

Awana @ TCC Ministry Information

*Info for you and your
Parent / Guardian !*

What is Awana?

Awana is a Christian youth ministry for all children from Kindergarten through 6th grade and for the two years pre-K for children of adults who are Awana leaders/volunteers. "Awana" is an acronym that stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed", taken from 2 Tim 2:15. The mission of our Awana program is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him - impressing His Word on their hearts in an atmosphere of fun that makes them want to come back for more! The foundation of the Awana ministry is God's Word. We believe that we share the responsibility to communicate God's Word to young people and help them apply its truths to their lives. The Awana handbooks and materials enable us to do just that.

What goes on at an Awana club meeting?

The Awana club meeting is divided into these basic segments:

- **Opening Ceremonies** - We start off the evening with the pledge to the American and Awana flags, announcements, and a prayer.
- **Game Time** - A time of fun activities in the gym, as well as specials such as Pie Night, Water Balloon Night, Awana Stores and much more, to keep them coming back week after week. Fun, teamwork, cooperation and sportsmanship are emphasized during Game Time.
- **Handbook Time** - A time that clubbers work through their Awana handbooks which contain scripture memorization, Bible reading, crosswords, activities, etc. We strongly encourage the children to work on these sections during the week, with their parents' help as necessary. It helps kids retain the verses if they *memorize* at home and *recite* at Awana!
- **Council Time** - A time when clubbers learn a biblical lesson that relates to them, praise God with a worship song, and receive awards for achievement in their handbooks.

How will Awana help my child?

In a world with constantly changing standards, kids today need direction more than ever before. While that direction comes primarily from the home, programs like Awana can help reinforce those values using God's unchanging Word as the standard; telling a lie is still wrong, we should treat others as we would like to be treated, etc. Our goal is to present the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and teach and encourage the practical application of God's word in the lives of the boys and girls in our Awana program - all while having fun! We want to help place God's Word in their hearts so they will be better prepared when they are faced with difficult situations and temptations. This is a responsibility we share with the parents of the children in the Awana program. We also want to develop relationships with the kids in the program and train our 6th graders to be leaders in this program as we prepare them for their role as a witness for Christ in the Jr. High Youth program next year.

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How do I get my child started in Awana?

It's best if you **register your child online from awananeews.tcc.org**. On his/her first night, your child will receive an entrance booklet for the appropriate club. After completion of the entrance booklet, your child will earn membership in their club. At that time, he/she will be recognized as a new member and will receive a handbook and uniform for that club. Then they begin working in that club's handbook. Children **must wear gym shoes** - no sandals or other casual footwear - for safe play during Game Time activities.

How are the clubs divided?

Cubbies	3 and 4 year old boys and girls (requires a parent's participation in Awana)
Sparks	K - 2nd grade boys and girls
T&T Girls / Boys	3rd - 6th grade girls / boys

How much does it cost?

Handbooks cost \$8 or \$9. **Uniforms** cost \$10 for Cubbies, \$10 for Sparks, and \$13 for T&T clubbers. **Handbook bags** are \$5 for Sparks, \$6 for Cubbies and T&T. We also collect **dues of \$1** per week. The dues help offset the cost of awards, supplies, and special events. If you have **three or more children**, dues are 75 cents each per week. The expenditures that are not covered by dues (end of year awards, candy, etc.) are paid for by Triangle Community Church. If it is more convenient for you, you may **pre-pay** dues for the entire year at a discounted rate of \$25 per child (\$20 per child for three or more children). If these costs are an issue for you, please contact the Awana Commander, Mark Wolski (email: MarkWolski@tcc.org, phone: 387-7622) and we will be happy to arrange a waiver. We **never** want your financial situation to prevent you or your child from participating in the Awana ministry.

Where and when?

Awana will meet at Triangle Community Church on Wednesdays from September 8, 2010 until May 18, 2011, when we will hold our End-of-Season Award Ceremony. There are a few weeks when we will not hold Awana due to holidays and spring break. The TCC Community Calendar includes our theme nights and special events and also indicates nights that we will not meet. Please **drop off your children before 6:25 pm** as our program **begins PROMPTLY at 6:30 pm** and children who are late will not earn credit for being on time. The club night ends at 8:15 pm.

Please come in and pick up your child!

When you come to pick up your children, please park your car and walk into the building to **pick up your child from the lobby**. The children will remain inside until they are picked up. This is done for their safety and your peace of mind.

Online Info / Questions

Check out our Awana website (awananeews.tcc.org or www.tcc.org, select "Children"->"Awana"->"Awana News"). The Awana theme nights are also listed on the TCC Children's Calendar (www.tcc.org, select "Children"->Calendar). If you still have questions about the Awana program, feel free to contact Mark Wolski (387-7622, email: MarkWolski@tcc.org).