

2011-12

What is Awana?

Club Schedule



of
Valley Bible Church

The name **AWANA** is derived from the first letters of **Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed** (II Timothy 2:15). To produce such approved workmen, Awana has carefully selected Bible verses to be memorized and Scripture portions to be taught that prove doctrinal truths. After all, God promises that His Word will not return void, but will accomplish its purpose (Isaiah 55:11). Memory work is chosen to establish a personal relationship between each clubber and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, build up clubbers in Bible knowledge, and instill in them a love and respect for God and His Word.



*Getting God's Word
into our Kids
and our Kids
into God's Word*



AGE GROUP	CLUB
Ages 3 & 4	Cubbies *
K to 2 nd Grades	Sparks
3 rd to 6 th Grades	Truth & Training (T&T)
7 th and 8 th Grades	Trek
9 th to 12 th Grades	Journey

* Cubbies must be 3 years old before 9/1/11 to be eligible to participate in this year's program. No exceptions.

The club year begins the Sunday after Labor Day and ends with an Awards Ceremony on the first Sunday in May. There are approximately 30 club meetings during the year with occasional breaks for holidays.

First Meeting: September 11, 2011
Awards Ceremony: May 6, 2011

Club Format

Each club night starts with short opening ceremonies that include the pledges to the America and Awana flags, singing the Awana song, and announcements. The rest of the club night is equally divided into three main periods: handbook, game, and council times. However, the Cubbies and Trek/Journey clubs meet separately from the other clubs and their formats may differ, but will include the elements of handbook, game and council times.

Handbook Time is where leaders, working with small groups of clubbers, encourage study and completion of various handbook sections, listen to and pass clubbers as they recite handbook sections, and explain Bible verses and handbook material. Handbook awards are earned.

Game Time is where the clubbers compete in innovative games around the Awana game circle. Each club has a separate Game Time. However, Trek and Journey play games or participate in other activities together.

Council Time is where all clubbers along with their leaders meet as a group to hear and participate in Bible lessons, object lessons, Bible stories or hear from special speakers.

Sunday Night Schedule

(Middle & High School groups meet on Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 pm)

5:30-5:35	Opening Ceremonies
5:35-6:00	Period 1
6:00-6:30	Period 2
6:30-7:00	Period 3
7:00	Club Ends

The Awana Store

The Awana Store provides an incentive for the clubbers in Sparks and T&T. Each clubber earns “Awana Bucks” by passing handbook sections, bringing friends, winning nightly team competitions, etc. These “bucks” can be spent on designated nights at the Awana store to buy a variety of items.

What Are Your Costs?

Dues are \$30 per child (\$100/family max) for the entire club year or pay \$17 per semester (due in September and January). The dues are used to offset the cost of awards, special events, and other club costs. If financial assistance is needed, please contact the Commander.

Uniform & Book: \$20 to \$40 depending on the club. When your child completes their entrance booklet they earn the privilege of becoming a club member and purchasing a uniform vest or shirt and handbook.

Registration

Pre-registration begins May 1st. Priority is given to children of volunteers and those who register prior to August 1st. However, children can join our club at anytime during the school year by completing the Registration and Emergency forms.

How Can You Help?

First, work with and encourage your child as he or she learns verses and sections. Also, spread the news about Awana Clubs throughout your neighborhood. Also, consider being a leader or helper—see the Awana Commander.

Check Our Web Site

From the Valley Bible Church web site (www.thecrossing.org), click on the Awana Link. It includes an electronic registration, schedules, and additional information.

Contact Information

If you have further questions, please contact the AWANA Commander:

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