



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**PARENT HANDBOOK
2007-2008**

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to have your child come to our AWANA Club. We consider it a privilege to provide opportunities for your child's physical and spiritual growth.

We want our AWANA Clubbers to realize that God loves them and that through His Son, Jesus, He provided salvation and the ability to have a relationship with Him. And furthermore, that learning His Word and obeying Him gives them meaningful and rewarding lives. This is accomplished through Bible memory, games, achievements and fellowship. AWANA also disciplines Clubbers to work, play and study within their own peer group.

AWANA encourages Clubbers to attend their family place of worship. If you do not have a church, we encourage you to try ours. We also encourage you to support your child's interest in the program by helping with his/her memorization and by encouraging enthusiasm about AWANA.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of the various phases of the AWANA program. You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs as well as contact your child's leader if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Pastor Mike Roberts - Commander

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ATTENDANCE

-The club year is divided into quarters in regard to club attendance. Each clubber can earn one attendance award each quarter if they miss no more than 2 nights during that quarter.

-We believe that Sunday School attendance is also a vital part of the spiritual development of your child. Clubbers, therefore, can receive awards for Sunday School attendance during the year. For this award, the year is divided in half and they can not miss more than 3 Sundays per semester.

DISCIPLINE:

AWANA Clubbers are called to order by use of the FIVE COUNT which is similar to many other scouting clubs.

If a child is overly disruptive he/she is put on the THREE COUNT. This is an individual approach in which the child is given 2 more warnings. If there is a 3rd offense, the clubber is removed from the group activity and is taken to be with the Club Commander until 7:30PM. If the offense warrants such discipline, the clubber will not be allowed to attend the following Club night. We DO want the clubber to join us again after that one week's absence!

UNIFORMS:

Clubbers need to remember to wear their uniform each week. Uniforms promote pride and uniformity as a group.

Clubbers need to wear pants and tennis shoes each week. We play games on a carpet every week and exposed knees will end up with rug burns and other injuries. Shorts are OK, but not recommended and dresses or skirts are not allowed at all.

REGISTRATON FEE:.....\$15.00 per child

BOOKS:.....\$10.00 each

UNIFORMS:

Cubbies/Sparks Vests:.....\$12.00 each

T&T Shirts:.....\$15.00 each

REPLACEMENT COSTS:

Patches/Badges/Crowns:\$2.00 each

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE:

Bags:\$5.00 each

Memory Book CDs:\$10.00 each

The Registration Fee helps to provide the funds we need for uniform awards, prizes and incentives for your children. It does not include uniforms, books or special events. AWANA is a non-profit organization and we appreciate your support of this ministry.

As we do not want money to prohibit any child from participating in our AWANA program, payment options and scholarships are available for those who need them. Please see the AWANA commander for more information. Thank you!

CLUBS

Cubbies (ages 3 years-Pre-K): Becki Schultz

Sparks (K-2nd Grade): MaryAnn Roberts

T & T Boys & Girls (3-5th Grade) :

Pastor Mike Roberts

Club Commander: Pastor Mike Roberts

Game Director: John Smithwick

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

5:15-5:30	All Clubbers Arrive & Check-In
5:30-6:10	T&T Game Time Sparks Handbook Time Cubbies in Classroom
6:10-6:20	All Club Pledges/Prayer/Songs
6:20-6:50	T&T Council Time Sparks Council Time Cubbies Game Time
6:50-7:20	T & T Handbook Time Sparks Game Time Cubbies in their Classroom
7:20-7:30	Awards & More
7:30 PM	All Clubbers Picked-Up in Multi-Purpose Room

Clubbers are rewarded for the hard work they put into memorization and completion of their books. Please pay attention to the following information, as it will help you understand the importance of handbook time.

THE HANDBOOK:

The handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in the AWANA program. It helps him/her to learn about God as well as reinforcing positive moral standards. Clubbers must have their handbooks at club and it is extremely helpful that each section is reviewed with a parent prior to attending club night.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- No more than two (2) helps per section are given in order for a clubber to receive credit.
- Sections are passed when said to an AWANA Leader or listener during club time.
- Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that they memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing.

AWARDS:

Awards are received several different ways at our Awana Club. Points are awarded for weekly achievements, game time, behavior and preparedness. Patches and stickers are awarded each week for sections accomplished. At the end of the year, we will have an awards ceremony where clubbers who complete one or more handbooks will receive special ribbons and trophies. This is a HUGE accomplishment and we encourage all parents to set aside the time to come and participate in this celebration of your child's accomplishments and hard work.

AWANA:

This is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered program for 3-year-olds through high schoolers. The acronym AWANA comes from the first letters of the phrase, "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" based on 2 Timothy 2:15. AWANA exists to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

CUBBIES:

This club is for preschoolers ages 3 – pre-K. We feel that Cubbies is unique because it supports and maintains the parents as the primary source of spiritual nurturing by directly involving them in the teaching process. The Cubbies program uses fundamental AWANA elements of Bible memorization, handbooks, awards, games and activities. We also use developmentally appropriate lessons and activities combined with basic Bible truths and popular preschool concepts of colors, shapes, numbers and letters.

SPARKS:

This club is a three year program for children ages kindergarten through 2nd grade. Sparks emphasizes Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities which is accomplished through weekly games, council times and handbook time.

TRUTH & TRAINING (T&T):

T&T is a program designed for children ages 3rd grade through 5th grade. This club also

emphasizes Bible memorization and Bible centered activities through weekly game time, council time and handbook time.

In order to ensure the safety of all our clubbers, we have a drop off and pick-up policy. This has been put into place so that we can make sure that all clubbers are being picked up by ONLY those who are authorized to do so.

We also want to make sure that clubbers are as safe as possible while in our care. We are on a very busy street and therefore it is very dangerous for our clubbers to be outside unsupervised. Each clubber MUST be escorted in and out of the building by an adult. No clubbers will be allowed to enter or leave the building without an adult. Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines so that there will be limited confusion during drop off and pick up on Club Nights.

Check-In Procedure:

1. All Clubbers must check in with the secretary each week.
2. A Bracelet with a corresponding tag will be put on each clubber and the tag will be given to the adult checking in the clubber.
3. The clubber will then go to the appropriate place.
4. Any clubber who is not escorted in with an adult will not be allowed to participate in club.

Pick-Up Procedure:

1. The adult needs to go to the clubbers pick-up room.
2. A leader will match the tag from the adult with the bracelet on the clubber. If it matches, the leader will cut it off and the clubber is free to go
3. If the adult does not have a tag, he or she will be re-directed to the club secretary or commander for authorization to pick up the clubber.
4. Once a clubber leaves the leader he or she is the responsibility of the adult who picked them up.

These rules and guidelines are non-negotiable. It is absolutely imperative for the safety of your children that we strictly follow these guidelines set by the leadership of our club and our church.

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