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Welcome Packet
&
Information Handbook



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Parents and Grandparents,

Welcome to AWANA!

If you are new to our AWANA program, I would like to welcome you and provide you with a little bit of information. First off, AWANA is our Wednesday night program in our KidsView Children's Ministry at Southview Baptist Church. The purpose of our program is to lead children to **Know** Jesus Christ, to help them to **Grow** in their faith in Jesus Christ, and to help them **Go** into their world and share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. We accomplish this through creative Bible stories in our large group times with our clubs, through Scripture memorization in our handbook times, through outreach opportunities such as Operation Christmas Child and Adopt-a-Club, and finally through our recreational time (yes, they learn Christian principles even in play!). When your child comes to our program, they will be introduced to Jesus Christ and shown His love each week.

If your child was here last year, WELCOME BACK! We love your children and love teaching them about Jesus. If your child finished their handbook last year, the next handbook can be started. If your child did not finish his/her handbook, we will continue at the last section completed. If you need a new handbook, let the Club Director know and they will get one for you.

Our program has three clubs: Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth and Training. The Cubby Club is the club for children ages 3-4 (your child must be three by August 31st of this year). Sparks is the club for children Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Finally, Truth and Training is the club for children 3rd grade through 5th grade.

The AWANA program uses handbooks to teach children what the Bible says by memorizing scripture and Biblical truths. Clubbers earn awards to adorn their uniform as they progress through their handbooks. Awards are presented during the club night the week after they are earned. ***It is very important that you work with your child at home to learn his/her verses.***

In our AWANA Club, your children will learn the Gospel, begin to hide God's words in their hearts, learn discipline, and practice teamwork. Inside this handbook, you will find all of the information you need about our individual clubs and our AWANA program. Please read over it as it will answer many of your questions.

We are looking forward to a wonderful AWANA year serving Our Lord and serving your children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mr. Chuck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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Registration

If you have not already done so, please fill out and return the Southview Baptist Church AWANA Registration form (last page). This form provides our club directors and leaders with all of the information we need to care for and communicate with you and your child.

Registration Fee

This fee is \$20.00 for new clubbers and \$10.00 for returning clubbers. Please give the registration fee to the club secretary. A new clubber is a clubber that is either entering the AWANA program for the first time or has promoted to a new club (Cubbies to Sparks, Sparks to T&T). This fee covers the following:

New Clubbers

- Uniform
- Handbooks
- Vest
- Handbook Bag
- Uniform Awards

Returning Clubbers

- Handbook
- Uniform Awards

If you cannot afford to pay this fee, **DO NOT WORRY!** Just send a note letting us know in an envelope addressed **FOR THE AWANA COMMANDER** on the front. We want your child to participate and your child will receive these items at no charge to you. Knowing Christ and learning about Him is much more important to us than any amount of money we could receive!

Club Night Schedule

Our club night is from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM each Wednesday night. The calendar page contains all AWANA nights, their themes, as well as AWANA nights that have been cancelled because of holidays or other church events. Please look at the calendar each week.

Check-In and Dismissal

You may check your child in to AWANA beginning at 6:15 PM. We cannot accept your child any earlier than that as we will not have sufficient leaders in place prior to that time. We will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. If your child arrives after 6:45 PM, he/she may not receive attendance credit for that evening as attendance is taken up early in the evening.

Check-in and dismissal procedures are our way of ensuring your child is safely in our care and then back in your care at the end of the night. We ask that you respect these procedures as outlined below and follow them each week.

Check-In

All parents are required to personally check-in their children. Do not send clubbers alone.

Cubbies will check-in in their starting rotation rooms on our children's wing. Please make sure your child has received his/her name tag and that are checked-in on the check-in sheet. Sparks will check-in in room 307. T&T will check-in in the Family Life Center. There will be a leader for each group responsible for check-in and handing out name tags/name badges. Please do not send your child to check-in without you. We want to get to know you.

Dismissal

For safety reasons, we will only dismiss your child to you or an adult listed on the registration sheet. We will not dismiss your child to a sibling or to someone we do not recognize as authorized to pick up your child.

We have dismissal procedures in place to ensure your child goes home with you at the end of the night! Please honor this commitment to your children's safety and follow the procedures for dismissal. We will begin dismissing children at 8:00 PM. Unless there is an emergency, we ask that you do not try to pick your child up early as it is disruptive to the individual clubs.

Cubbies

Cubbies will dismiss each week from their classrooms on the children's wing. **Do not enter** the room to collect your children. Remain at the door and the leader will bring your child to you. We do this to ensure our Cubbies do not escape out of the door without being seen, to ensure that your child goes home with you, and to reduce confusion at the end of the night. Please remain at the door unless otherwise instructed by the club director/leader.

Sparks

Sparks will dismiss from the Family Life Center. This is the large meeting room down the hallway from the sanctuary. We will dismiss the Sparks only through the left hand hallway door. As you are walking toward the back of the church facility, take the left hand hallway (middle school youth wing) and proceed until you see the Family Life Center on your right. If you go to the wrong door, please be kind and walk around to the other side instead of walking through the back of the room. **Please do not enter the Family Life Center.** Your child will be brought to you at the door.

Truth and Training

T&T will be dismissed from the choir room each week. They will dismiss from the hallway nearest the children's wing of the church.

Discipline

We have wonderful kids that participate in our AWANA program and we very rarely have discipline problems. The discipline program we utilize is a three warning system. The first warning receives the first "demerit". The first demerit is just a warning and serves as a reminder to behave. The second warning receives a second demerit. The third warning receives a third demerit. The second demerit indicates that the clubber will not receive their reward for the evening (usually a piece of candy or other small treat). The third demerit indicates that the child refuses to adhere to the discipline program.

In the unlikely event that a clubber refuses to adhere to our discipline program, that child will be removed from the club and brought to the AWANA Commander. The AWANA Commander may bring the child to you for parental discipline (if you are present at the church) or call you on the telephone to let you know there is a discipline problem. You may return your child to their club if you feel that the child will adhere to the discipline rules for the rest of the night. If the parent is not at the church, the child will remain in the AWANA Commander's Office for the rest of the evening. The parent will be notified and told where to go to pick their child up.

The exact form of our demerit system varies between the clubs, but the pattern remains the same. An example of the discipline procedure is shown below:

Example:

- Child speaks out of turn and is asked to stop (Verbal Warning).
- Child speaks out of turn again. Child receives one demerit mark on their name tag.
- Child speaks out of turn again. Child receives a second demerit mark on their name tag and loses their treat for the night.
- Child speaks out of turn again (third demerit). The child is removed from the club and brought to the AWANA Commander.

If any child is blatantly disrespectful to a leader or curses, hits, bites, fights, or kicks another child, that child will immediately be removed from the Club for the evening and brought to the AWANA Commander. That child will not be permitted to return to their club until the next week. The AWANA Commander will come and get the child's parent if the parent is present at the church. If the parent is not at the church, the child's parent(s) will be contacted by telephone and the child will stay in the AWANA Commander's office/area until the parent arrives to pick their child up.

Rules of AWANA Club

1. *Listen to your leaders.*
2. *Keep your hands to yourself.*
3. *Be kind to others.*
4. *Bring joy to God's heart.*

Dress for Club Nights

Please have your clubbers wear closed-toe athletic shoes and socks each week. All clubbers will participate in a game time that requires running, jumping, and other athletic activities. It is difficult for clubbers to participate wearing flip-flops, sandals, or smooth soled shoes.

Club Specific Information



Cubbies Club uses a rotational model for their club night. The club night is divided into story, handbook, snack, music, and game times. The award time for Cubbies is scheduled. Check with your Club Leaders for the award schedules. The club directors will show you where to stand while the clubbers receive their awards. Cubbies are encouraged to bring an offering each week. We do not require dues in our AWANA Club.



Sparks Club also rotates among rooms through the night. The Sparks Club will follow the following schedule (subject to change):

6:30 – 6:45	Awards and Assembly Time in the Sparks Meeting Room	
6:50 – 7:10	Sparks I Story Time	Sparks II Handbook Time
7:10 – 7:30	Sparks I Handbook Time	Sparks II Story Time
7:30 – 8:00	Sparks Game Time in Family Life Center	
8:00	Dismissal from the Family Life Center	

Your child may be assigned to either Sparks I or Sparks II. Typically the club is too large to handle all of the clubbers and ensure they are receiving the proper attention in handbook and story time. Sparks are encouraged to bring an offering each week. We do not require dues in our AWANA Club. Awards are presented each week. You need to check with your clubber as to when they will receive an award.



T&T Boys and T&T Girls are separated for Counsel and Handbook times. The T&T Club rotates through the evening according to the following schedule (subject to change):

6:30 – 6:55	Game Time in Family Life Center
7:00 – 7:25	Handbook Time
7:30 – 8:00	Awards and Counsel Time (Choir Room)
8:00	Dismissal from the Choir Room

T&T's are encouraged to bring an offering each week. We do not require dues in our AWANA Club. Awards are presented each week. You need to check with your clubber as to when they will receive an award.



2009-2010 Club Calendar

September	2	AWANA Uniform	First Night of AWANA for 2009-2010 Club Year
	9	AWANA Uniform	
	16	College Jersey	Wear your favorite college team shirt/jersey
	23	AWANA Uniform	
October	30	AWANA Uniform	
	7	Crazy Hats & Socks	Wear Crazy Hats and Socks with AWANA Uniform
	14	AWANA Uniform	
	21	AWANA Uniform	Begin Bringing Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
November	28	Funny Costume	Wear a funny costume (NO witches, vampires, blood, ghosts, etc.)
	4	AWANA Uniform	Bring Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
	11	AWANA Uniform	Bring Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child – Last night
	18	AWANA Uniform	
December	25	NO AWANA	Happy Thanksgiving
	2	AWANA Uniform	AWANA Grand Prix Sign Ups Begin
	9	AWANA Uniform	AWANA Grand Prix Sign Ups
	16	Crazy Christmas Costume	Last Night of AWANA Grand Prix Sign Ups
January	23	No AWANA	Merry Christmas
	30	No AWANA	Happy New Year
	6	AWANA Uniform	Welcome Back
	13	Black-and-White Night	Wear Black and White Clothes
February	20	AWANA Uniform	
	27	AWANA Uniform	
	3	Inside-Out Night	Wear Normal Clothes Inside Out
	10	AWANA Uniform	Clubbers – Bring a Valentine for your Leaders
March	17	AWANA Uniform	
	20	AWANA Grand Prix	Saturday Feb. 20 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM
	24	School Spirit Night	Show your school spirit!
	3	AWANA Uniform	
April	10	AWANA Uniform	
	17	St. Patrick's Day	WEAR GREEN
	24	AWANA Uniform	
	31	AWANA Uniform	
May	7	No AWANA	Spring Break
	14	AWANA Uniform	
	21	Pajama Night	Wear your PJ's
	28	AWANA Uniform	
June	5	AWANA Uniform	
	12	Patriotic Night	Wear Red, White, and Blue
	19	AWANA Uniform	
	26	AWANA Uniform	Last night to complete handbooks for Awards Night
2	AWANA Awards Night		



Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

DOB: _____

- Church Member
 Visitor
 Regular Attendee

What church? _____

- Cubbies: 3 – 4 Yr. Olds (**3 Years Old Prior to August 31st**)
 Sparks: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
 T&T: 3rd – 5th Grades

Parent Name(s): _____

Address (City, State, Zip): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Emergency Contact(s): _____

Allergies/Special Instructions: _____

To whom may we release your child? _____

Is there anyone specifically to whom your child cannot be released?

- Willing to serve in AWANA.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



Parent Volunteers

Parents,

Check the following areas that you could help us with and return this half sheet to the Club Director.

Club:

- Cubbies
- Sparks
- T&T

What you can do:

- Substituting when leaders are out.
- Listening to and helping with sections during handbook times.
- Planning a special night or outing.
- Telling a Bible story.
- Providing snacks for special nights.
- Donating candy and/or small inexpensive (<\$1.00) toys.
- Donating larger toys for the Club Store (>\$5.00)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____