



Parent Handbook



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ABOUT AWANA

The purpose of the AWANA ministry is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The AWANA ministry at Fremont Alliance works in unison with the other ministries at Fremont Alliance to help your child learn about Jesus and to grow in Him. Consequently, you will see that your child can earn points by being active in other children's ministries. This can also help them achieve in AWANA by assisting them in passing some of the sections and activities in their handbook.

COMMANDERS GREETING

We would like to welcome you and your child to the AWANA Club program at Fremont Alliance Church. The name AWANA stands for **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**, and it is taken from II Timothy 2:15.

AWANA Clubs are international in scope and have been around for 50+ years. Their longevity is because it works. AWANA gives your child the practical tools they need to help you create the moral foundation that is necessary for them to have a rewarding life. The reason for that is because AWANA is based on the Bible and the timeless truths found there.

You will find that the AWANA program provides a special place for your children to make new friends, play exciting games, compete in rewarding and challenging contests, receive awards as reinforcement for their good performance, and have opportunities to learn and memorize God's Word, the Bible. Realizing that today children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, AWANA's Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm, Biblical foundation that will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to us and to God. Your assistance as parents is very important to your children so that they may get the most out of AWANA. You can help your children by encouraging them to come each week, by helping them memorize at least two sections per week (to finish their book by the end of the year) in their handbook, by showing excitement over their achievements, and by communicating any special needs to us.

We would suggest that you spend about 5 minutes each morning and evening with your child reading or reviewing "sections" for the greatest retention. Doing it together shows them that you care for them and about what is important to them. You will also find the AWANA material useful for an expanded time of family devotions at home where you can discuss God's Word and issues that children are confronted with day to day. We are confident that if your child is consistent in their attendance and you are consistent in your participation, you will see very positive results in their lives and attitudes.

We welcome you to visit our club meetings at any time. If you have any questions or special concerns, please feel free to speak to us or any of the AWANA leaders about them. Our desire is that your child would have a wonderful, growing experience that they will remember for a lifetime!

Bob Gates and Jeff Rhoads
Club Commanders

AWANA MEETING TIMES

The AWANA clubs meet during the school year on Wednesday evenings. Club begins promptly at 6:30 and ends at 8:15. **24-7** our middle and high school club meets offsite, Sunday evenings at 6:30.

AWANA CLUB AGE GROUPS

The AWANA Ministry at Fremont Alliance Church has the following clubs:

Cubbies:	3 & 4 year olds (Parents must be participating in Wed night ministries) Must be 3 on or before September 1st to participate in Cubbies.
Sparks:	Kindergarten – 2 nd grade
Truth & Training:	3 rd – 6 th grade
24-7 Trek:	7 th – 8 th grade
24-7 Journey:	9 th – 12 th grade

INFORMATION / REGISTRATION

All children who participate in the AWANA ministry at Fremont Alliance Church **MUST** have a completed Information Form and Medical Release on file with the child's AWANA leader. To help ensure a safe environment for our younger clubbers, we require that SPARKS and CUBBIES remain in the classroom at the end of the evening. You or your designee may pick up your child at 8:15.

WHAT TO BRING TO AWANA

Your child should wear their designated uniform and comfortable shoes for running and playing, Bible, AWANA Handbook and their Missions offering or Dues

Your child should not bring other items with them. If your child does bring something which does not pertain to AWANA with them and a leader sees it, your child will be asked to put it away and keep it out of sight. If a leader sees the item again, the leader will confiscate the item until the end of the AWANA club night.

There will be some nights where a special theme is being used and your child will be asked to bring a certain item(s). When this is the case, your child will bring information home with them, which will inform you as to the upcoming theme night.

DRESS CODE/UNIFORMS

Children and youth attending AWANA should wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes in order to participate in the activities held on a typical evening. Some activities may be difficult to participate in wearing skirts, heels, flip-flops, sandals, dress shoes, etc. Clubbers and leaders are expected to wear their AWANA uniform to each club meeting. The goal of each AWANA Club is to have 100% of its attendees in uniform.

COSTS

The AWANA ministry does its best to keep costs to a minimum; however there are a few costs associated when your child participates in AWANA.

Dues	Please see secretary/leader for current pricing.
Uniforms/Handbooks	Please ask your child's leader for current pricing.

There are also occasional events and activities, which will have a cost associated with them. You will receive information about these activities throughout the year.

Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child participating in AWANA. If there is a financial need, please let your child's AWANA leader, or the AWANA Commander, know and we will work with you so your child may continue to participate in our AWANA ministry.

DISCIPLINE

AWANA uses two counts, one for an individual and one for the group.

The "5-Count" is used to bring the group to order. As the leader counts to "5," the children should become quiet and still.

The "3-count" is for an individual. The child is given a "1" the first time they misbehave and their action is discussed so they understand the inappropriate behavior. If the child continues to misbehave, then they receive a "2". The child now sits down with the AWANA Commander to discuss their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they receive a "3". When the child receives a "3", the child is removed from activities and the parents are contacted. The leader will discuss with the parent the reason for this action.

The AWANA leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child's behavior. We encourage you to let your child's AWANA leader know if there is any situation that may help us in ministering to your child. This helps the AWANA leader to potentially minister to the child as opposed to just viewing a situation or action as a discipline problem.

AWANA has only a few guidelines:

- Keep your hands to yourself
- Proper speech - speak to others with respect
- Respect Leaders and others

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When the weather is inclement you can find out if AWANA activities are cancelled by the following:

- Listen to KFMT (105.5 FM) or KHUB (1340AM)
- If Fremont Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, AWANA will not be held.
- Check the Church webpage (www.fremontalliance.org)
- Contact your child's AWANA leader

WELLNESS POLICY

As we all know, sickness can keep going around with children, affecting not only the other children in your child's AWANA group, but your family and other families as the illness goes "back and forth" between the children. Here is our established health policy for the AWANA ministry.

Children SHOULD NOT attend 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 must have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending AWANA

AWANA STORE (T&T Clubs and Sparks)

Children can earn "AWANA Bucks" by completing Bible drills and activities. These can be used in the AWANA Store to purchase various items. Lost "AWANA Bucks" will not be replaced.

AWANA GRAND PRIX (T&T Clubs)

Our annual Grand Prix is held in late winter. Each year, children will build cars, using materials provided by our AWANA club. There is a \$2.00 registration fee for this event. Instructions and rules will be provided in the car kits.

AWANA BIBLE QUIZ (T&T Clubs)

The Bible Quiz is a competition among clubbers to test their knowledge and expertise in their handbooks that they have been studying in the club meetings. This competition is administered in a "game show" quizzing fashion and is very exciting to be a part of! Each week clubbers recite verses and answer questions about God's word, and this is a great opportunity to see what they have learned, and have a great time as well.

AWANA GAMES (T&T Clubs)

You do not want to miss the 2009 AWANA Games! Each clubber must pass 10 sections in order to be eligible to compete in the Games. The AWANA Games is a fun day for children in 3rd - 6th grade in which they compete in 10 athletic games on the AWANA game circle.

SPARKS-A-RAMA (Sparks)

You do not want to miss the 2009 AWANA Sparks-A-Rama! Each Spark must pass 10 sections in order to be eligible to compete in the Sparks-A-Rama. The Sparks-A-Rama is a fun day for Kindergarten through 2nd grade where they compete in 6 athletic games on the AWANA game circle.