



2024 – 2025 Parent Manual

Community Fellowship Church ~ Children's Ministry
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AWANA 2024-2025

WHAT IS AWANA?

Approved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed (2 Timothy 2:15)

AWANA is an international ministry which partners with churches to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and disciple them that they may know and serve Him. AWANA is a fun, biblically instructive time for children ages 4 – 12. Games, biblical teaching, and scripture memorization unite at AWANA to form a weekly ministry buzzing with energy!!

WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCE AT CLUB?

- ◆ Engaging Bible lessons
- ◆ Exciting games
- ◆ Bible memorization
- ◆ Affirmation & encouragement from adult leaders
- ◆ Positive relationships with other kids
- ◆ Awards and recognition for accomplishments

WHEN DOES AWANA MEET?

Wednesday evenings, September 6 – April 24, 6:00-7:30 pm for all children ages 4 – 6th graders. For exact dates please see the AWANA calendar.

AGE GROUPS & CLUBS

- ◆ Cubbies: 4 year olds (must be 4 by Aug. 1st)
Our preschool program offers the 4 F's...Fun – and lots of it, Friendly characters and leaders, Foundational Bible teaching and Family involvement. Cubbies begin memorization of God's Word.
- ◆ Sparks Kdgt-2nd Grade Boys and Girls
Firmly grounded in Scripture, the three Sparks handbooks feature: basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible.
- ◆ Truth & Training 3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls
The name of Truth and Training reflects the passion of AWANA to teach students the truth of God's word and to train them to follow Jesus in their daily lives.



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◆ Trek 6th-8th Grade Boys and Girls

Trek is a 3-year program for Middle School students. This new program challenges students to wrestle with the three most important questions they're asking in middle school. By allowing students to dive deep into the Scriptures and answer these questions for themselves we allow them to own their faith and discover what they believe.

His Story: This study helps middle school students understand God's story and answers the question, "Who am I?"

His Love: This study focuses on Jesus and His ministry, as told through the Gospel of Luke and answers the question, "Why am I here?"

His People: This study focuses on biblical community as told through the book of Acts and answers the question, "Who's with me?"

◆ Journey 9th-12th Grade Boys and Girls

Journey® establishes high school students as lifelong disciples through a deep study of God's Word, mobilizing them to live with godly perspective and evident faith.

REGISTRATION

All children who participate in the AWANA ministry must be registered. Children must register the first night attending AWANA. Children may join at any time during the year on any club night.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$25 per child or \$50 per family. For about \$1 per night, dues help to offset the costs of handbooks, vests, t-shirts, awards, food, prizes and special events throughout the year. Here at CFC, we never let cost get in the way of ministry! If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Brenda Cadogan at 563.370.2405 or kandbcadogan@gmail.com.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Generally speaking, if school has been cancelled due to a snowstorm or bad weather, so have our club meetings. If inclement weather is predicted for Wednesday evening we will make a decision by 4 pm whether clubs will be held or not. To learn if AWANA is cancelled:

- ◆ The decision will be after 4 pm
- ◆ E-mail Alert – All known e-mail addresses of AWANA families will be contacted if AWANA is cancelled or by text message.
- ◆ There will be a message posted on our facebook page
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WELLNESS POLICY

Please do not bring your children to AWANA if they have any of the following symptoms:

- ◆ Fever – 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours
- ◆ Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- ◆ Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- ◆ Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge
- ◆ Bad cough – coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- ◆ Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- ◆ If your child is prescribed an antibiotic, they should have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending AWANA
- ◆ If your child has been exposed to COVID-19, they should follow the CDC guidelines for quarantine



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WHAT TO BRING & WHAT TO WEAR TO AWANA

Each week, clubbers should bring their Bibles, AWANA handbooks and wear their uniform. Please leave additional toys and electronic devices at home.

In order to participate in the games held on a typical evening **we recommend that children attending AWANA wear long pants and gym shoes.** Some games will be difficult to participate in if wearing skirts, heels, flip-flops, sandals, dress shoes, etc.

For special theme nights, your child may be asked to bring a certain item(s) or wear something special. Theme nights are listed on the AWANA calendar. Theme nights will also be posted on our facebook page.

DISCIPLINE

Clubbers should come expecting to be treated as a child of God and to treat everyone else as a child of God. Courtesy and respectful behavior should be displayed at all times.

AWANA STORE

The AWANA store will be open on the nights listed on the calendar. This is a store filled with prizes which the children can purchase with the "AWANABucks" they have earned in club. Clubbers may earn AWANABucks each club night by wearing their uniforms, bringing their Bibles and handbooks, reciting memorized verses and bringing friends to club.

HELPING YOUR CHILD

Cubbies, Sparks and T&T work through one section together each week. Here are some specific ways you can help your child succeed in AWANA:

- ◆ Working on verse memorization with your child for just five or ten minutes several times a week is a great investment to help your child succeed. Consider doing this at the dinner table, during breakfast or as part of your bedtime routine.

- ◆ Encouragement is the key!

- ◆ If you prefer, your child may use a version of the Bible which is different from the version used in the handbook. However, our leaders need a way to check the verse being recited. Please have your child bring the Bible or re-write the verse in your child's handbook as it is written in the other version.

- ◆ Please have your child learn the scriptural reference (your child may hear us refer to it as an "address") as well as the verse itself.

- ◆ For Sparkies, it may be helpful to send a note with your child, stick a post-it note for the verses which the child is ready to recite each week

- ◆ Please let us know if your child has difficulty reading or learning their verses. We have strategies to help make them experience in AWANA an enjoyable & fun time.

GETTING INVOLVED

Our AWANA program is run by volunteers and we would love to have you join our AWANA Staff! No prior experience in AWANA is necessary. We only ask that you have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and a love for kids. We will provide the training for the rest.

Everyone who works with children at CFC must fill out a Volunteer Application and undergo a background check. You can pick up an application by contacting Brenda Cadogan (listed below.)

COMMUNICATION

In order to make club run as smoothly as possible communication is essential. We will have flyers available periodically and send emails/text messages to let you know what is coming up in AWANA in addition to posting information on our facebook page



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