



Welcome to the AWANA Club of Crossroads! This is a short tutorial on what AWANA is all about. If you have any questions, please see a Commander (Mike or Rachelle Czarnecki), a secretary or a club director.

## The Basics

AWANA is an international ministry "whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ." AWANA is non-denominational. It teaches Bible basics, memorization and having a closer relationship with Jesus.

AWANA is divided into different clubs, based on age group:

**Cubbies** are 3 & 4 yr olds - Cubbies will be participating at home, working with parents.  
**MUST** be 3 years by 9/2/20 **AND** no more than 2 years from starting Kindergarten

**Sparks** are Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
**MUST** be 5 years by 9/2/20 **AND** be in Kindergarten

**Truth & Training (T&T)** are 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Trek** is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Journey** is for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our club only meets during the school year and follows the District 12 holiday schedule. The night will be divided into 3 parts—time to say sections in handbooks, game time and a lesson time. All activities will be done with appropriate social distancing.

## Handbooks

All age levels of AWANA use handbooks. Your help is **REQUIRED**. Helping your child to memorize the verses and complete other sections in their handbook will enable them to be successful. If your clubber has memorized a section, please initial that section and it will help the leaders know to have the clubber recite it at club. Handbook sections are completed in order, with the exception of make-up sections, which can be done in any order. It is recommended that a clubber do 1 to 2 sections a week in order to complete the book in one year.

All clubbers, when they first attend AWANA, or when they move up to an older age group, complete a small pamphlet. This pamphlet is our starting point and introduces the handbook the clubber will be working in and the plan of salvation of Jesus Christ.

Sparks (K thru 2<sup>nd</sup>) start in the first Sparks book and do one book per year. The exception is a clubber who starts AWANA in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. In this case, they would continue to the next book until they have completed the book associated with their grade/age level. Clubbers cannot go on to a book that is higher than their grade/age level. There are review and extra credit options available for clubbers who complete their book prior to the end of the club year.

T&T Clubbers (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will work on one assigned section per week. Each section has 2 required parts—a Bible reading and answer part and a memorization part. The section is completed only if the Bible reading/question part and the memorization part are finished by your child and signed off by a leader. There are optional Silver and Gold extra-credit parts to each section. If a child misses a week, they will need to make up that week's section, in order to stay on track to receive a book award.

## Uniforms and Awards

AWANA has a system of uniforms and awards (similar to scouts). Each clubber, upon completion of their initial pamphlet, is eligible for a shirt or vest, which is specific to each age group. Awards are given for completion of a group of handbook sections (awards are free). These awards go on their uniforms. Uniforms should be worn



each week. We will take care of uniforms, for any new clubbers, when we are able to resume in-person club.

Your clubber may come home with paper dollars called AWANA Shares. Shares are given for each handbook section completed and for other stellar behavior. We will have a couple AWANA stores during the course of the year where your clubber can spend their Shares on toys, gifts, candy, etc. Keep these shares in a safe place, preferably at home. We will give plenty of notice so you can send your clubber's shares with them for store night.

## Fees

We ask that each clubber pay \$15 in club dues for this year, which helps to defray the cost of running club. Handbooks are \$10 each this year. In addition, if your child needs a bag (all ages), vest (Sparks) or uniform shirt (T&T), there is a cost for those items:

Sparks Vest	\$14 each
Sparks Bag	\$8 each
T&T Shirt	\$14 each
T&T/Trek/Journey Bag	\$12 each

## Discipline

Needless to say, when you have a bunch of kids in the same area for any period of time, there will be some behavior issues. AWANA has a discipline system which includes the 5 count. At any time, any leader can begin counting from 1 to 5. The expectation is that the clubbers start to calm/quiet down at 1 and are done at 5. This will be explained to the clubbers during club.

## Security

At Crossroads, we take security very seriously. All clubbers will be given a badge at check-in and the parent will receive the other half. A parent or other designated ADULT will need to pick up your clubber, using the parent portion of the name tag, if they are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger. Clubbers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above can be released without a parent, **but they are not allowed to pick up younger siblings or friends.**

## How do I know what's going on at Club?

Every week a blast email is sent that details upcoming events. PLEASE READ THESE EACH WEEK as they contain important information. We will use the email address you provided on your registration form.

## Can I help?

ABSOLUTELY!!! We are always in need of adult or youth volunteers at AWANA. Please see a Commander or secretary and we'll get you connected. We especially need people to help listen to clubbers recite their memorized Bible verses. Not only is this a fun way to interact with the kids, it also allows you to learn many Bible verses as you listen to the clubbers.

## Other Good Stuff to Know

1. Please don't allow your clubber to bring candy, gum, toys, pop, cell phones, tablets, etc. to AWANA. All they will need is their handbook or pamphlet, uniform and Bible (unless it is a special theme night). The other stuff is just distraction and tends to get lost or get them in trouble.
2. Please drop off and pick up your clubbers on time. Club starts at 6:15 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. Late comers and late picker upperers throw a wrench in everyone's timing and many of the leaders have kids to get to bed also. Please allow enough time to have your clubber checked in and ready for club to start at 6:15 pm. Check-in will open each night no later than 5:45 pm, but please keep your child with you until 6 pm, when leader supervision starts.
3. We want your clubber to have fun at AWANA, but we also want them to learn all they can about our Savior Jesus Christ and hide God's word in their heart. It's a team effort and we can't do it without you. If there is an issue, please let us know and we will do all we can to find a solution.

Thanks again for sharing your child with us. We hope they enjoy AWANA and develop a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We're in His Service

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