

LEXINGTON PARK CLUB EVENTS

All dates are subject to change

<p>AUGUST</p> <p>28 AWANA Leader Training</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>11 AWANA – 1st Club Night 18 AWANA 25 AWANA – Crazy Hair Night</p>
<p>OCTOBER (Adopt-A Club Month)</p> <p>2 AWANA – Missions Night 9 AWANA 10 Leadership Conference 16 AWANA 23 AWANA – B.A.R.F Ngih 30 AWANA – I Want to be a...</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>6 AWANA– Double Shares Night End of 1st Quarter (Store) 13 AWANA 20 AWANA 27 NO AWANA - Thanksgiving</p>
<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>4 AWANA 11 AWANA – Grand Prix 18 NO AWANA 25 NO AWANA</p>	<p>JANUARY</p> <p>1 NO AWANA 8 AWANA – Pajama Night 15 AWANA 22 AWANA – Double Shares Night End of 2nd Quarter (Store) 29 AWANA</p>
<p>FEBRUARY (Food Pantry Month)</p> <p>5 AWANA – Sports Night 12 AWANA 19 AWANA 26 AWANA</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>4 AWANA 11 AWANA – Double Shares Night End of 3rd Quarter (Store) 18 AWANA 25 AWANA</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>1 AWANA 8 NO AWANA – EASTER Sunday 15 AWANA – Favorite Hat Night 22 AWANA 29 AWANA</p>	<p>MAY (Awana Missionary Month)</p> <p>6 AWANA – Double Shares Night End of 4th Quarter (Store) 13 NO AWANA – Mother's Day 20 AWANA-Year-End Awards Ceremony</p>



PARENT and CLUBBER GUIDE BOOK 2011-2012

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Welcome to **Awana!**

Awana is a unique program designed to help reach and teach boys and girls about the Lord Jesus Christ and train them to serve Him. Our Awana Club is one of ten thousands of Awana clubs in churches around the world. The clubs are: **Cubbies** – three and four year olds; **Sparks** – kindergarten through second grade kids; Truth and Training or **T&T** – third through fifth grade kids.

An Awana meeting consists of three segments: **Handbook Time** where scripture memorization is taught; **Large Group Time** where a Bible or mission lesson is presented and awards are presented; and **Game Time** where clubbers participate in games designed to enhance good sportsmanship and fun.

We encourage parents to help their children in the effort of memorization. Take some time to look through your child's handbook and help them prepare their sections before coming to club. This in turn helps the whole family. We also invite parents to attend an Awana night to view their child's club. If you have any questions regarding Awana, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Awana believes in rewarding children for their efforts. Clubbers earn Awana shares for memory work, bringing visitors, and participating in theme nights. The Awana store will be open once each quarter so that clubbers may spend their earned Awana shares for store items.

Awana, like many other clubs, has a uniform to build unity. A clubber must be in uniform to receive an award. We ask that you put your child's name in their uniform and on their handbook.

If you do not have a church home we invite you to visit our church. Sunday School meets at 8:45 am with classes for all ages. Worship services begin at 10:00 am. We invite you to come as a visitor and leave as a friend.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child. This is going to be an exciting year. Please keep all leadership in prayer as we diligently seek to minister to God's precious gift – your children.

Greg Ouellette/Awana Commander

*Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

Theme Nights!!

During the club year, we will have several theme nights for the clubbers. They are listed on the calendar on the back of this handbook. Here is a short description of what to expect.

- **Crazy Hair Night** – come with a wig, special hair style, lots of bows etc
- **B.A.R.F. Night**– Bring A Real Friend to club
- **I Want to be a...** - clubbers come dressed as what they want to be when they grow up
- **Pajama Night** – clubbers wear favorite pajamas
- **Sports Night** – clubbers come wearing their favorite sports uniform/equipment or team colors
- **Favorite Hat Night** – clubbers wear their favorite hat or a silly hat

Special Emphasis Nights

- **Double Shares Night** – clubbers earn double shares for every section completed
- **Missions Night** – special missions emphasis for clubbers and parents
- **Grand Prix** – clubbers race homemade pine wood cars down a track
- **Adopt-A-Club Month** – clubbers learn about AWANA Adopt-a-Club
- **Food Pantry Month** – clubber bring canned/boxed food items for the Food Pantry during the month
- **Awana Missionary Month** – clubbers bring financial support for the local Awana Missionary

PRICING

An annual registration fee is collected to help offset the cost of awards, supplies and the Awana Store. Registration is \$20 for the year, additional costs are required for the handbooks and uniform. If there is a financial need, please contact your child's director or the commander.

When ordering uniforms, please allow for growth, as your child will often times be using their uniform for more than one year.

Awards earned during the year are presented at no charge to the clubber or parent. However, a charge must be made for replacement of lost awards. Year-end awards are also presented at no charge to the parent.

Cubbies & Sparks vest	\$ 10.00
T&T shirt	\$ 15.00
Handbook	\$ 10.00



Bring A Friend to Club

As part of the handbook requirements for Sparks and T&T clubbers, each clubber is to bring two first-time visitors to our Awana Club during the year. It can be a neighbor friend, a school mate, a cousin, or a friend from one of their activities (soccer, dance, choir, basketball, karate).



Often times the clubbers ask and ask but no one accepts their invitation, but the handbook requirement is still there. Parents we need you to keep a record of whom and when your child asks to come to Awana and their response. We encourage you and the clubbers to really try to get a friend to come.

However, if by January, they are still not successful, we suggest the following options:

- When they ask a friend to come to Awana, have a parent sign your book saying your child invited them. Ask 5 different friends and bring the section of your book to your Awana leader.
- Send a letter/card to new or absentee clubbers (at least five) inviting them to come back. Awana leader will provide names and addresses;
- Memorize the Gospel Wheel verses (I Corinthians 15:3-4, John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Acts 16:31) and recite all verses, in one sitting, with no more than two helps. Explain how to use the Gospel Wheel to share the Gospel.

ADOPT-A-CLUB



Once again we will be participating in Adopt-A-Club. For those unfamiliar with the program, here's what it's about. Awana clubs in America make a faith-commitment to support Awana clubs in other countries where missionaries are serving. Our goal is to collect \$240 to support one club in Moldova. Our support includes prayers, money, and letters. These *adopted* clubs will receive a credit through

Awana Headquarters for purchasing Awana materials. These funds enable children around the world to hear about God's love for them.

Awards may also be earned through specific gifts. When your child brings in their Adopt-A-Club money (minimum \$5.00), they will receive an Adopt-A-Club patch to put on their uniform. A clubber may also redeem twenty (20) Awana shares to receive an Adopt-A-Club patch to put on their uniform. These shares represent the clubber's individual effort put forth to earn the Awana shares and sacrificially sharing with others. Leaders and adults that donate \$10 earn an Adopt-A-Club pin (one-time award).

WHAT IS AWANA?

Awana is an international, Bible-centered children's and youth ministry providing local churches with a weekly clubs program for preschool through high school. Their goal is to equip churches to share the gospel of Christ with children and their families and train them to serve Him. The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**, taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15(NIV)

Awana began in 1950 as a youth program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago, Illinois. Lance Latham, the church pastor, worked with Art Rorheim to develop a program that would appeal to young people, share the gospel of Christ, and train them in the Lord's work. Other churches heard about the success of the Awana program and asked if they could use it. By 1960, Awana had registered 900 clubs. Today, more than 12,000 churches in the United States run Awana clubs. There are clubs in all 50 states, and 80 faith-supported Awana missionaries in the US. Awana can also be found in 4,300 churches in 110 other countries and on six continents with 152 international Awana missionaries. Each week over 1,000,000 kids and 250,000 volunteers participate in Awana clubs.

WHY AWANA?

In the tender years between age three and high school young people are most likely to make decisions for Christ. Awana Clubs International is dedicated to the conviction that the church's most fruitful mission is reaching boys and girls for Jesus Christ.

Today many homes do not make time for family devotions. This, combined with the complete removal of prayer and religious teaching in the public schools, has left our nation's young people with a spiritual void. While Sunday School helps fill this void, the more relaxed atmosphere and intensive spiritual training that Awana offers provides thousands of churches across America with a proven way to meet the needs of our nation's youth.

Awana is determined that programs will be appealing, God-honoring and Bible centered. The objectives of the Awana Clubs are:

1. Reach boys and girls with the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ
2. Train young people to serve the Lord as they grow in their relationship with Him.

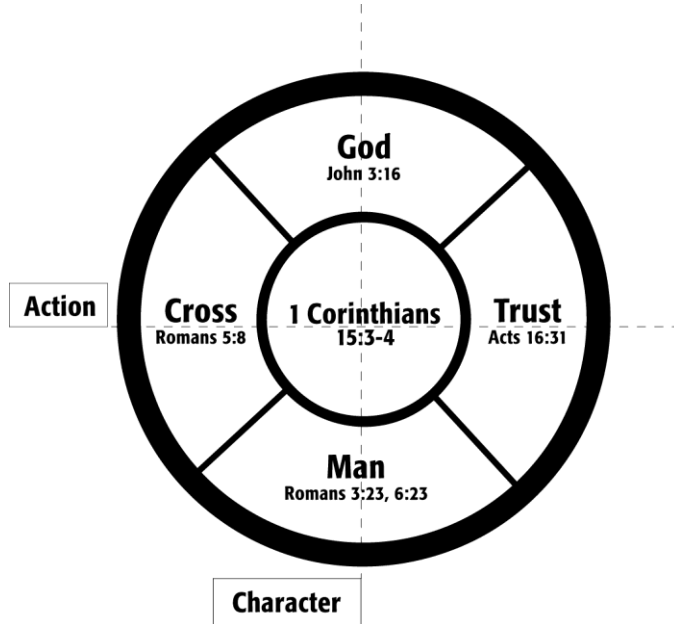
It should be the goal and prayer of every Awana worker that boys and girls still in their early, impressionable years will commit their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and be challenged to serve him for a lifetime.

Sharing the Gospel

The main focus of Awana is the Gospel. The Gospel comes from Scripture, the Word of God, and the foundation on which we rest our faith. Awana uses this Gospel Wheel as a tool for presenting the Gospel.

At the center is the Gospel (1Cor 15:3-4: Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures). The vertical character line could begin the discussion of God's character (John 3:16: love) or man's character (Rom 3:23 and Rom 6:23: sin). The horizontal action line could tell what God did (Rom 5:8: cross – Jesus' shed blood on the cross provides salvation) or man's action (Acts 16:31: trust – have faith or believe in Jesus Christ). Start anywhere around the wheel but get to the center – the Gospel.

Remember that a person, even a child, will accept Christ's love when he or she is ready. This is the Holy Spirit's work, not ours (John 6:44); so don't assume more responsibility than God intends. God expects us only to share His Good News!



SICK CHILD POLICY

Any children suffering from contagious or infectious sicknesses must be excluded from Awana for the safety and health of the other children. Please check with your family physician for the infectious period.

If a child has any ONE of the following symptoms, he or she must be excluded:

1. Fever of 100° F or more
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Suspected pink eye

A communicable disease may be suspected when a combination of any two or more of these symptoms are present:

1. Headache
2. Open sores
3. Rash
4. Cough
5. Sore throat
6. Watery and inflamed eyes and nose
7. Elevated temperature

For the benefit of the sick child and others, any child suspected of having a contagious sickness by any two Awana leaders will be separated from the other children immediately and the parents will be contacted to take the child home. Teachers and leaders will not attempt to make a diagnosis or give any medications. Water may be given if desired.

CHECK-IN/OUT POLICY

We would like to ask that an adult check in all children – please try to arrive 5-10 minutes early. If you are leaving the premises, we ask that you provide your child's leader a contact number in case of emergency. Parents of Cubbies and Sparks are encouraged to be readily available. Please do not leave your child unattended if you arrive before the leaders. Cubbies and Sparks need to be dropped off and picked up in their classrooms by parents. T&T will need to sign in at the front desk before going to the Fellowship Hall and will be picked up in their classroom.

Discipleship training classes and special topic studies are offered to students (middle school and high school) at the same time as Awana for the convenience of parents and for added opportunities for spiritual growth.

DRESS CODE

Pants or shorts and tennis shoes MUST be worn (no sandals, flip-flops, or hard-sole shoes). Remember you will be participating in Game Time, and Game Time is co-ed and other shoes and bare feet are not safe.

AWANA DISCIPLINE POLICY

At the beginning of each club year, Directors will go over with the clubbers what is expected of them in their clubs. All behavior has consequences. Awards are given out to reinforce good behavior.

Awana 5 count

Whenever a leader needs to gain the attention of a room for any reason they will stand, raise their right hand above their heads and count to five with their voice and fingers. Whenever the five count is begun EVERYONE in the room, including parents and leaders, are expected to immediately be silent, direct their attention to the person counting and await further instruction.

Awana 3 count

Our discipline policy deals with inappropriate behavior and involves a 3 count.

#1 The first time behavior is found to be unacceptable the child is given a warning and told why their behavior is not acceptable and what behavior is acceptable.

#2 The second time, the Director and Leader will meet with the child to make sure they understand what behavior is acceptable and for prayer to improve.

#3 The third time, the child will meet with the Commander and another appropriate adult to discuss the behavior with the child and close with prayer. The parent will be notified of the behavior and the condition for returning to Awana – apologize for behavior and agree to follow the rules. The child will need to apologize for his/her behavior before participating again.



HANDBOOK PACING SCHEDULE



If a clubber follows this pacing schedule by completing the indicated handbook section by the end of the indicated quarter (average 2 sections per week), they will finish their handbook in one club year and be eligible for their book award at the end-of-the-year awards ceremony. This schedule does not include handbook reviews, workbooks, or silver and gold activities.

Cubbies:

Bear Hugs and Special Days – one per week
Under the Apple Tree – one per week

Sparks:

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Hang Glider	Rank Section 8	Green Jewel 1 Section 4	Red Jewel 3 Section 4	Green Jewel 4 Section 4
Wing Runner	Red Jewel 1 Section 2	Red Jewel 2 Section 4	Green Jewel 3 Section 2	Green Jewel 4 Section 4
Sky Stormer	Red Jewel 1 Section 2	Red Jewel 2 Section 4	Green Jewel 3 Section 2	Green Jewel 4 Section 4

T&T:

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Book 1	Discovery 2.2	Discovery 4.4	Discovery 6.6	Discovery 8.7
Book 2	Discovery 2.7	Discovery 4.7	Discovery 6.7	Discovery 8.7
Book 3	Challenge 2.2	Challenge 4:4	Challenge 6.6	Challenge 8.7
Book 4	Challenge 2.7	Challenge 4:7	Challenge 6.7	Challenge 8.7

Parents are encouraged to work with your child in memorizing God's Word and finishing work to be completed at home. Cubbies and Sparks really benefit from time spent at home working on their handbook material. Parent Pages for the T&T clubbers need a parent signature to earn the clubber.

WAYS TO MEMORIZE

You as a parent are responsible for helping your child learn his/her verses. You and your child are a team. Most Clubbers cannot do the work unless you help them.

REPETITION is the key to memorizing – review, review, review.

1. Index cards
 - List verse on front
 - On the back mark days of week
 - Tick marks check off saying it 5x a day
 - Parents sign after 1 week of practice

2. Put the verse to music
 - Use motions with song
 - Parents allow clubbers to sing to them

3. Repeat it
 - Write it out many times
 - “Build” the verse a phrase at a time
 - Say it over and over
 - Write it out using first letters only
 - Say the verse aloud many times

4. Understanding the verse
 - Underline the important words
 - Define difficult words
 - Draw picture to illustrate the verse
 - Say it dramatically
 - Use the verse
 - Explain the verse

5. Make games of the verse
 - Word Puzzles, trivia, board games
 - Use as a people pop-up game
 - Flash card
 - Verse Tag or hide-and-seek
 - Fill-in the blank memory worksheets
 - Write verse on sheet of paper, cut apart, mix piece up, and arrange them in order

AWANA SHARES

Awana shares are our way of rewarding and motivating club members to work hard and succeed. Several times a year, our Club conducts an “Awana Store Night.” On this special night, our clubbers are able to redeem their Awana Shares for some cool and fun items. Shares are awarded to Sparks and T&T clubbers weekly for:

Bringing a first-time visitor	5 shares
Completing a handbook section	1 share
Wearing Uniform/Participating in theme night	1 share
Bringing handbook & Bible	1 share



T&T CLUBBER OF THE QUARTER & HIGH ACHIEVER

A High Achiever will be recognized in each T&T group (Girl & Boy) for completing the most sections in the quarter.

A Clubber of the Quarter for will be recognized every quarter from the total points each child earns during the quarter. A Clubber can only be a Clubber of the Quarter once each club year.

Points are awarded each night for the following:

Action	Points Awarded
Club Attendance	10
Sunday School Attendance	10
Came prepared with Bible & Handbook	10
Came in uniform with tennis shoes and/or Participate in Theme Night	20
Brought a first-time visitor	100
Completed a Section in their Handbook	30 per Section

A section is material between two leader-signature lines. A clubber may be given two helps per section to complete the requirement. One to three words at a time is considered one help. An entire section must be completed in one sitting – not one verse at a time.