



AWANA Parent  
Handbook

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## WELCOME!

If you're looking for a premiere program that will impact your child's life, you've come to the right place!

AWANA is one of the leading ministries to reach children for Christ. AWANA blends Bible teaching, Scripture memorization and tons of fun. AWANA offers opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and basic understanding of biblical principles and doctrines. AWANA also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just as individuals.

We are glad you have trusted Calvary Baptist Church as the place where your child can grow in the Lord. We are sure our AWANA club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child.

This booklet is designed to provide information about the ministry and to answer some of the common questions parents ask. AWANA Club International has a website full of information at [www.AWANA.org](http://www.AWANA.org).

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## ABOUT AWANA

The purpose of the AWANA ministry is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

AWANA offers different clubs depending upon the age or grade of the children. Home school children should be placed in class with children of the same age.

## REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

All children who participate in the AWANA ministry at Calvary Baptist church MUST have a completed Registration.



## REGISTRATION FEES/CLUB DUES

There is an annual registration fee due at the beginning of each AWANA year. The cost for the 2025-2026 AWANA year is as follows:

1 child	=	\$16.50 (based on 33 weeks @ \$0.50)
2 children	=	\$32.00
3 children	=	\$45.00
4 children	=	\$56.00
5 or more	=	\$65.00

If it is a hardship to pay the entire registration fee at one time, you can pay in installments. Scholarships will be available to those children whose families would find payment of this fee a financial hardship. Calvary Baptist Church loves children and does not want anyone to be excluded from participating. This fee will be used to offset a portion of the cost of AWANA awards and materials. The purpose of the fee is to give clubbers a sense of ownership and belonging in a club where they can learn about God's love and His great gift of salvation. Payment of the fee also shows children that their parents buy-in to the importance of the AWANA program as a part of their Christian education.

## AWANA CLUBS (see club descriptions starting on page 15)

**Puggles** – older 2 and 3-year-old.

**Cubbies** – designed for 3 and 4-year-old for the two years before attending kindergarten. Children must be 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current club year. Classes are co-ed.

**Sparks** – Kindergarten through second grade students. Children in the Kindergarten class must be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current club year and be enrolled in kindergarten. Classes are co-ed. If your child is not enrolled in kindergarten at school, please enroll them in Cubbies and start Sparks next year.

**Truth & Training (T&T)** – 3rd through 5th grade students. Classes are co-ed.

**TREK** – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Classes are co-ed.

**Journey** – 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Classes are co-ed.



## WHEN & WHERE DOES AWANA MEET?

AWANA is from 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm on Sunday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 4040 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

For security purposes, parents of clubbers in Puggles through T&T must check in each child. Trek and Journey clubbers are allowed to self-check in. The check-in table will be located at the entrance of the gym area inside the church. Once Clubbers are checked in, they must remain in the gym unless given permission by a leader to leave. No AWANA child will be permitted in the hallways or anywhere in the church without Leader supervision or permission.

We do our best to start and end on time so please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. At the end of the AWANA night, parents of clubbers in must return to the gym area to pick up their child(ren).

**All children in Puggles through T&T MUST be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the evening.**

## WHAT DO KIDS DO AT AWANA?

At Calvary Baptist Church, we begin with opening ceremonies and end the evening with clubber awards. This is always a special time of clubber recognition for their hard work and a job well done.

A typical club night is divided into three parts:

- Game Time
- Handbook Time
- Large Group Time

**Game Time** – The clubbers have fun while learning to be part of a team. The games are designed to allow each child to participate and encourage team spirit.

**Handbook Time** – Each clubber will have a handbook or manual to work in. Clubbers are encouraged to complete one handbook each year. Leader's work in small groups with the clubbers to listen to them recite the sections they have studied or memorized.

No matter what age your child is, he/she will need help with their Bible memorization. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to memorize or complete their handbook sections prior to each club week. This way we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their everyday lives. As you know, cramming in the car on the way to church may produce a verse for the short term, but usually won't be retained for the long term. The handbooks are also a great tool for family Bible memorization.

Section Completion Standard: A child needs to recite the required material in the handbook section to their leader. Children will be given a maximum of two helps or prompts per section. That means only two hints to complete all the required work and verses exactly as they appear in the text. A section may include more than one



verse and the references must also be learned. A leader will not be allowed to sign the handbook of his/her relative. Parents should not sign their child's handbook sections at home. Parents can initial the section, especially for the Sparks club, to let the Leader's know what sections have been studied or worked on. Parents of Cubbies have a place to sign off on each Bear Hug.

**Council/Large Group Time/Bible Study** – The time when clubbers come together to learn a Biblical lesson. Clubbers regularly hear the gospel message, apply truths of scripture to daily life, and gain tools for Biblical living.

## AWANA Night Schedule

	Puggles	Cubbies	Sparks	Truth & Training	Trek & Journey
5:15 – 5:30	Check-In & Gathering - Gym				
5:30 – 5:40	Opening Ceremonies - Gym				
5:40 – 6:07	Handbook Time – Toddler Class	Handbook Time – Toddler Class	Game Time - Gym	Handbook Time	Handbook Time
6:07 – 6:34	Game Time – Junior Class	Game Time – Junior Class	Handbook Time	Game Time	Large Group Time
6:34 – 7:00	Large Group Time – Toddler Class	Large Group Time – Toddler Class	Large Group Time	Large Group Time	Game Time
7:00 – 7:15	Closing Ceremonies - Awards & Announcements - Gym				

*Clubbers will be allowed approximately 1 to 2 minutes to transition between each activity/segment*

## WHAT DOES IT COST TO ATTEND AWANA?

The cost for the club year varies depending on what club your child is in. The registration fee is paid at the beginning of the club year and handbooks and uniforms are paid for upon receipt. Each club wears the same uniform for two, or even up to four years depending upon the club so you do not have to purchase a uniform every year. The cost of handbooks and uniforms is club specific and vary in cost (see AWANA Price List).



## AWANA Price List

### Handbooks

### Price Each

Cubbies	
AppleSeed and HoneyComb	\$14.50
Sparks	
HangGlider, WingRunner, SkyStormer	\$14.50
Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Book	\$14.50
Truth & Training (T&T)	
Grace in Action, Evidence of Grace, Agents of Grace, and Discovery of Grace	\$14.50
TREK	
Bible Study (His People, His Story, His Love)	\$15.50
Journey	
Disciples, Advocates, Witness, Identity - Bible Study	\$21.50

### Uniforms

Puggles Shirt	\$13.00
Cubbies Vest	\$14.00
Sparks Vest	\$14.00
T&T (Truth & Training) Jersey	\$19.00
TREK T-Shirt	\$19.00
Journey T-Shirt	\$19.00

### Bags

Puggles Bag	\$13.50
Cubbies Bag	\$10.00
Sparks Bag	\$10.00
T&T (Truth & Training) Bag	\$18.00
TREK Bag	\$18.00
Journey Bag	\$18.00

### AWANA Grand Prix Cars

Grand Prix Block, 4 wheels/axles	\$10.00
Replacement Wheel	\$00.50
Replacement Axle	\$00.50

Families can purchase many novelty items from AWANA directly at [www.store.awana.org](http://www.store.awana.org)



## CLUB STANDARDS

We expect our clubbers to follow the behavior rules set by Calvary Baptist Church. We expect them to stay with their group and not wander around the church building unsupervised.

### Clubbers should:

1. **Be on time.**  
Club starts promptly at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:15 p.m.
2. **Be in Uniform.**  
Clubbers should wear their uniform vest or shirt and gym shoes.
3. **Be Prepared.**  
Clubbers bring their handbook and Bibles and should be ready to pass sections.
4. **Be Respectful.**  
Clubbers are expected to listen to leaders and to follow directions.

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM PARENTS

### Encouragement

Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.

### Assistance

Help children to attend AWANA every week and to arrive on time (club begins promptly at 5:30 pm). Consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline.

Pick up clubbers promptly at 7:15 pm. Clubbers, T&T age and down, will not be permitted to leave their pick-up area without a parent or guardian. Parents are encouraged to join us for the awards ceremony which starts at 7:00 p.m.

During the week, help your child prepare at least two to three sections (this does not apply to Puggles & Cubbies). This will ensure they will complete their handbook to receive their special awards and to qualify for other AWANA activities.

### Attendance

Visit our club. We welcome parents/guardians to visit Club on Family night, this allows you to see what your child does, and for you to catch the excitement of AWANA!!! Be sure to check the calendar for details.

Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend special events as a way of showing your support and approval of your child's accomplishments.

### Guidance

Review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. AWANA has very few rules of behavior, but to ensure all Clubbers have an opportunity to learn as well as have fun, our rules of behavior will be enforced.





If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, send a note to that effect to their Leader; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.

### WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR CLUBBERS

We expect our Clubbers to:

- Respect God
- Use appropriate speech.
- Respect Leaders and other Clubbers.
- Keep hands to yourself.
- Respect the church building and property.
- Always stay with your Club Leader
- Listen and follow your Club Leader's directions.
- Obey the "5" count.
- Pushing, shoving, or roughhousing is not allowed.
- Refer to leaders as "Mr.", "Mrs.", or "Miss."

### What to do if....?

**You are sick and can't come.** Keep studying your handbook sections! Try to make arrangement to say them to a Leader at church before our next club meeting. Leaders will make every effort to make themselves available before or after Wednesday's evening service or Sunday morning service to listen to Clubbers recite their verses.

**You are late to club.** Come in quietly, check in with your Club secretary and go to where your age group is meeting at the time you arrive. *Clubbers arriving during the opening circle time will not be allowed to enter the gym during the flag ceremony.*

**You lose an award, handbook or uniform.** We will provide replacements on a case-by-case basis (depending on circumstances). Talk with your AWANA Leader if you lose something. If you lose your AWANA Club supplies, you may be required to purchase the replacement. The cost depends on the item.

**You get hurt at Club.** Tell a Leader immediately, so they can give you proper first aid care. If professional care is deemed necessary, your parents will be contacted.

## WHAT TO BRING TO AWANA

Your child should wear their **designated uniform** and **comfortable shoes (tennis shoes)** for running and playing, **Bible**, and **AWANA Handbook**.



Your child should not bring other items with them. If your child does bring something which does not pertain to AWANA with them and a Leader sees it, your child will be asked to put it away and keep it out of sight. If a Leader sees the item again, the Leader will confiscate the item until the end of the club night.

There will be some nights where a special theme is being used and your child will be asked to bring a certain item(s). When this is the case, your child will bring information home with them that will have basic information about what they should bring.

## DISCIPLINE

AWANA uses two counts, one for an individual and one for the group.

The "5-Count" is used to bring the group to order. As the Leader raises their hand and counts to "5", the children should become quiet and still.

The "3-Count" is for an individual clubber. The child is given a "one" the first time they have misbehaved, and their action is discussed so they understand the inappropriate behavior. If the child continues to misbehave, then they receive a "two". The child now sits down with the AWANA director/commander to discuss their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they receive a "three". When the child receives a "three", they are taken to their parents for the rest of the evening. The Director/commander will discuss with the parent the reason for this action. Each week everyone begins with a "clean slate".

If the Clubber must be taken to the parent a "second" time, the Clubber will be excluded from the next club meeting, and a parent must accompany the clubber for one club night upon return.

If a clubber is removed from club a third time, they will not be allowed back into the program without the approval of the AWANA Commander. Approval will be determined after the clubber's parents meet with the Club Director and AWANA Commander.

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.

Your AWANA Leaders realize that there are situations that may affect a child's behavior. Therefore, we encourage you to let your child's AWANA Leader know if there is any situation that may help us in ministering to your child. This would allow the AWANA leader to minister to your child as opposed to just viewing a situation or action as a discipline problem.

## DRESS CODE

To provide a safe and inviting environment, clubbers are to come in their uniform. It is to be buttoned (if appropriate) or tucked in. If you do not have a uniform, outfits should be age appropriate and not be a distraction to others. Cubbies moving up to Sparks & Sparks moving up to T&T may return their vests to the AWANA office to be reused. Banners are available for transfer of awards and patches.



To participate in Game Time:

- Clubbers should wear pants or shorts. Shorts must be worn under dresses and skirts. Clothes and shoelaces cannot drag on the ground as it is a tripping hazard.
- Children must have running/tennis shoes to prevent slipping. No loose fitting opened tow or opened heel shoes. No flip-flops. No sandals. No bare feet.

## VISITORS

A visitor is defined as a first-time attendee of the AWANA club program at Calvary Baptist Church. For security and safety reasons, visitors are required to fill out a Visitor Registration Form. Upon their second and subsequent visits prior to joining, they will not count as a visitor for clubber rewards.

### ALTERNATIVES TO BRINGING A FRIEND TO CLUB

In some AWANA handbooks, there is a section that requires bringing a visitor to Club. The intent of this section is to actively involve children in reaching others with the gospel of Christ on an individual basis.

Some circumstances make it difficult for a child to successfully bring visitors to Club. Our AWANA Club feels that personal invitations are so important that we require the child to make at least three attempts to invite someone before they can complete the section using one of the following alternatives:

- Bring a friend to Sunday School or any church function.
- Show your AWANA handbook to a friend and explain the club to that friend.

After making the required attempts and completing one of the alternatives, the parent or guardian must write in the child's handbook (in the section on visitors) what they did, the date they did it, and the parent/guardian must sign the handbook. Credit cannot be awarded unless your handbook has the required parent or guardian signature and date explaining what was done. An example of what would be written into the handbook by the parent is:

*"Mary tried to invite 3 friends to AWANA Club – John Smith, Katie Jones, and Sally Franks. She was unable to get anyone to visit with her. Mary did share her book with Sally and explained the AWANA program to her" – Followed by the parent's signature.*

Many handbooks have this requirement twice and a similar note is required for each time a visitor is required – the child must make three attempts each time a visitor is required: not once for both visitor requirements.



## 2025/2026 AWANA Year Calendar

Theme Nights (see events page 21 for descriptions)

August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Night
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Hair Night
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Team Color Night
November 9-23 <sup>rd</sup>	'We Can' Night
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ugly Sweater Night/AWANA STORE
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Moustache Night
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Sock Night
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Drive-in Movie Night
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Backwards Night
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	AWANA STORE/PIE-IN-THE-EYE
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	AWANA Awards Night and Ice Cream Social

### Special Events:

AWANA Grand Prix Pit Days –

January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> –Saturdays 1-4pm

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – AWANA Grand Prix

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Sparks and T&T AWANA Games 6:15pm-7:30pm

### No AWANA to be held:

December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

January 4<sup>th</sup> – New Year's Break

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Church Anniversary

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

*Dates are subject to change* - Please check our webpage for the current calendar.

<https://cbcjax.com/AWANA>



Puggles recognizes the learning ability of 2 – 3-year-old by introducing Biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Toddlers love having their very own AWANA club like their older siblings.

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs, and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons, using large colorful teaching cards, finger puppet play and more. Lessons teach and enforce four basic Biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God Saw That It Was Good
- God is Love
- Give Thanks

**Parents are the primary spiritual influencers in a child's life.**

Parents have the awesome responsibility to guild little minds to big truths.

The “Puggles at Home Kit” includes a welcome and orientation booklet explaining how parents can make the most of Puggles at home, as well as 32 cards for parents to use (one per week). The card front duplicates the teaching card picture and includes a lesson summary. The back has five weekday activities for parents to do with their child.

The “Puggles at Home kit” also includes an online link to adapted online Puggles lessons, snack ideas, games, crafts, and coloring sheets for home use. Buy one kit for each home to help Parents start building a Biblical foundation today!

Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life.



AWANA Cubbies is a two-year weekly club for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten and they must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Our purpose is to help your children take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's ways....in routine activities .... passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program is designed to help leaders and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete sections in their current handbook.

#### **About the Cubbies Materials....**

#### **BEAR HUG BROCHURE**

This brochure contains two Bear Hugs as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All cubbies will complete this first before they may purchase or wear the uniform or start their handbook.

#### **HANDBOOKS – Appleseed and Honeycomb**

The handbooks include memory verses and activities divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week's Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the next week. They recite the memory verse to their leader at club. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbies book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hugs also contains an Under the Apple Tree Supplemental Section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are optional, and not required for book completion.

**Learning Level A** – Complete one Bear Hug each week. All children work on the same Bear hug at the same time. If your child has missed a week of club, be sure to check the schedule or calendar for the current week's Bear Hug. After completing the current Bear Hug, work on making up any missed Bear Hugs [maximum of 3 a night]. Do not do any future Bear Hugs.

**Learning Level B** – "Under the Apple Tree" may be done after the current Bear Hug and any missed Bear Hugs are completed. When you complete an activity, sign it and have your child recite any verses to the leader at club. Your child will receive a golden apple sticker for his/her book when a "Under the Apple Tree" section is completed.

**Requirements for Cubbies Memory Work:**

- Cubbies are allowed two "helps" per Bear Hug.
- Bear Hugs must be recited at one session. If there are two verses in the Bear Hug, both must be recited at one session and in the order they appear.
- Four-year old's must recite the verse AND reference. Three-year olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
- Cubbies clubbers will recite the verses they have learned at home to their Cubbies leaders during club.

**Tips on How Parents Can Help their Cubbies.**

- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child....morning or evening.
- Check the schedule and calendar for what Bear Hug to work on for the next week. \*Suggestion – write verse on white board or black board in kitchen and review at mealtimes.
- Read each week's Bear Hug to your child and follow the simple instructions.
- Listen to your child recite the verse and sign your name. Be encouraging!
- Be sure to mark the version of the verse that is the most appropriate for your Cubbie. The short version or the long version. The short version is in bold print.
- Cubbie Leader's will teach one Bear Hug lesson per week. The Cubbies will all recite the same Bear Hug each week (refer to the Cubbie schedule to see what Bear Hug the clubbers will be working on that club night).
- Find a special place at home to keep your child's book and uniform, so it can always be found on Cubbies night.
- Be sure your child wears their uniform vest to club. The uniform is where their awards are displayed. This motivates them to learn and work in their books.
- Bring your child to club on time, so we can begin and end promptly. Be sure to come to the established pick-up area after club.

**Take a turn supplying a snack**

You can help by providing a snack for the children in our Cubbies Club – this is the favorite part of the night.

A Snack Schedule has been developed to fit the lesson theme. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside each classroom for parents to sign up to bring the appropriate snack for each week. Your help in providing snacks is very much appreciated.



## Kindergarten through Second Grade

The Sparks ministry builds on the material taught in Cubbies. The aim of the curriculum is to take clubbers a step deeper into God's Word while giving them the opportunity to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. A Sparkie must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current club year and be enrolled in kindergarten to start. If your child is not attending kindergarten yet, please enroll them in Cubbies. It is a lot easier to repeat a year in Cubbies than in Sparks.

All students starting in Sparks (no matter what grade) need to complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet before they can receive their handbook or purchase the uniform. All Sparkies, regardless of grade, start in the HangGlider handbook.

### HangGlider Series

The HangGlider handbook is the first in the Sparks series. The HangGlider handbook covers the Old Testament from Creation through Joshua. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

### WingRunner Series

This is the second book in the Sparks series. This handbook explores Judges to the birth of Christ. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

### SkyStormer Series

This is the third book for Sparks. This handbook covers the life of Christ to Revelation. The handbook contains a CD which includes dramatic Bible biographies and a timeline.

### Kindergarten Progression

Flight 3:16, HangGlider handbook, HangGlider review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the HangGlider Frequent Flyer Cards), Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses are contained in the HangGlider Frequent Flyer Cards purchased separately.

A Kindergarten student must stay in the HangGlider series for the club year. They may not progress into the WingRunner Series.



## **First Grade Progression**

A new first grade Sparkie must complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Brochure. The Sparkie then proceeds to work on the HangGlider handbook. If the Sparkie wishes to complete additional material, he/she may go on to the WingRunner Series. They do not complete the review or Frequent Flyer cards in the HangGlider Series until they have completed the WingRunner handbook.

A Sparkie who is in first grade and who has completed the HangGlider handbook will start in the WingRunner series. Sparkies complete the WingRunner handbook, WingRunner review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the WingRunner Frequent Flyer Cards). Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses are contained in the WingRunner Frequent Flyer cards purchased separately.

A First grader may not move on to the SkyStormer series.

## **Second Grade Progression**

A new second grade Sparkie must complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Brochure. The Sparkie then proceeds to work on the HangGlider handbook. If they wish to complete additional material, the Sparkie may go on to the WingRunner handbook. If time allows and the Sparkie would like to work on additional material, he/she may complete the SkyStormer handbook.

A Sparkie who is in second grade and who has completed the HangGlider handbook and the WingRunner handbook will start in the SkyStormer Series. Sparkies complete the SkyStormer handbook, SkyStormer review (either in the handbook or by purchasing the SkyStormer Frequent Flyer Cards). Additional Frequent Flyer memory verses contained in the SkyStormer Frequent Flyer Cards can be purchased separately.

Any second grader who is "catching up" may complete any/all of the three handbooks one time through. If they complete all three they are eligible to earn the Sparky Award Plaque to be presented at the final award ceremony.

## **All Sparkies**

As Sparkies work on their handbooks, they receive awards to be displayed on their uniform. Awards are described in the handbooks and they include patches, Sparks Pilot Wings, jewels, review patches and extra credit pins. Refer to the handbook for proper placement of patches, flight wings, and jewels.

We ask that you pace your child to stay within the curriculum. Depending upon the amount of time left in the year will determine what supplemental memory work should be encouraged. Check with your child's leader for additional information.

Sparkies also receive Sunday School Attendance patches awarded twice a year and AWANA Club Attendance jewels awarded four times a year (quarterly).



## Third Grade through Fifth Grade

The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of AWANA to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. This ministry helps clubbers build a firm foundation for their faith, hide God's Word in their hearts and apply the truths of Scripture in their life. This ministry will help clubbers see the world through God's eyes.

T&T is beginning a multi-year transformation. The new T&T materials feature a fresh design, lessons for today's kids and all-together pacing. **Together We Move (TWM)** is an alternate method of helping clubbers in T&T complete their handbooks. Using TWM, clubbers work together as a group to complete their handbooks. Until this transition is fully completed clubbers may be working in different handbooks.

Each T&T handbook contains 30 weeks of content. Handbooks can be used in any order with T&T of every age. Handbooks coordinate with small group and large group leader guides and lessons. Each clubber must complete Start Zone before working in handbooks.

### **New Curriculum: Mission – Grade in Action, Evidence of Grace, Agents of Grace, and Discovery of Grace**

**Grace in Action** kids will learn about the character and nature of God, information about the Bible and who Jesus is, and will understand more about grace.

**Evidence of Grace** continue to explore fundamental doctrines of Christianity. They will learn about the nature of God, structure and sequence of the Bible, redemption narrative and more.

**Agents of Grace** helps clubbers discover how to be Agents of Grace by learning about the attributes of God, the importance of biblical theology and the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John.

**Discovery of Grace** helps clubbers explore the meaning of God's grace and how it affects their lives.

- Attributes of God
- Why God gave us the Bible
- The events of Jesus' death and resurrection
- The result of God's grace in our lives as seen through the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23



## 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Trek is a two-year middle school curriculum which includes rock solid Biblical teaching, scripture memorization and relevant, contemporary application. Students are encouraged to put their faith in action.

This program guides are filled with Bible learning, life applications and Scripture memory that help students understand God's story and how it applies to them. Trek Essentials are ideal for new believers and young Christians just starting to grow in their faith.

Trek helps take the next step to prepare our youth to navigate the challenges of middle school and apply the biblical truths they've learned.

### Bible Studies/Essentials

- "His People"
- "His Story"
- "His Love"

By allowing students to dive into the scriptures and answer these questions for themselves we allow them to own their faith and discover what they actually believe.

Students wishing to earn the AWANA awards must complete both Bible studies in the handbook. When a student joins Trek for the first time, he/she is given a Trek Check Entrance Brochure to complete prior to starting the handbook Bible study.

# JOURNEY™

## 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Journey is a 4-year high school curriculum. Journey will equip high school students to make their Christian walk challenging and thought provoking yet accessible to students from all spiritual backgrounds. The curriculum provides leaders with relevant tools for in-depth, focused discipleship. It includes a strong emphasis on life application through apologetics and the AWANA trademark Scripture memory.

Journey Bible Studies:

**Disciples** bible study focuses on what is expected of a disciple who strives to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

**Advocates** bible study considers what it means to hold firm to biblical convictions and still engage in humble dialog with the culture around us.

**Witnesses** bible study trains students to share their faith with anyone and everyone. This study puts Jesus' command to go and make disciples in motion by training students to share their faith with anyone and everyone. Witnesses trains them to use who they are, the relationships they have built, and lives they care about to make Jesus known in their communities.

**Identity** The Journey Identity Student Bible Study will walk students through the Bible while helping each student understand her or his identity in Christ.

### Elements of each bible study:

**Intro Activity:** each lesson begins with an experience to help launch students into the Core Concept for the week.

**Core Concept:** This is a one-sentence main idea from the lesson. Also included is a notable word with definition within the Bible study text to help students understand the lesson.

**Core Verse:** This is the Scripture focus for the week. Students recite verse(s) as part of their award requirements.

**Bible Passage:** Diving deep into Scripture, students read a selected passage and Bible study content to unpack and apply God's Word.

**Work Space:** Students use this space to help them remember Core Verse for the week. They may write, draw or design in ways that make sense to them.

**Questions:** Students explore two of the three provided questions or write their own about the week's Bible passage. These questions are the basis for their small group discussion.



## AWANA AWARDS

Clubbers from Cubbies through T&T, who progress in their handbooks, will receive awards to be displayed on their uniforms. When a clubber completes a handbook, they are eligible to receive an award at the Awards Ceremony at the end of the club year.

All clubbers present at the ceremony will be recognized and will receive a certificate.

All clubbers must complete all sections in their handbooks by the last night of AWANA to receive an award at the Final Awards Ceremony.

**Puggles Awards** (to be determined by the AWANA Commander/Puggles Director)

### **Cubbies Awards**

Year One book award – Medal

Year Two book award – Medal

### **Sparks Awards**

First Book award – completing the HangGlider handbook

Second Book award – completing the HangGlider and WingRunner handbooks

Sparky Trophy – awarded for completing the HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer Handbooks. Clubber must be in at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

### **T&T**

Alpha Award – a medal on a ribbon . Awarded for the completion of any one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals. Clubber must be in at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Excellence Award – awarded for completion of any two of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Individuals receiving this award will have their name added to the church's "AWANA Hall of Fame" plaque.

Challenge Award – awarded for completion of three of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Timothy Trophy - awarded for completion of four of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals. Clubbers must be in at least the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Individuals receiving this award will have their name added to the church's "AWANA Hall of Fame" plaque.

### **Trek and Journey**

Trek Milestone – awarded to Trek students who complete one year of Trek Bible study handbook. This is awarded in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. This is also awarded in place of the AWANA first book award for the student who is new to AWANA and who has completed the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade material as their first book.

Meritorious Trophy – awarded for completion of six 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals. The student must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Individuals receiving this award will have their name added to the church's "AWANA Hall of Fame" plaque.



## Citation Award

This premiere award is the highest award in AWANA. It is awarded only to high school seniors and adults who have completed all the ten 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade books or manuals.

Individuals receiving this award may be eligible to apply for scholarships to over 40 colleges and universities. AWANA offers special recognition to students receiving this award. Individuals receiving this award will have their name added to the church's "AWANA Hall of Fame" plaque.

### Citation Achievers:

- Are Biblically grounded
- Their AWANA experience compares favorably to a year of Bible college
- They have committed to memory over 700 verses
- They have read the entire Bible
- They served in ministry for at least four years

**Individuals receiving Timothy Award, Meritorious Award, and Citation Award may be eligible to apply for scholarships to selected colleges and universities.** Visit the following website for more information:

**<http://store.AWANA.org/Location/youthministries/aym-colleges,default,pg.html/Query/>**



## Special Theme Nights During AWANA

During the year, we have many theme nights for fun and to keep clubbers and leaders involved! Special treats are often awarded to those who participate. Check the calendar and the weekly email newsletter for updates.

**Crazy Hair Night:** Crazy Colors, Crazy Styles, Crazy Hats, let your imagination run wild. Prizes will be awarded to the most colorful.

**Color Night:** Deck yourself out in your team color. Every piece of clothing you wear in YOUR team color will count.

**We Can Night:** Bring in Cans/Boxed meals. AWANA Bucks will be handed out for each item you bring in. Top prizes awarded to the Team Color with the most donations.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Night:** Create one ugly Christmas sweater and wear to club for all to see.

**Moustache Night:** The premier facial hair. Handlebar, wooly caterpillar, Fu-Man Chu, Hulk Hogan. Prizes will be awarded to Clubbers for the best facial hair.

**Crazy Sock Night:** How crazy can your socks be? Mix or match....we want to see!

**Drive-in Movie Night:** Design your very own dream car! It can be your favorite model, color, or even character. Clubbers will watch a movie sitting in their cars like they are at the drive-in. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

**Backwards Night:** Backwards everything! Clothes, games, use your imagination. All participants will get AWANA Bucks added to the store! Extra prizes if you say your memory verse backwards.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**AWANA Grand Prix** – Cars will be available all year long, so you can get a head start on your creation.

**Fall Festival** – Come have a safe and fun Fall Holiday at the church with food, games, and candy.