows the love of Jesus Christ while challenging children to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through His Word. We count it a pleasure to be part of your family's spiritual growth and development.

This Parent/Guardian Handbook is designed to give you all the information you and your child will need to have a successful year in Awana. In order for your child to get the most out of Awana, he/she will need your help in completing sections and attending club regularly. We trust that our Awana club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child—so they will want to keep coming regularly all year!

You can check our Facebook group page frequently for updates, specifics about upcoming theme nights/activities and to see some photos and videos of happenings at our Awana Club.

We also use a messaging app for our Awana communication. These may be texts, recorded messages or emails that will be sent periodically.

Please do not hesitate to contact us any time if you have questions or concerns or let us know how we may better serve you. We look forward to ministering to your child(ren) and pray it will be an enjoyable experience for him/her.

It is a blessing and privilege to serve your family. We are looking forward to another GREAT year in AWANA as we move forward into our 12th year.

If you don't currently have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit Evergreen FWB Church. Please join us Sunday mornings at 11am for our Worship service.

Your servant in Christ,

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WHAT IS AWANA?



Awana is a program for children 2 years old through 6th grade that incorporates Bible teaching and scripture memorization with tons of fun. This is our 12th year offering an Awana ministry at Evergreen.

The name Awana is an acrostic which stands for: **"Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed".** It is taken from the Bible passage found in 2 Timothy 2:15. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

Awana helps churches and parents/guardians work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Our program offers a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community. As a ministry leader for over 75 years, Awana is making an impact.

"The Awana program is based on the concept of children learning about God by learning God's Word in a regular and systematic manner. Each club has age-appropriate handbooks for you and your clubber to work on together. Clubbers are rewarded for remembering God's Word as they recite their verses with their club leaders on a weekly basis.

Think of Awana this way: it's like a combination of scripture memory from Bible drills, along with the incentives of Scouts, with the fun and excitement of VBS! Awana truly is a unique program and nothing short of experiencing it can tell what it is really like!

Our prayer is that all children throughout the world will come
to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

AWANA CLUB NAMES BY AGE:

AGE 2



PRESCHOOL (3-4 years old)



K5-2nd GRADE



3rd-6th GRADE



AWANA NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Your child will participate in the following activities during each club night.

Kids Meal

Pizza will be served to all Awana clubbers prior to our club night beginning at 6 pm. K5-6th grade will eat on the 3rd floor in the common area and our Awana Bees and Cubbies will be served in their classrooms located on the 2nd floor.

Opening Ceremony

Beginning promptly at 6:30 pm, the Opening Ceremony begins our evening with the Sparks and T&T clubbers reciting the Pledge to the American Flag, Christian Flag, Pledge to the AWANA Flag and Pledge to the Holy Bible. This time also includes prayer, praise and announcements.

Game Time

Game time is a fun time for children to interact with each other and burn some energy. Many of the games played are unique to the theme night and allow kids to participate no matter their skill level. It is also a great time to learn good sportsmanship.

Handbook Time

Handbook Time is a time for discipleship, individual prayer, requests shared, and Bible Scripture memory. During this time, Clubbers are challenged to build the spiritual discipline of memorization. The goal is to memorize Scripture from the Bible Study that will help them apply it. They will progress through handbooks, working both individually and together, with their leader.

Large Group Time

The focus of this time is to deepen our faith through the study of God's Word through age appropriate Bible lessons, music and prayer time.

Special Nights:

Throughout the year there will be specific nights that have fun themes. Some will encourage the kids to dress up. Others are simply themed for the kids to enjoy. Also there will be a big celebration at the end of the year to celebrate the clubbers accomplishments. (Awards Ceremony; Fun Fair)

IS THERE A COST?

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$35 PER CHILD THIS SEMESTER
(August 2026 thru May 2027)**

Your registration fee covers your child's t-shirt, handbook, meal, awards, fun activities and other items we use during our Awana year. If you choose to purchase additional items such as a book bag there will be an additional charge.

No child is left behind! We never want family finances to be a reason for a child not to participate in Awana. We want all children to experience God through Awana. Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child participating in Awana. If there is a financial concern, please contact the Awana Ministry Director and we will work with you so your child can participate in Awana!

REGISTRATION

Registration is on-going throughout the Awana year. All children who participate in our Awana ministry at Evergreen FWB **MUST** have a completed registration form and medical/media consent release on file with the Awana Ministry Director. All visitors will be asked to complete a registration packet if they have attended 3 or more club meetings. All returning clubbers need to complete a registration packet each year. *New clubbers are welcome at any time during the club year.*

DROP-OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Awana is held on Wednesday evenings from 6pm—8pm unless otherwise noted on the Awana Club Calendar, Facebook Group Page or due to inclement weather.

Dropping-Off:

Your child(ren) are required to be signed in each club night. A sign in sheet will be located at the Welcome Centers on the 2nd and 3rd floors and in the Multi-Purpose Center (MPC).

Awana Bees & Cubbies: Awana Bees and Cubbies meet on the 2nd floor of our Sunday School building. We begin serving pizza in the Awana Bee & Cubbie classrooms on the 2nd floor at 6:15.

Sparks & T&T clubbers: Sparks and T&T meet on the 3rd floor. Awana begins with pizza at 6 pm on the 3rd floor. ***We ask that your children do not arrive before 5:45 pm , as there will be no adult supervision.***

Picking-Up: Awana ends at 8:00 pm.

Awana Bees & Cubbies: Awana Bees and Cubbies may be picked up on the 2nd floor. There will be a parent/guardian sign in and out sheet that will be located at the Welcome entrance of the 2nd floor.

Please note that Awana Bees and Cubbies MUST be picked up by an adult . They will NOT be released to a minor child.

Sparks & T&T clubbers: Sparks and T&T clubbers may be picked up on the 3rd floor. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child(ren).

***** If your church service is dismissed before 8pm, please wait patiently at the end of the hallway so your child can receive the full benefit of our Awana program. Your child's Awana leader will release your child as soon as they are finished.***

***** For safety purposes, Sparks and T&T clubbers will not be released from the 3rd floor without parental consent. IF you want your child to meet you downstairs, please let the Awana Ministry Director know. Otherwise, they will remain upstairs waiting for pickup.***



EVENING SCHEDULE

Club meetings are carefully organized per clubber age and school grades to provide maximum interest and activity for everyone.



6:15—6:30 Greet parents, Pizza
6:30—6:45 Start Time
6:45—8:00 Bible Lesson
Handbook/Craft Time
Snack Time
Game Time



6:30—6:45 Opening Ceremony
6:50—7:20 Handbook Time
7:25 - 7:55 Bible Lesson / games



6:15—6:30 Pizza
6:30—6:45 Beginning Activities
6:45—8:00 Bible Lesson / puppets
Handbook/Craft Time
Snack Time
Game Time



6:30—6:45 Opening Ceremony
6:50—7:20 Bible Lesson / games
7:25 - 7:55 Handbook Time

HANDBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Handbooks are an essential part of the Awana program. Every club has its own handbook, and every Clubber should be working to complete their handbook before the end of the year. It will help him/her to learn about God as well as reinforce positive moral standards. All Clubbers will work on the same Bible verse each week. If your clubber misses a week, they still work on the current verse and if time allows, they can make up the verse(s) they missed in their absence.

The clubbers keep their handbooks in their group cabinet. If you prefer your child bring their handbook home, please let their leader know, and we can ensure they take it home with them.

Handbook Awards

Handbook awards reward clubbers for memorizing sections of the Bible or for completing certain activities listed in the books.

Some things to Remember:

1. No more than two (2) helps per section are given in order for a clubber to receive credit. A “help” is defined as giving the missed words (up to 3 words), producing the sound of the first letter of the word, or giving a second chance to correct the scripture reference. Once 2 helps have been offered, the child should restudy the verse and attempt it again.
2. Sections are passed when said to an Awana leader or listener during club time.
3. Sections cannot be signed off by a parent.

We, as leaders, want to be sensitive to any special needs your child may have, especially in the area of learning. Please contact your child’s Club Leader or the Awana Ministry Director if there are any disabilities or challenges your child may face.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION TIPS

For Non-Readers and Readers:

- Start by saying the verse several times. Try to make sure your child understands the basic concept of the verse.
- Make repetition fun. Repeat the verse here and there throughout the day.
- Use pictures of motions to help your child associate the word with an idea.
- Dramatically emphasize important words
- Use various activities to make learning exciting.

For Readers:

- Define difficult words while practicing a verse for memorization.
- Personal Identification – Clubbers insert their own names into a verse. For example, “God so loved (Alex), that He gave...”
- Personal Application – Applying the message of a verse to a personal experience increases retention.
- Hand motions – Use hand motions (or sign language) to illustrate the words and thoughts of a passage. For example, “For the Lord (points upwards) Himself shall descend (lower your hand) from heaven with a shout (hand beside mouth), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet (position hand like you’re playing a trumpet) of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise (raise your hand) first: then we (point to yourself) which are alive and remain shall be caught up (raise hand slowly) together with them in the clouds to meet (pretend to shake hands) the Lord into the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:16-17.
- Write and Erase – Write the Bible verse down on something that is easy to erase. Then, as a word or phrase is erased, the child remembers the missing words and recites the verse. Repeat the procedure until all words are erased or the verse is memorized.
- Parent/Child Recitation – Take turns with your child reciting the verse or alternate with your child saying parts of verse.

*** If your child does not have a Bible of their own, our Awana ministry will provide one for them.*

AWARDS AND REWARDS

The Awana curriculum is fun, but it is also a lot of work! As such, we like to award and reward our clubbers for their achievements:

Awana Bucks: Sparks & T&T clubbers earn “Awana bucks” during the year for completing sections in their handbook, as well as other activities. These bucks can then be redeemed in the Awana Store (held 2 times per year) for various prizes. Awana Bees and Cubbies do not get bucks, but they do get the opportunity to shop at the Awana store as well.

Book Awards: At the end of our club year, we recognize all clubbers. It is our goal that all clubbers complete one handbook during the Awana year. Clubbers earn various book awards from ribbons to plaques to trophies. Clubbers that are unable to complete a handbook by the end of the Awana year are still recognized for being an active member of our Awana club!

We will encourage all young people to strive for their highest potential. Each child works at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader.

AWANA BUCKS AND THE AWANA STORE

Our purpose at Awana @ Evergreen is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. This training involves a tremendous amount of scripture memorization. Having God’s Word hidden in the Clubbers’ hearts is a priceless reward all by itself. But sometimes children don’t always realize how important hiding God’s Word in our heart is! So, we provide an incentive for the Clubbers to work extra-hard and memorize as many verses as possible. The chart below shows how they can earn “Awana Bucks.” Kids accumulate their Awana Bucks, and then may spend them on items offered at the Awana Store on the nights it is open. All Bucks must be spent by the end of the club year and cannot be carried over to the next club year. Be sure to help and encourage your Clubber to memorize their Bible verses!

HOW CHILDREN CAN EARN AWANA BUCKS

Wear your Awana t-shirt	2 Bucks
Bring your Bible	5 Bucks
Complete a Handbook section	5 Bucks
Do all three of the above together	2 Bonus Bucks
Attend Sunday School or Church (anywhere—just tell your leader)	2 Bucks
Participate in theme nights	2 Bucks
Leader’s discretion (good behavior, good sportsmanship)	5 Bucks
Bring a friend (someone who hasn’t attended Awana before)	20 Bucks
Book completion	25 Bucks

The Awana Store is a motivating tool we use to increase enthusiasm and motivate Clubbers to achieve their yearly goals. Awana Bucks are spent at the Awana Store.

END-OF-YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

Our end-of-year ceremony will be held on May 12th. The ceremony allows all Clubbers to be recognized for completing handbooks and for being part of our Awana club here at Evergreen. It is our goal that all Clubbers complete one handbook during the Awana year. They will earn various awards for the completion of books, from ribbons to plaques to trophies.



Awana Bees don't earn awards like the other clubs but do wear t-shirts and will receive a ribbon and participation certificate at the end of the year.



For handbook completion, Sparkies will receive Sparky medallions for the first two books.

Sparkies who finish all three Sparkies handbooks will receive a Sparky Award Sculpture.



Cubbies receive stickers in their book as soon as they complete their section. Cubbies who complete their books will receive a Cubbie Bear medallion which corresponds with their book.



For the 1st 3 handbook completions, T&T Clubbers will receive metal medallions (Alpha, Excellence & Challenge).

For the successful completion of 4 handbooks, the clubber will receive the Timothy Award, a striking trophy made of crystal and engraved with 2 Timothy 2:15. It will honor any child who reaches this accomplishment.



WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO AWANA

BIBLE (Cubbies are not required, but are encouraged to do so.)

CLUB HANDBOOK (or Entrance Brochure)

UNIFORM (T-shirt_

On themed nights, all clubbers and leaders are encouraged to dress or bring certain items fitting the theme. These nights are indicated on the Awana Theme Night Calendar and are considered the night's uniform. A reminder will be given the week prior and will also be posted on our Facebook Awana group page.

In your child's handbook there is a section requiring your clubber to bring a friend. Children are encouraged to bring their friend early in the club year, giving the friend an opportunity to get involved with Awana all year long.

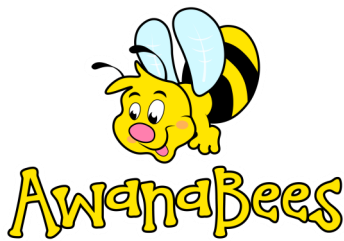
ELECTRONICS/TOYS POLICY

To minimize distractions, clubbers should not bring additional items to club. If your child has something that does not pertain to Awana, a leader will instruct them to put it away. If it is seen again, and has become an issue, it will be confiscated until the end of the night. This includes cell phones. If you need to reach your child(ren) for any reason, please call or text our Awana Ministry Director.

BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS FROM CLUBBERS

In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly environment, our club has established these guidelines. All rules in the Awana clubs are for the safety and well being of the children and adults who are participating. Please read and discuss the Awana Behavior and Expectations with your child.

- Please be prompt! Pizza meal at 6pm, Club begins at 6:30pm
- Check in at the registration tables upon arrival.
- All children must attend their appropriate class (*no skipping ahead or staying with siblings allowed*)
- Sparks & T&T clubbers are expected and encouraged to bring their Bibles and handbooks to each club night.
- Show respect for God, the leaders, other clubbers, and our church property.
- Move quietly between rooms. Walk; do not run in the church.
- Stay in your classroom unless a leader has given permission for you to leave.
- Clubbers are expected and encouraged to treat others with respect and refrain from ALL vulgarity, inappropriate gestures, fighting, hitting or pushing. Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself at all times (what is fun for one may not be for another).
- Wear your Awana club t-shirt each week.
- Participate in all club activities and do it with a good-hearted attitude.
- Understand and observe the Awana "Five Count" from leaders.
- Be responsible. Keep up with your books, backpack and Awana bucks
- If you disobey the rules, we will enforce the Awana 1-2-3 count.
- Come with a smile and be ready to have FUN!!!



“NEED TO KNOW”

Awana Bees is a program designed for two year old boys and girls, who must be 2 by December 31st. Because kids are never too young to learn about Jesus! Our purpose is help your child take their first little step on a lifelong spiritual journey.

The Awana Bee program uses a Bible-based curriculum that focuses on the nine Fruits of the Spirit.

“BEE” LOVING
“BEE” JOYFUL
“BEE” PEACEFUL
“BEE” PATIENT
“BEE” KIND
“BEE” GOOD
“BEE” FAITHFUL
“BEE” GENTLE
“BEE” CALM

Each week, the Awana Bees will learn one Bible concept that will be reinforced through a Bible story, craft, music, and play time, which are spread across 26 weeks of lessons. The Awana Bees will memorize 10 Bible verses during the course of the Awana year.

Club Motto: *We bee-long to Jesus!*

Club Verse: *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. Ephesians 5:1*

We prefer that at least one parent/guardian be on church campus, either in our Awana program or in the worship service.



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Cubbies is designed for 3-5 year-old boys and girls (who are potty trained and have turned 3 by September 1st) and have not yet entered Kindergarten.

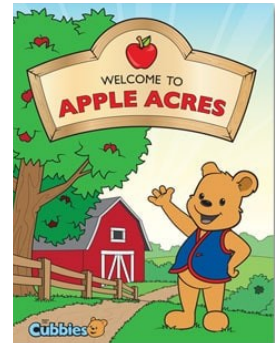
Cubbies is a two-year weekly Awana club program for preschoolers in the two years prior to Kindergarten. Cubbies encourages parental involvement. Your child’s handbook features parent/child activities for home. You will lead your child through handbook sections called **Bear Hugs**, to prepare for the next club meeting. During club time, your Cubbie will review the verse you helped teach at home.

Cubbies meet on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School building. Parents/guardians will be signing them in and out at the Welcome Center located on the 2nd floor.

Cubbies Materials:

APPLE ACRES ENTRANCE BOOKLET

The entrance booklet for Cubbies is called the **Apple Acres Entrance Booklet**. It contains “Bear Hug A & B sections. The Cubbies key verse and motto, fun activity pages, basic Cubbies information about the Cubbies Program and a Gospel presentation. At the beginning of each year, all new and returning Cubbies will complete this booklet before they receive their handbook.



APPLESEED & HONEYCOMB HANDBOOKS

After the completion of the entrance booklet, all Cubbies will complete one of two Cubbie handbooks: **AppleSeed or HoneyComb**. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories & lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers. The **AppleSeed & HoneyComb** handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. One handbook is completed in a club year. Each handbook contains 26 Bear Hug sections along with four special-day sections.

This Awana year (2026-2027) is a AppleSeed year.

Completing all 26 Bear Hugs in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie Book Award at the end of the year.

Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree supplemental section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are optional, and not required for book completion. All Cubbies work on the same Bear Hug at the same time. If your child has missed a week of club, be sure to check the Cubbie calendar for the current week’s Bear Hug. After completing the current Bear Hug, work on making up any missed Bear Hugs.



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Cubbie Memory Work

Each Cubbie must complete the Apple Acres Entrance Booklet before work in either Handbook may begin. Cubbies may not skip sections in their Handbook, but must complete each Bear Hug in order.



Sample page from Cubbie Handbook

Parents sign here once
completed at home

How Parents Can Help Their Cubbie

- Make Awana attendance a priority in your family. We miss our Clubbers when they are not here. They also miss a fun time learning!
- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child. Many families work on verses at the dinner table.
- Read each week's Bear Hug story, Bible lesson, and verse to your child and follow the simple instructions in their Handbook.



“NEED TO KNOW”

Sparks is for early elementary-age (K5 through 2nd grade) year old boys and girls

The Sparks ministry builds on the material taught in Cubbies. Sparks may join Awana without prior Cubbies attendance. Material is focused on Wisdom, taking them deeper into God’s word while giving them an opportunity to hear the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. A “Sparkie” must be enrolled in Kindergarten to start.

Before working in a handbook, all newcomers to **Sparks** will complete an entrance booklet—**Flight 3:16**—that centers on the Gospel message of **John 3:16**. Flight 3:16 teaches basic Biblical truths and the salvation message. After completing the entrance booklet, your child is an official member of the Sparks Club, and is eligible to wear their uniform, and moves on to the **HangGlider** handbook.

From there, Clubbers work in order through three handbooks: **HangGlider**, **WingRunner & SkyStormer**. Each handbook builds a foundation of biblical wisdom through memory verse drills, activities, and reviews of key doctrine and Bible facts. These handbooks will take Sparkies on a chronological journey through Scripture—**Genesis through Revelation**—with regular layovers to meet important Bible characters along the way. Each book includes verse memory sections, Bible biographies, and activities.

Clubbers returning to Sparks will proceed on to the next appropriate handbook: **WingRunner** or **SkyStormer**.

A Clubber cannot start the **WingRunner** book unless they are in 1st grade and cannot start the **SkyStormer** book unless they are in 2nd grade. Extra credit work is available for Clubbers who are eager to finish work early.

All Clubbers will recite the same Bible verse each week. Each grade will be working in the same handbook. If your clubber misses a week, they will still do the current verse for that week and if time allows, they can make up the Bible verse(s) they have missed in their absence.

Sections in each Sparks handbook are grouped into a Rank Path, four Red Jewels and four Green Jewels. All sections in the book must be completed in order, section by section, with the exception of the Bring-A-Friend section. Clubbers can continue working through their books even if this section has not been completed. *Please see the section in this handbook for some options if completing this section becomes a challenge.*

MISSIONARY Section:

Awana handbooks have sections that require your child to find out information about one or more missionaries, we offer this information at Club.



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Sparks Materials:

FLIGHT 3:16 ENTRANCE BOOKLET



HANGGLIDER SERIES



1st Book—Kindergarten

This handbook covers the Old Testament from Creation through Joshua.

WINGRUNNER SERIES

2nd Book—1st Grade

This handbook explores Judges through the Birth of Christ.



SKYSTORMER SERIES

3rd Book—2nd Grade

This handbook focuses on the New Testament, covering the life of Christ through Revelation.



Screen shots from a Spark book



Please note the right hand corner of the page. This shows you (and your child) the section they are working on.



This shows where a Leader will sign once your child is finished with a section. Once a Leader signs the handbook, the section is recorded as complete, and the child may move forward in their handbook.



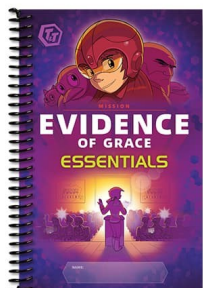
“NEED TO KNOW”

The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls the truth of God’s Word, and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. This ministry focuses on deepening kids’ understanding of biblical truth, as well as giving them stronger life application practices to live out their faith so that they can grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Regardless of age or grade, a new clubber must complete the **Start Zone** booklet. Returning Clubbers must also complete the **Start Zone** booklet at the beginning of every Club Year. After finishing the **Start Zone**, Clubbers are then allowed to start in the T&T Handbook. The curriculum is designed for the Clubbers to complete 1 handbook each year. There are also silver and gold “extra credit” sections available.

There are 4 T&T handbooks. By the time a Clubber completes all 4 handbooks, they have memorized 310 Bible verses.



MISSIONARY Section:

Awana handbooks have sections that require your child to find out information about one or more missionaries. We offer information at Club on Missionaries sent from our Church.

All T&T clubbers will work in the same book.

This Awana year (2026-2027), the T&T handbook will be “Agents of Grace”.

In Mission: *Agents of Grace*, kids in 3rd through 6th grade will explore some of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity! In these lessons they will spend time learning about the character and nature of God, the structure and sequence of the Bible, the redemption narrative and key discipleship practices! .

- God is: God is Our Savior; God is Our Hope; God is Our Advocate; God is Our Strength; God is Our Peace
- The Bible: God’s Revelation; God’s Inspired Word; Lights Our Path; True and Useful; The Standard; Trustworthy; Helpful to Correct
- Jesus is: the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and the Life; the Way, the Truth and the Life; the True Vine
- Agents of: Courage; Humility; Wisdom; Obedience; Honor; Hope; Grace

Each section includes an introductory activity, a Bible study, and a prayer section guiding them on how to specifically pray for different countries in the world. Kids will also be challenged to memorize the books of the Bible and to bring a friend to their T&T club. Look forward to an amazing time diving deep into truth and training together! Ready, super agents? **Let’s go!**

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

In any large group of children, there will be issues with 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.

*The purpose of discipline is to teach acceptable behavior, not merely a set of rules. By setting and enforcing club standards, Awana leaders attain a consistent standard of acceptable conduct. Our Awana club uses two separate discipline methods to handle either the group or individual needs. The "Five-Count" is for all clubbers and is used bring order and quiet. This is for the **entire group**. The Director or person in charge will slowly count 1-2-3-4-5 at which time there should be absolute silence. Awana uses a "Three-Count" as a discipline device. This is used anytime during the club night to discipline **individual clubbers** who are disruptive or misbehaving. The clubber will be warned by the director or person in charge with a count of "1". If misbehavior continues, they will be warned again with a count of "2" and their game time privilege may be revoked. Also depending on the severity of the misbehavior the clubber may be taken to the Awana Director for counseling. If the clubber refuses to behave appropriately, they will receive a count of "3" and their parents will be contacted, and the clubber will be taken home. The student will not be allowed to return to our Awana Club until they have met with the Awana Ministry Director and committed to follow the rules and behave properly. If there are any further problems it will be at the discretion of the Awana Ministry Director and Pastor to whether the clubber will be allowed to attend for the remainder of the club year.*

NO RUNNING before, during, or after club, except during game time.

NO BULLYING: any problems that need our attention should be communicated to a leader or the Awana Ministry Director. We **WILL NOT** tolerate any child bullying or deliberately harming another child. We ask that all conversation be done in private, and in a loving and Godly manner. We will handle the matter promptly.

NO PHYSICAL AGGRESSION will be tolerated before, during, or after club. Acts of willful, deliberate physical aggression will result in an automatic two-week suspension from Awana. A personal meeting with the parents and Awana Ministry Director will be required before the child will be allowed back into club.

NO FOUL LANGUAGE OR GESTURES will be used before, during, or after club.

NO PUSHING, SHOVING, OR ROUGH HOUSING at any time before, during , or after club.

DISPLAY CARE AND RESPECT for all church property and others.

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

DRESS CODE

Children should wear their Awana t-shirt with comfortable & appropriate clothing. Due to game time, it is best for girls to wear pants (no short shorts). If they do wear a dress or skirt, please have them wear shorts underneath.

WELLNESS POLICY

*Children **SHOULD NOT** attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:*

Fever - 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours

Vomiting/Diarrhea, currently or within the last 24 hours

Runny nose with colored discharge

Any rash that is suspected to be contagious

Pink eye

Skin infections

Symptoms of childhood diseases (chicken pox, mumps, measles, whooping cough)

Head lice

COVID-19

* No medications will be given by Awana leaders or church personnel. If a child needs medication during this time, the parent must come and administer the medication.

* Children should not be in possession of any medications.

* If your child is prescribed an anti-biotic, they must have been on the anti-biotic for a minimum of 24 hours prior to attending Awana.

Parents, if your child(ren) is experiencing any of the above symptoms, please keep them at home for the well-being of the other children.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If we have to cancel our Awana Club for any reason, such as snow days, etc., we will post it on our church website, Facebook page, and send out a text message as soon as possible.

We do not necessarily follow the school area cancellations!

NOTE TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We hope you have read this entire handbook as it pertains to the Evergreen FWB Awana Club. This is the best way to make sure you have complete information regarding our Awana ministry. Should you have any questions which are not addressed in this handbook, please feel free to contact your child's leader or any member of the leadership team at any time. We also encourage you to talk with us about any special concerns, joys, or blessings that you have.

Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with Awana at Evergreen each week. We recognize the time and effort required from Clubbers, as well as their Parents. It is our prayer that your child will have fun, will grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and become **Approved Workmen who Are Not Ashamed!**

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BONUS BUCKS

Fill out the information below and turn it in to the Awana Ministry Director and receive 5 Awana Bucks per clubber in your household!



BONUS BUCKS

YES! YES! YES!!!

My/our parent(s) read the 2026-2027

Awana Parent/Guardian Handbook!

Name of Clubber(s): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____