

Welcome!

We are so happy that you are a part of our AWANA Clubs at Hopewell Baptist Church! This manual will help you and your family become better acquainted with our clubs. You will soon see that our leaders truly care about you and want to help you in any way they can. Most importantly, we want you to come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We will pray for you, encourage you and celebrate with you. Hope to see you at club each week!

OUR CLUBS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>AGE/GRADE</u>
Puggles	2 yrs. (by 8/31)
Cubbies	3 yrs. (by 8/31) - 4 yrs.
Sparks	K—2nd Grades
T&T	3rd—6th Grades

OUR SCHEDULE

Our AWANA Clubs meet on Sunday evenings from 5:15—7:00 pm. Check-in begins in the Fellowship Hall at 5:10 pm for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T, while the Puggles report directly to their classroom in the Educational Building. Opening flag ceremonies begin at 5:20 pm.

Our club night consists of three 30-minute segments which are both fun and Scripture-rich. Some segments begin with a “5-count” procedure which prompts the clubbers to give their full attention to the leader in charge.

CLUB SEGMENTS

In COUNCIL TIME, clubbers come together for a large group lesson along with music and/or crafts. The presentation of the Gospel is included in this segment.

In HANDBOOK TIME, clubbers work individually with their leaders to complete handbook sections. This is also a time for leaders to challenge clubbers to grow spiritually and accept Christ when ready.

In GAME TIME, clubbers participate in a variety of fun, age-appropriate games designed to encourage teamwork and develop good sportsmanship.

UNIFORMS

The AWANA uniform brings unity to our clubs and provides a place for our clubbers to display earned awards. Uniforms are made available for purchase as soon as clubbers complete specific requirements. Please consider the number of years a uniform will be worn per club and allow ample growing room. **It is a requirement that uniforms are worn during every club meeting, including proper footwear. For safety, clubbers must wear athletic shoes.**

Puggles Shirt.....	\$11.00
Cubbies Vest.....	\$12.00
Sparks Vest.....	\$11.00
T&T Shirt	\$15.00

HANDBOOKS

Handbook(s) will be issued as needed at no cost. If a handbook is lost, the clubber will be asked to purchase a replacement.

CLUB RULES

1. Clubbers will respect, obey and cooperate with all AWANA leaders.
2. Clubbers will participate in the entire club meeting unless a note is provided by parent(s) or approval is given by the club’s Director.
3. Clubbers will WALK to and in all rooms, concrete areas and parking lots unless instructed otherwise by coaches during Game Time.
4. Clubbers will remain with leader(s) at all times during club meetings.
5. Clubbers will remain in assigned areas on the church campus at all times. Early dismissals should be coordinated in advance with the club’s Director.
6. For safety, clubbers will be released only to parent(s) at the designated area at the conclusion of club meetings.
7. **Athletic shoes should be worn as part of the AWANA uniform.** Sandals, flip-flops, boots, jellies, crocs, heelys, etc. are not permitted during Game Time.
8. If clubbers disobey the rules, our “one-two-three count” will be enforced as follows:
One-count: Clubber will be given a verbal warning by a leader.
Two-count: Clubber will be sent to speak with his/her club’s Director.
Three-count: Clubber’s parent(s) will be contacted by the Commander.

AWANA STORE

The AWANA Store is a great place for clubbers to learn about responsibility. Clubbers earn shares during every club night which are used to purchase items in our store. Store Nights are offered several times throughout the year and are announced in club meetings and in monthly newsletters. Clubbers earn one share for each of the following:

- Attendance
- Participation in Mission of the Month
- Participation in Theme Night
- Completion of a handbook section

Leaders also award shares at their discretion for exceptional behavior and extra effort.

SHARE-A-SHARE

Clubbers are taught about sharing and tithing and can voluntarily give back a portion of earned shares each week during check-in time. These shares are then given to any children who are visiting on designated Store Nights.

POINTS

Points are given to clubbers at check-in time and are used to help determine our Clubber of the Year awards.

AWANA RECOGNITION

The individual achievements of our clubbers are recognized and celebrated in a special churchwide service at the end of the AWANA year each May.

ABOUT AWANA

AWANA Clubs was founded in 1940 by pastor Lance Latham of Northside Gospel Center in Chicago, Illinois. AWANA is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. Designed for family involvement at home, AWANA is an international non-denominational organization for all children.

NOTE TO PARENTS

YOU can help your child grow in self-worth and in his/her relationship with Christ. Please:

- Encourage your child to come each week (in uniform) and to attend special events.
- Help your child to memorize verses and complete required handbook activities.
- Celebrate your child's achievements.
- Communicate any special needs with us.
- Read our AWANA newsletter each month for news and event information.
- Visit our club meetings at any time.

AN INVITATION

We worship together at Hopewell on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings. Sunday School classes and a variety of vibrant ministries are also offered for all ages! Please visit our website or contact us for details.



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