



Welcome to another great year of AWANA! Our AWANA program is for children from 3 yrs. (and potty trained) till 6th grade. We start at 6:25 pm in the Family Life Center (FLC). Cubbies should be taken straight to their classrooms upon arrival. The other clubbers sign in at the Crosstown registration area then proceed to the FLC for Opening Ceremony. Children will learn and have fun, but most importantly they will build upon the foundation of God's word in their hearts and minds. Our evening consists of the five following activities:

Opening Ceremony - Sparks and TnT's meet together in the FLC preparing their hearts and minds for the rest of the night activities.

Handbook Time - This important activity takes place in small groups where children recite the verses they memorized at home during the week. Home involvement is strongly encouraged to keep the children motivated and on track. The children work at their pace, but we suggest two pages per week in order to complete the book. Please mark the pages your child has ready. Your child will be rewarded with patches, pins, and jewels to wear on their vests or shirt as they complete sections. **We are continuing our very successful parent-volunteer help. We ask for parents to sign up for at least one week. We will have parent helpers for the week meet me immediately following opening ceremony in the FLC.**

Council Time - Clubbers hear a Bible story or object lesson during this time. We will have missionaries or guest speakers through the year. We also recognize the children who have earned awards in Council Time.

Game Time - This is a favorite of all the clubbers. We play tug-of-war, run races, bat balloons, and do lots more. This activity is required unless the child has a note from their parent.

Large Group Time - This closing activity is in the FLC for announcements and prayer.

After the last session you are to pick your child up in the FLC by **8:00 pm**. You are welcome to enter the FLC, but please be considerate of the leader speaking. Note that you will be signing your child **in and out** in the Crosstown registration area. Your child will not be released until a parent approaches their group to get them. Also, please be courteous to those who need to lock up by exiting the building promptly after picking up your child. If you are going to be late, please call and let us know so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The cost for the entire year is \$35 per child (book \$8, vest/shirt \$12, & dues \$15). If your child is in the same club they can reuse their vest or shirt from last year. Also, if your child has a book to complete, they can start with that one then buy the next book at a later date. Dues go directly to the AWANA club budget and help us have special nights like bring-a-friend, root beer relay, and others. Please do not let finances stop you from allowing your child to attend AWANA. There are scholarships available. Please contact me if you need one or if you would like to sponsor a child.

Please review the attached forms to see the AWANA schedule for the year, registration form and a medical release form. AWANA night is a time for children to learn God's word and have fun. We would ask that the children keep all mp3 players, electronic games, and cell phones (unless they have a note from parent) at home. If your child has a cell phone please let them know that during AWANA it should only be used in case of emergency (no texting). If they have an emergency they should let their leader know so we can help them.

We are looking forward to another great year learning God's word. If you have any questions or would like to help with the AWANA ministry feel free to call Commander Shane Whitt. (330-904-4259)

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