

PARENT/CLUBBER/LEADER
HANDBOOK
2011-2012
ROMANS ROAD

3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Welcome to Awana

AWANA teaches young people that God is real, that He loves them and that He has expressed that love through Jesus Christ, His only Son. Young people also learn how God can help them in their daily lives. Lessons from the Bible teach them how to honor God in a sinful world. The goal of AWANA is to “reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.” This is the end result, but the method is FUN! Our Club is part of over 12,000 U.S. Churches representing 100-plus Christian denominations in all 50 states. More than 7,000 churches, orphanages, and Christian schools operate AWANA internationally in more than 100 countries. These church based, community clubs are open to all youth and have children attending from many different faiths and churches. While Clubbers are not required to attend the functions of our church, all of our church services and opportunities are available to your family.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to visit our church.

Schedule:

Sunday: 9:15 am Prayer, 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:45 am Worship (Children's Church and Nursery Provided)

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday: 6:30 Young Married Couple's Bible Study

Friday: 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP

www.bigskystratmin.org

Big Sky Strategic Ministries is a non-profit corporation that was created to provide funding and personnel for youth ministries in Montana and Northern Wyoming.

All AWANA Clubbers who are going into the sixth grade through Super Seniors (just graduated), who have completed at least one handbook or study are eligible to attend. Returning campers must complete one additional handbook/manual to be eligible. Campers must be at least 10 years old by the first day of camp.

The estimated cost per camper is about \$240. Partial and/or full scholarships are available for qualifying Clubbers.

The time to plan for camp is NOW.

Within a few weeks we should have more information available for planning purposes, however, in the meantime, put the first week of August 2013 down on your calendar for BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP.

Major Awards

PUGGLES

A colorful participation certificate.

CUBBIES

Year One Book Award: A 3" stuffed Cubbies Bear.

Year Two Book Award: A blue ribbon upon which the Year One Book Award is attached.

SPARKS

1st Book Award Ribbon (green)

2nd Book Award Ribbon (blue)

Sparky Award Plaque: A wood-grain plaque with Sparky's face screened onto a brass plate. Awarded upon completion of all three Sparks handbooks.

T&T

T&T Alpha Award and Pin - recognizes completion of any one third- through 12th grade handbook or study, including all associated activities. Recipient must have completed third grade or higher.

T&T Excellence Award and Pin - For those who complete two third- through 12th-grade handbooks or studies, including all associated activities. Recipient must have completed fourth grade or higher

T&T Challenge Award and Pin— For any Clubber in at least 5th grade upon completion of any three third- through 12th-grade handbooks or studies.

Awana Club Program Overview

We believe that before God, parents, not churches, have the primary responsibility for the spiritual nurture of their children. Deuteronomy 6:6-9, among other Scripture verses, refer to this parental duty. The church, and the AWANA program, are to provide support and assistance to parents as they raise their child "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

The AWANA program has been divided into three segments to provide a start to finish adventure at every meeting. Each segment has its own purpose, however, all of them are designed to assist the parent in training a child in the way he should go (see Proverbs 22:6).

GAME TIME

Individual and team competition take place through circle games exclusive to AWANA and soon become favorites. Every Clubber gets involved every night and has the chance to unleash energy in a constructive and instructive manner.

HANDBOOK TIME

Parents working with their children to memorize and understand God's Word prior to Club meeting makes this time less hectic. Clubbers will work with trained leaders to complete their handbook assignments. AWANA emphasizes Scripture memorization and assists Clubbers progress. Awards are tangible items of recognition, which are placed on their uniform.

COUNCIL TIME

The gospel message is the heart of the AWANA program. Clubbers from the individual Club gather together at this time for singing, a time of praise, a bible message, announcements and award presentation.

OUR AWANA CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

Puggles: Age 2 & 3

Puggles have a blue shirt with a “puggle” on it. In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God Saw That It Was Good
- God is Love
- Give Thanks

Special take-home cards that correspond to each week's lesson help parents nurture their child's faith at home. Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life. Puggles get to be involved in Awards night.

Cubbies: Age 3 - Preschool (boys and girls)

(must be 3 by September 1).

Cubbies have Blue Vest uniforms and earn awards as they work through the Cubbies Handbook. They learn verses and play games like the other groups, but have no special events other than the Grand Prix and Awards Night at the end of the club year.

Sparks: Kindergarten through grade 2.

After completing their Sparks Gate, these clubbers earn the opportunity to purchase their red vest (upon which are placed their earned awards), and their handbook (HangGlider). Sparkle Time, Green Meadow Time, and Game Time complete their meeting program. Special events include Grand Prix, Store night, and Awards Night at the end of the club year.

Truth & Training: Grades 3 - 6

These clubbers begin with the “Start Zone.” After completion of this booklet, the clubber has earned the opportunity to receive a uniform and a handbook. Meetings consist of Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Some of the special events throughout the year are Grand Prix, Bible Quiz, Store night and Awards Night. After completing at least one handbook and entering the 6th grade, the clubber is eligible to attend **Scholarship Camp** - a week of LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN.

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS ENCOURAGED
IN ALL CLUB EVENTS**

THE CLUBBER HANDBOOK

The handbook is a vital tool for a Clubber's success in AWANA. It helps them to learn of God and reinforces Biblical standards of conduct.

Some Things to Remember:

1. Clubbers must have their handbook at Club in order to receive credit for sections passed.
2. No more than 2 helps per section are given in order to receive credit.
3. Sections are passed when said to an AWANA Leader. Parents who are Leaders should not sign their own child's sections.
4. Parents can help their child to be disciplined by encouraging the Clubber to study 10-15 minutes each day on their verses.
5. Parents may initial the section(s) when they feel their Clubber is ready to recite to a Leader. Sections, which are initialed, earn for the Clubber additional points. Cubbies' parents have a special line to sign their name.
6. Parents are encouraged to explain the meaning of each verse. Clubbers memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you wish to confirm the meaning by checking with a Leader or Director, feel free to do so. AWANA Leaders want to help.
7. It is most important that Clubbers understand what they are memorizing. The handbooks are designed to be finished in one Club Year (2-3 sections per week). Therefore, a maximum of 5 sections per week might prove advantageous.

AWANA LEADERSHIP

Commander:

Bryan Cartwright-406-217-4657, bryancartwright@hotmail.com

Secretary:

Donna Upham-378-3248

Erin Cartwright—406-855-3774

Sparks:

Director: Bre Kistler-750-5433, 739-4320

Leader/Game Director: Nathan Keane- 212-8662

Leader-Esme Teeters—622-3664

Leader-Lori Ullery—855-5733

T&T:

3-4th Grade Boys: Pastor Joe Jordan—868-7269

3-4th Grade Boys/Game Director: Calvin Danreuther—378-3290

3-4th Grade Girls: Becky Bronec—734-5430

3-4th Grade Girls: Michelle Danreuther—378-3290, 945-1030

5-6th Grade Boys: Kerry Upham—378-3248, 868-1570

5-6th Grade Girls: Karen Lippert—734-5465

5-6th Grade Girls: Bev Jordan—868-7929

Listeners:

Lorrie Woodburn—737-4223, 799-2635

Rhonda Deborde—622-5687

Keith Ullery—855-5733

Mimi Heydon-622-5605

Lila Nansel-622-53822

Mike Oriet—733-2057

Sharlin Arnst—622-4454, 788-1161

Owen Stone—737-4257

Student Leader:

Wyatt Ullery—850-1512

Kylie Allen—622-3466

Jamie Steers

Cubbies:

Ali Nardinger- 622-5550, 788-2366

Karen McCarthy-750-6356

Puggles:

Kelly Oriet—733-2057, 564-2941

Maribel Stone—737-4257

MEETING TIMES

Puggles: 6:00-6:45

Cubbies: 6:00-7:30

Sparks:

6:00-6:10

6:10-6:35

6:35-6:55

6:55-7:20

7:20-7:30

Welcoming, Flags, Songs

Games

Council Time

Handbook Time

Birthdays & Awards

T&T:

6:00-6:10

6:10-6:30

6:30-6:55

6:55-7:20

7:20-7:30

Welcoming, Flags, Songs

Counsel Time

Handbook Time

Game Time

Birthdays & Awards

AWANA DISCIPLINE

The word discipline has the same root meaning as disciple, which means learner or follower. This root meaning implies a leader-follower relationship in which the follower learns about proper conduct. The purpose of discipline is to teach Christ like behavior, not merely a set of rules. To discipline is to teach or mold, resulting in a happy, well-adjusted individual. Discipline is something done for the child, not to the child. Discipline results in an organized, smooth-running club. "Discipline" is "training that develops self-control, or character, or orderliness and efficiency." Discipline should be primarily positive. Therefore, parents and those who work with children should be quick to encourage and affirm positive behavior. Immediate and consistent response to negative behavior before it escalates into serious problems is also encouraged. In this regard, AWANA and this Club have developed the following methods of discipline.

THE FIVE COUNT. Used to bring order and quiet to an entire group. The person in charge initiates the FIVE COUNT by holding up their hand and raising their fingers while slowly and loudly counting to five. By the count of "five", Clubbers and leaders should be quiet with the Leader during the FIVE COUNT. All leaders should silently hold up their hand and fingers while helping to quiet the Clubbers and restore order.

THE THREE COUNT. Used for disciplining an individual Clubber who continues to misbehave after repeated correction.

COUNT OF "**ONE.**" A warning is given by a Leader, to a Clubber, that he/she should stop misbehaving. The Clubber should be told why this warning has been given and the Leader giving the "ONE" count should inform their Director immediately.

COUNT OF "**TWO.**" The misbehaving Clubber is counseled by the Club Director having investigated the situation. The Clubber is then brought to the Club Commander for counseling.

COUNT OF "**THREE.**" Having received a "THREE" from the Club Commander, the Clubber's parents will be called or the Clubber may be taken home to his/her parents.

GRAND PRIX

NOTICE

To all mechanics, drivers and fans—

Grand Prix racecar kits will be available on October 22nd. It is suggested you get started building your car at your earliest convenience.

Race Day:

November 12th, 6:00 PM

Sparks and Truth & Training Club members will build and race their own Grand Prix car. Trophies awarded for Speed and Design.

Big Kids (anyone not in the Truth & Training Club) may build and race their own Grand Prix car also. Ribbons awarded.

Race Officials:

Mike & Margie Arnst—622-3649, 781-6397

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will most likely occur in Late February, 2013 with location TBA. The Bible Quiz will be scheduled on the same day as Sparks-A-Rama/AWANA Games.

Truth and Training Clubbers who wish to participate will receive their study manuals and a schedule of practice sessions not later than December 17th.

A team may consist of one, two, or three members, however, two or three is optimum.

Practice, hard work, more practice, prayer, and more practice will make for a winning team.

SPARKS-A-RAMA/AWANA GAMES

The AWANA Missionary has not yet finalized the game schedule for our area; however, it is most likely to be combined with the T&T Bible Quiz in February 2013.

If the schedule follows last year, the Sparks-A-Rama will take place in the morning followed by the AWANA Games in the afternoon.

Your responsibility as a Clubber is to learn the games as quickly as possible so that practice sessions will go as smoothly as possible.

DRESS CODE

1. It is necessary that you wear your AWANA uniform with all awards.
2. To have absolutely the most fun and for your safety, you must wear tennis shoes and they must be laced up. There will be running games.
3. For safety (on the carpet) and modesty No shorts or tank tops will be allowed. Long pants only and uniforms.
4. Pants must be held up at the waist by a fitted belt for two reasons:
 - 1) Modesty, no underwear will be permitted to show
 - 2) Safety when running during games
5. No midsections of body are to show All Rules and Dress Code are for Club students as well as Club Leaders. Rules and Dress Code will be enforced on all outside activities as well as here at the church.

AWANA CALENDAR

Parents are invited to attend club every night!

October 1– **AWANA Kickoff**

Registration/Jolly Jumpers!

October 8 - **Regular Awana Night**

October 15 - **Ice Cream Social**

October 22 - **Bring a Friend**

Earn Bonus Points for wearing your uniform to school

Earn \$5 Awana bucks for you and your friend.

Hand out Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Cars.

October 29 - **Armor of GOD**

Ephesians 6:10-20, Sword (bible), Shield, Helmet, Etc.

November 5 - **Crazy Caps**

HATS OFF IN SANCTUARY

November 12 - **Grand Prix**

Pinewood Derby Race!

November 19 - **Harvest Night**

Come to club as a pilgrim, Indian, farmer, etc.

Thanksgiving, Nov 22nd

November 26- **Backwards thgIN**

Play games backwards, wear shirt inside out.

December 3 - **Regular Awana Night**

December 10 - **Snowman Night**

When a handbook group says 4 sections, they earn a roll of toilet paper. At the end of the night clubbers wrap their leaders!

December 17 - **Regular Awana Night**

December 24 - **NO AWANA HELD**

Christmas, December 25th

December 31 - **NO AWANA HELD**

January 7 - **Regular Awana Night**

January 14 - **Parent Challenge Night**

Bring a parent/guardian attend club and play games

January 21 - **Regular Awana Night**

January 28 - **Measles Night**

Spot your leader with each section passed.

February 4 - **Jeopardy Night**

February 11 - **Regular Awana Night**

February 18 - **NO AWANA HELD**

February 25 - **Wacky Feet**

Wear your wackiest Shoes and/or Craziest socks (Mix match)

March 4 - **Pie Eating Contest**

March 11 - **Regular Awana Night**

March 18 - **Awana Appreciation Night**

Wear all four colors for extra team points

March 25 - **Regular Awana Night**

April 1 - **NO AWANA HELD**

Easter, Sunday March 31st

April 8 - **Regular Awana Night**

April 15 - **Double Shares**

Double Bucks for completed sections

April 22 - **Store Night**

Redeem Bucks for Prizes!

April 29 - **Awards Night**

Supper at 6:00pm