



A Few Facts About AWANA at Green Acres Baptist Church

The Club Meeting

Each club meeting is divided into three segments (Handbook time, Game time, and Council time). Children are divided into four teams (red, blue, green, and yellow). They will be assigned a team and remain on that team for one semester. In the spring, new assignments will be made. Throughout the night they can earn points for their team by passing sections in Handbook time, listening in Council time, and participating in Game time. Each night a winning team will be announced in Council time.

Handbook time

Children meet in small groups and recite their work individually with their handbook leader. Leaders strive to ensure that children understand the Scriptures. Parents are encouraged to work in the handbooks with their children during the week.



Your child will receive individual awards each week for the awards earned the prior week. They will also receive team awards at this time.

Game Time

Children will participate in a variety of games on the AWANA game circle, located in the Family Life Center. During this time, children will learn about good sportsmanship, develop team spirit and coordination skills, and build self-confidence.

Council Time

(consists of 3 parts)

Flag Ceremony – Each night children will pledge allegiance to the American and AWANA flags.

Music- Students are led through upbeat songs that glorify God.

Bible Study- The leader presents the Bible story in a fun, exciting way.

Uniforms and Tennis Shoes

Each child will be able to purchase a uniform (vests or shirts) after completing the entrance booklet. Uniforms are an important part of AWANA. Uniforms instill unity and pride, promote a disciplined atmosphere and provide a place for earned awards to be displayed. The same uniform may be worn for two or more years provided the child is in the same club (Sparks or T & T). Uniforms (vests or shirts) should be worn every week.



Due to fun activities during Game time, tennis shoes are required. Flip flops and sandals can be dangerous.

If uniform costs are a problem, please call the children’s ministry office at 525-1122. Arrangements can be made for a payment plan or scholarship. In the future, we hope to have a “gently worn” used uniform ministry.

Please do not let monies be a determining factor for your child’s participation.

Registration and other Fees

A registration fee of \$15.00 per child will be collected at registration each year. These monies will go to defray the costs of the AWANA ministry.

Uniforms, books and other miscellaneous items can be purchased in the AWANA Store. *Costs are as Follows:*

Entrance Booklet	Free
All other Handbooks	\$9.00
Sparks Vest (K – 2 nd)	\$12.00
T & T Golf Shirt with Collar (3 rd – 5 th Grades)	\$18.00
T & T T-Shirt (3 rd – 5 th Grades).....	\$13.00

Remember these uniforms can be worn for more than one year. Consider bigger sizes for growth allowance.

Optional AWANA Accessories:

Sparks Carry Bag (For Bible and Book)	\$6.00
Sparks Memory Verses to Music on CD	\$10.00
T & T Memory Verses to Music on CD	\$10.00
AWANA Bible Cover.....	\$12.00

Please be patient as all items may not always be readily available in the AWANA Store. If items are not available they can be ordered and received within 7–10 days.

Attendance / Awards

AWANA not only encourages club attendance, but Sunday School attendance as well. The AWANA ministry desires for your family to be involved in a local church somewhere; if you don’t have a church home we would love for you to be part of ours. For your child to be successful in completing awards, Sunday School and Club attendance are important.

Sunday school is offered at GABC each Sunday at 8:15 and 9:45 AM and worship at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 AM.

Each semester children will earn semester club attendance and Sunday school attendance awards with no more than one excused absence.

Situations beyond the child’s control including sickness or vacation are excused, but it is the parents’ responsibility to make the Handbook Leader aware of individual cases.

The AWANA Store

As a motivation for your child to participate fully in AWANA he or she will have the opportunity to earn AWANA Bucks in the following ways:

- Being present
- Wearing a uniform (shirt or vest)
- Bringing a friend
- Bringing a Bible
- Bringing the AWANA book
- Passing sections (in Handbook time)
- Winning during Game time
- other things as determined in the future



AWANA Bucks can be redeemed at the AWANA store at the end of November and April each year. The AWANA store will consist of items such as candy, school supplies, toys, AWANA goodies, etc.

**Very Important Note:*

Your child's AWANA book will have an envelope in the back of it to assist them in keeping up with their AWANA Bucks. AWANA Bucks are the responsibility of you and your child. We do not keep records of them and they cannot be replaced. Please assist your child with this. (Some classes keep the envelope in the teacher's box. In that case, you will not be responsible for AWANA bucks.)

**A Note about Bible Translation*

Handbooks are available in the New International Version (NIV). Please help your child's teacher by using the NIV version when possible.

Sparks' Achievements

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Sparks receive a Gate Test when they attend AWANA the first time. Once children complete the Gate test, they are official AWANA Club Members.

After finishing the Gate Test, children will have "earned" the privilege to purchase a handbook and a uniform. The first achievement section of the handbook is the Rank Path. After these 6 sections are completed, Sparks earn a rank patch (Book 1, Skipper Patch).

Children will begin in Skipper Handbook One if they are entering AWANA for the first time (regardless of their age).

Upon completion of the Skipper Handbook they may continue with the skipper review and the Skipper review workbook.

The Hiker and Climber book are available as well. Children must wait to enter the Hiker handbook until they are at least in the 1st grade and the Climber until the 2nd Grade. Reviews and Review workbooks are available for each book.

Each handbook contains the following:

Four Red Jewels (Bible Drill)

Four Green Jewels (Activities: Missions, prayer, patriotism)

Red Jewel Sections must be completed in order.



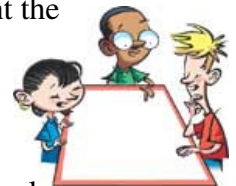
Sparks are allowed 2 “helps” per section (not per verse!). A help consists of three or less words, or any other help. Sparks may complete Green Jewels in any order, but sections within the jewels must be completed consecutively.

Four Blue Jewels are awarded for club attendance. Two jewels will be awarded each semester.

Most Sparks can complete a handbook in a year. An annual book award is given at the end of the year Award’s ceremony for those Sparks that do so.

T & T (Truth and Training) Achievements 3rd -5th Grade

T & T’s receive a Start Zone entrance booklet when they attend AWANA the first time. Entrance booklets contain sections similar to handbook sections. The sections present the gospel. After completing the Start Zone, children are official members and will have earned the privilege to purchase their handbook and uniform.



The Ultimate Adventure Series includes 4 handbooks. Children that are attending AWANA for the first time will begin in Book 1 regardless of their grade. The handbook includes eight segments called Discoveries. Each segment contains seven sections. Most children can complete one handbook in a year. Upon completion of a segment, the clubber will receive the appropriate achievement seal to be worn on an award badge.

Children must pass an entire section during one session. They cannot quote one verse, and then look at the book before saying another verse in the same section. Children are allowed 2 helps per section (not per verse). A help consists of three or less words, or any other hint. The reference must be included. Sections must be passed in order-no skipping!

Upon completion of the Discovery Segments children can work on the gold and silver extra credit segments of the handbook.

Parent Reminders:

All parents are required to work one night a month per child with a maximum of two nights per month. (Unless parents are already serving in AWANA as a teacher, director, or helper). Sign up on the registration form or in the children’s office. Thanks for your help in this!

Scripture Memory Aids:

AWANA is a beneficial tool to help your child grow closer to Jesus in their Christian faith. Use these great tips at home!

- Purchase an AWANA CD and play it while you're in the car.
- Read the verse aloud several times until kids can pronounce all the words correctly.
- Help kids understand the meaning of the verse by restating it in your own words. Ask them "How would you say that verse in your own words?"
- Underline the main words of the verse. Identify the main subject, verb and object in each sentence.
- Break the verse into small, meaningful parts and mark with parentheses. Learn a "piece" of the verse at a time.
- Write the verse on a chalkboard or dry-erase board. Erase a word at a time until it can be repeated with no helps.
- Write out verses on a 3 x 5 memory card and have kids carry the cards with them to review during the week.
- Set the verse to music or a familiar tune. Utilize the AWANA music tapes.
- Keep your child's handbook at the breakfast table. Review sections in the morning during breakfast.
- Keep a dry erase board in each of the kid's rooms. Set a goal for the week and write the verses on the board for the week. Review each night before bed.
- If you have an idea, feel free to tell us about it!