



COLLEGE VIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH



Parents' Guidebook

September 2017—May 2018

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2017-2018 Awana year

Dear Awana Parents,

Thank you for letting your kids come to *Awana Clubs* this year at College View! We are all looking forward to a truly remarkable year. In this guidebook, we have tried to address some of the potential questions you may have about our Awana program, as well as give you the details you will need so that you can know what to expect.

Our prayer is that children and youth throughout the world would come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ! That goal is at the heart of everything we do in our Awana clubs. We strive to provide an atmosphere that is both fun and exciting, where kids can learn about the love that God has demonstrated for us.

Please be sure to fill out the information forms being sent home with your child. These will include the Medical Release form, as well as the Contact Information and Permission Authorization form.

Look for a **Parents' Update** to come home with your child every few weeks, and be sure to join your child in Awana for the **Parents' Nights** as seen in the calendar on pages 14-15. Please feel free to give me a call, send an email, or drop by for a visit with any questions you may have!

In Christ Jesus,



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Welcome to Awana!

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

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College View Baptist Church currently offers Awana clubs for boys and girls from 3-years old through the 9th grade.

CUBBIES: 3 & 4 years old

SPARKS: K-2nd grade

T&T Ultimate Adventure: 3rd & 4th grade

T&T Ultimate Challenge: 5th & 6th grade

TREK: 7th - 9th grade

Weekly Schedule:

6:15-6:30 pm — Check-in

6:30-6:35 pm — Opening Ceremony

6:35-7:55 pm — Handbook, Large group, and Game times

7:55-8:00 pm — Closing Ceremony and Dismissal

Our adult workers are generally in their places and ready by 6:15. **Please do not bring your children before 6:15 PM**, so we can ensure there are enough adults to give adequate supervision.

Awana Team

Administration

Pastor
Awana Commander
Awana Secretary

Paul Bullock
Aaron Middleton
Tena Sanders

Cubbies (3-4 year-olds)

Cubbies Director

Janelle Middleton

Sparks (K-2nd Grade)

Sparks Director

Lisa Perry

Truth & Training (3rd-6th Grade)

T&T Director

Carole Yates

Trek (7th-9th Grade)

Trek Director

Aaron Middleton

Club Expenses Price List

Each child who attends Awana Clubs is given an entrance booklet on their first night. This book contains a few short sections with memory verses for them to complete. Once they have completed these sections, they are part of the club and are eligible to purchase their club uniform, handbook, and handbook bag. Clubbers are also asked to bring dues each week which will be used to help offset the cost of running the Awana program. Here is a price list for these items.

All Clubs

Dues	\$0.50 per week
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Cubbies

Handbook	\$10
Uniform Vest	\$10
Handbook bag	\$7

Sparks

Handbook	\$10
Uniform Vest	\$10
Handbook bag	\$6
Optional Parent Guide	\$12

Truth & Training

Handbook	\$10
Uniform Shirt	\$16
Optional sling backpack	\$8

Trek

Uniform Shirt	\$15
Optional sling backpack	\$12

General Guidelines and Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to teach acceptable behavior, not merely to enforce a set of rules. By setting and enforcing club standards, Awana leaders attain a consistent standard of acceptable conduct.

Awana uses a five-count method to bring order and quiet to a large group. The Commander, Director, or another leader will slowly count to 5, at which time clubbers should be quiet and in their proper place.

Awana uses a three-count method as an individual discipline device. This is used anytime during the club to discipline clubbers who are being disruptive or are misbehaving. The clubber will be warned by the Director or another leader with a count of “1”. If misbehavior continues, the clubber will be warned again with a count of “2” and will be taken to a club director or the Awana Commander to discuss his or her behavior. If the clubber still refuses to behave appropriately they will receive a “3”, their parents will be called, and they may be suspended from their club for one week.

Here is a general list of guidelines for proper conduct during Awana:

- Foul language or gestures are not acceptable before, during, or after club.
- Clubbers should display care and respect for church property, club leaders, and other clubbers.
- Clubbers must be in uniform to receive awards.
- Clubbers must wear closed-toe shoes and pants to participate in Game Time. We strongly recommend that dresses, skirts, shorts and boots not be worn due to safety concerns during Game Time activities.
- Clubbers are asked not to ride bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or other equipment to Awana. It will be dark when we dismiss, making it unsafe for the clubber to ride these home.
- Clubbers are expected to follow the direction of their Awana Leaders.

Awana Transportation Guidelines

We will attempt to provide a ride to Awana on Wednesday nights to clubbers who would otherwise have difficulty attending. Please note the following guidelines for the use of the van or other vehicles:

- College View's van is equipped for and shall transport only 15 passengers, including the driver.
- Parents may request to have their child picked up by calling the church at 870-234-2658, or by sending an email request to awana@collegeviewbaptist.org. Riders will be approved on a first come, first served basis.
- Every rider must remain seated with their seat belt fastened while the vehicle is in motion.
- All passengers must obey the directions of the adult leaders.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted in the van.
- All trash is to be placed in the garbage can at the front of the van.
- Any passenger who chooses not to follow these rules may lose the privilege of riding on the van.

We will generally pick up from 5:55-6:25 pm and drop off from 8:05-8:35 pm.

Awana Awards and Award System

Awana is achievement-oriented, meaning that achievements are recognized and rewarded. Awards are given for handbook progress, Sunday School and club attendance, and participation in special events. Since these patches, pins, and other awards can only be worn on the uniform, we encourage all clubbers to have a uniform.

Awana Points

Awana uses a Positive Points system to reward participation and good behavior. Clubbers will earn points for their team each night for attendance, handbook achievement, team effort, and other accomplishments. These points later become Awana Bucks that students can spend in our Awana store on designated Store Nights.

Club Attendance Awards

These awards will be given four times each club year. Clubbers are allowed one absence in each time period.

Handbook Completion Awards

These awards (ribbons and trophies) are given at the year-end Awards Night to clubbers who have completed their handbook.

Church/Sunday School Awards

These awards will be given twice each club year. To earn this award, clubbers must attend Sunday School or worship services at the church of their choice each Sunday. Four absences will be allowed in each time period.

Special Activities and Events

Awana is meant to be fun and exciting! The following events and activities will help to keep that excitement going week after week!

Theme Nights

The calendar on pages 14-15 will show you the various Theme Nights that we have planned for this year. Some Theme Nights will have our clubbers dressing up, like wearing a football jersey or cheer uniform for our *Sports Night*. On other theme nights, our clubbers will be encouraged to bring something with them to club. Clubbers will earn extra points for their teams by participating in theme nights, and sometimes there will be a competition involved that could bring additional points.

Grand Prix

This event is designed to bring parents and kids together to construct vehicles they will race now and treasure for a lifetime. Clubbers will compete for design and speed trophies by making a racecar from a block of pine wood. Kits will be sold well in advance at a cost of \$5.00 per kit.

The Great Turtle Race

Our last regular Awana Club night, May 9th, will include our very first annual "Great Turtle Race". Clubbers are encouraged to bring a live turtle with them on that night. Turtles will be raced and prizes will be awarded.

Awards Night Program

Friends and families are encouraged to attend this great evening of recognition for clubbers. Clubbers will receive their book awards and other special recognitions. The program will include songs, awards, and presentations from each club. Our Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, May 16th.

Tips On How Parents Can Help

We recognize that God intended parents to be the primary spiritual leaders in their child's life. Our desire at College View is to be a support and aide to you, helping you to transform your kids into life-long disciples of Christ. Awana is an amazing disciple-making tool! We hope that you will utilize it to its fullest, and here are few tips on how to do that.

- Please bring your child to club between 6:15-6:25pm; we will begin promptly at 6:30. Please do not bring your child before 6:15 PM.
- Help your child find a place at home to keep their Handbook and Bible to avoid a weekly "*Where's my Handbook?!*" panic.
- Make sure your child wears his/her uniform to club. Please have them wear long pants and closed-toe shoes to minimize Game Time accidents. Game Time is a very active and exciting time, we therefore recommend that dresses, skirts, shorts and boots not be worn on club nights. This is for the safety of each clubber.
- Make sure your child brings their Entrance Booklet or Handbook, dues, and Bible. Also, help them prepare for *Theme Nights*. Points are given for each of these things, as well as Sunday School attendance. Refer to the calendar on pages 14-15 for specific themes.
- Make sure your child has his own Bible. It is not only essential for attaining knowledge and points in Awana, but it is also essential for attaining a life well lived!
- Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with them reading and reviewing their Handbook sections and verses.

- Gently remind your child to spend 5-10 minutes each day on verses. Memorizing does not have to be hard work! If a child works on his/her Handbook just 10 minutes each day, they can easily complete their handbook in one year.
- Familiarize yourself with their Handbooks, especially the non-verse sections. Often these sections require more time and home related tasks and activities.
- Contact your child's Director with any questions or concerns. If after talking to the Director your question is not answered, then please contact the Commander.
- All parents are welcome to attend any club, any night, as a visitor with their child.

With your help, your child will have a great year at Awana!

College View Baptist Church

Awana Club Calendar

2017—2018

September 6, 2017	Kick-Off Night
September 13, 2017	
September 20, 2017	
September 27, 2017	
October 04, 2017	
October 11, 2017	Theme Night—Sports Night
October 18, 2017	
October 25, 2017	Parent Night
November 01, 2017	
November 08, 2017	
November 15, 2017	Theme Night—Thankful Night
November 22, 2017	Dismissed— Thanksgiving Break
November 29, 2017	
December 06, 2017	Store Night—Trek & Sparks
December 13, 2017	Store Night—T&T
December 20, 2017	Theme Night—Nativity Night
December 27, 2017	Dismissed— Christmas Break
January 03, 2018	Dismissed— Christmas Break
January 10, 2018	Welcome Back To Awana!
January 17, 2018	
January 24, 2018	Theme Night—Crazy Hair
January 31, 2018	
February 07, 2018	
February 14, 2018	Theme Night—Friend Night
February 21, 2018	
February 28, 2018	Parent Night

March 7, 2018
March 14, 2018
March 21, 2018
March 28, 2018

Theme Night—Backwards Night
Dismissed — Spring Break

April 04, 2018
April 11, 2018
April 18, 2018
April 25, 2018

Theme Night—Bible Hero Night

May 02, 2018
May 09, 2018
May 16, 2018

Store Night—Trek & Sparks
“The Great Turtle Race”; **Store Night– T&T**
Awards Night

Parent Nights

We try to set aside nights to make sure our parents are up to date on what is going on in our Awana Clubs. We would love for you to come to Awana with your kids on these nights.

Theme Nights

When clubbers participate in a Theme Night, they will earn extra Awana Points for their team! Information about each Theme Night will be sent home at least one week in advance. Awana uniforms and closed-toe shoes must still be worn on Theme Nights.

Awards Night

We end the Awana year with a special program to recognize all our clubbers’ achievements for the year. Parents and families are invited to come, there will be a reception afterward.

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