



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 **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed, 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 so necessary for them to have a rewarding life. *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 Jesse Martin
Club Commanders

AWANA MEETING TIMES

The AWANA clubs meet during the school year on Wednesday evenings. Club begins promptly at 6:15pm and ends at 8:00pm. One80, our program for those in grades 7-12 meets during the same time.

AWANA CLUB AGE GROUPS

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

Cubbies:	3 & 4 year olds Must have their 3rd birthday on or before July 31 st 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 8:00.

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. Please, no Cell Phones or MP3 players!

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.

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

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. Your child is responsible for keeping their shares. Lost "AWANA Bucks" will not be replaced.

AWANA GRAND PRIX (*T&T Clubs*)

Our annual Grand Prix is held in February. Each year, children will build cars, using materials provided by our *AWANA* club. There is a \$3.00 fee for each car kit. 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 annual *AWANA Games*! Usually held in March, our teams compete against other clubs in events around the *AWANA* circle. Clubbers must complete at least 10 sections in their *AWANA* handbook to compete.