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**“...raising children and youth
 to know, love and serve
 Christ.”**

Welcome to Awana Clubs!

Annistown Road Baptist Church sponsors an Awana Clubs ministry that meets on Sunday evenings from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Plan on arriving at 5:30 for check-in time.

This ministry is for children ages 3 through Grade 5. Our 3-4 year old program is called **Cubbies** and meets in our Preschool Wing just across from our sanctuary. Our Kindergarten through Grade 2 program is called **Sparks** and meets in our Youth Building (Gymnasium). Our program for Grades 3-5 is called **Truth & Training (T&T)** and also meets in our Youth Building (Gymnasium).

My team and I are here to serve and nurture your children in a fun, Christ-centered program. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. *I look forward to hearing from you.*

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Come for a visit and check out the fun!

Children come to Awana because Awana is fun! That's what gets them here and that's what keeps them wanting to come back each week.

Awana teaches kids that God is real, that He loves them and that He has expressed that love through Jesus Christ. Kids 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 train them to serve Him.” This is the end result but the method is FUN! Since 1950, churches have used Awana Clubs to reach youth. It is a proven way for churches to train leadership and bring the message of salvation to their communities.

There are three segments in each Awana Club meeting. These segments are:

Game Time:

Individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to Awana and playground favorites. Every child gets involved every club night and has a chance to unleash their energy!

Handbook Time:

Children work with a trained leader to complete assignments in the curriculum materials. Awana emphasizes memorization and understanding of key Bible verses that show how to know God and walk with him. A series of awards and trophies reward achievements at every level as children progress.

Council Time:

Everyone gathers together for singing, announcements, award distribution and, most importantly, a practical and Gospel-centered Bible message.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Drop-off</u>	<u>Pick-up</u>
Cubbies	Ages 3-4	Becky Corey	Preschool Wing	Preschool Wing
Sparks	Grades K-2	Jackie Holleman	Youth Gym	Youth Gym
T&T	Grades 3-5	Jean Locke	Youth Gym	Youth Gym

Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. Club starts at 5:45 SHARP! Parents are encouraged to come to the Youth Gym for opening ceremonies and announcements. Cubbies parents must bring their children to the Preschool Wing.

Membership Costs: (Scholarships are available on an as needed basis. Call the number at top.)

Registration: **\$10** per clubber (**\$20** max. per family)

Dues: **\$1** per clubber per week (**even when absent**) —[[**\$50** max. per family]]

Note: Please see “Clubber Dues Worksheet” to determine required dues at time of registration.

Additional Costs:

Uniforms

Cubbies: \$10

Sparks: \$11

T&T (Polo): \$19

T&T (Tee): \$14

Handbooks

All Clubs: \$8



Annistown Road Baptist Church

Awana Clubs

What is Awana Clubs?

The acrostic Awana stands for “**A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed.” It is taken from the scripture, 2 Timothy 2:15. Awana Clubs International provides Annistown Road Baptist Church (ARBC) a sponsored program for boys and girls from ages 3 through Grade 5, regardless of religious affiliation. Your child is being led in a structured, well-prepared program. Our hope is that all club members will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior then build on that foundation to better serve God.

What Time Does Awana Clubs Meet?

Awana Clubs meet Sunday evenings starting at 5:45 p.m. SHARP! Cubbies (ages 3-4) will meet in our main preschool wing in room D-200. Sparks (Grades K-2) and Truth & Training (Grades 3-5) Clubs will meet in our Youth Building. **Check-in times for all clubs will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please have your child at his/her check-in point promptly at 5:30 so that we can begin our Opening Ceremonies promptly at 5:45 p.m.**

What Happens in Awana Clubs?

Awana Club is filled with exciting activities. Three segments provide a start-to-finish adventure each club night. There is a Game Time to unleash natural energy and enthusiasm with team and individual competition fun. The second segment is Handbook Time where clubbers progress through graded handbooks, working individually and together with their leader. The third segment is Council Time. This is a general session for everyone that consists of singing and a Bible message followed by awards and recognition of clubber achievements. In addition, there are several activities planned through the club year such as Awana Grand Prix, Sparks-a-Rama, Awana Games, Bible Quizzing, Crazy Hat Night, Animal Kingdom night, Bible character night, etc.

What Do Clubbers Say about Awana Clubs?

It's fun! Awana Club meetings are brimming with life-enriching experiences. They provide consistent, positive teaching every week that stresses strong moral and spiritual values. Clubbers learn about the reality of God, truths of the Bible and respect for our nation's freedoms. There are uniforms and awards for the clubbers as they qualify. Awana Clubs plants seeds of wisdom to clubbers as they become responsible adults in a world of violence and despair. We encourage parents or guardians to spend an evening with us to see how much fun Awana Clubs is!

Please see Mr. Jim Stepp, Awana Commander of Annistown Road Baptist Church for more information. He can be reached by phone (678) 344-8169, or by e-mail at 02driver@bellsouth.net.

Dear Awana Clubs Parent,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child(ren) to the 2008-2009 Awana Club program at Annistown Road. This is a brand new children's ministry at Annistown Road and we are excited about drawing on the experience and proven results of Awana Clubs' 50+ years of exciting and relevant Christian ministry to kids!

Since Awana Clubs is based on scripture memorization and activities centered on the Bible, it is an ideal way for parents to minister to their child(ren) by helping them memorize their verses. By their enthusiastic support and encouragement, parents can be the backbone of a strong Awana Clubs program. This process will serve three purposes. First, it will please our Lord Jesus that more and more of His children are hiding God's Word in their hearts. Second, and most important, is that more and more of our children will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Third, the clubbers will be better prepared to recite their verses when they come to club. A regular program of scripture memorization practice lasting 10-15 minutes each day will allow the clubbers to complete two or three sections per week. A clubber needs to complete this many sections per week to reach their goal of finishing their handbook by the end of the club year. **Book completion should be every clubber's goal!**

I also want to encourage you to visit your child's club at any time during the year. There will also be at least two organized "Parent's Nights" per club year. Watch for the flyers to be sent home with your clubber.

Please read all the attached materials carefully. They list the club rules, awards, discipline procedures, etc. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (678) 344-8169 or e-mail at 02driver@bellsouth.net.

Thank you in advance for helping make this a truly successful club year. We are looking forward to having your child(ren) in our club!

Yours for Awana!

Mr. Jim Stepp
Awana Commander
Annistown Road Baptist Church

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2008-2009 Rules

1. Be on time! **Check-in begins at 5:30.** Awana Opening Ceremony begins at **5:45 SHARP!**
2. Bring your Bible, handbook and dues.* Do not bring toys or any valuable personal items.
3. Tennis shoes and long pants. Tennis shoes are required in order that your child will be able to participate in Game Time. Long pants help prevent skinned knees.
4. Uniforms. Clubbers are eligible to purchase uniforms after passing the Entrance Booklet for their club. Once a clubber receives their uniform they are **required** to wear it each club night. **No awards will be given to a clubber who is not in uniform.**
5. Awards. Will be presented to clubbers in **full uniforms** the week **after** they earn them.
6. *Dues. Clubber dues are **\$1.00 each week.** Dues are used to help offset the cost of awards, supplies and occasional treats. Parents should understand and comply with the rule that the **requirement for dues continues even in the absence of the clubber and that clubbers are expected to make up dues for any/all absences.** Parents wishing to pay clubber dues in advance may do so in accordance with the Clubber Dues Worksheet.
7. Discipline. Maintained through the “**Five**” and “**Three**” count systems. When a clubber hears a leader begin to count, they should be quiet and attentive prior to the leader reaching the count of five. If a child is continually disruptive, he or she becomes subject to the “Three Count.” An individual “one count” is a warning. A “two count” results in the clubber being separated from other clubbers and being counseled by the Club Director. A “three count” (which is rarely required) results in the clubber being returned to his or her parent(s) and not being allowed to return to club for the remainder of that night. Repetitive “three counts” will lead to dismissal from club.
8. Club Directors. Questions about Awana Clubs, activities, or about your child may be answered by the following club directors:

- a. Cubbies
- b. Sparks
- c. T&T
- d. All Clubs

Mrs. Becky Corey	(270) 816-3422
Mrs. Jackie Holleman	(770) 972-7850
Mrs. Jean Locke	(770) 879-7990
Mr. Jim Stepp	(678) 344-8169

You may also contact Rev. Kevin Corey, Children's Pastor of Annistown Road Baptist Church at (770) 979-2422 or by e-mail at awana@arbc.org.

9. Special Activities. Various special activities are planned throughout the year. Some activities are scheduled during club time while others are held during the week. Flyers announcing these events will be periodically sent home with the clubbers. Parents should expect them and ask their child for any pertinent information each week after club.
10. Club Attendance Awards. The club year is divided into **four** attendance periods. During each period, a clubber may only miss two club nights and still qualify for this award. Clubbers who are on vacation or out of town may attend a local Awana Club and obtain a signed statement from that club's leader. When a signed statement is received from another Awana Club, the clubber will receive full credit and still qualify for the club attendance award.
11. Sunday School Attendance Award. The club year is divided into two Sunday School attendance periods. During each **16-week** attendance period, a clubber may only miss two Sundays to qualify for this award. Clubbers need not attend Sunday School at Annistown Road Baptist Church. Attendance at another church is acceptable and must be verified by the clubber each club night.
12. End of Club Night. Parents must pick up their clubbers at the end of each club night. Cubbies should be picked up in **D-200**. Sparks and T&T clubbers should be picked up in the **Youth Gym**.
13. Awana Rewards Store. The rewards store is located in the Gym. The store will be open once a month during the club year and will be staffed from **5:15 – 5:40** and again at **7:45 – 8:15 p.m.** *A store schedule will be advertised shortly after the first night of Awana.* Clubbers may purchase items from the store using "Awana Dollars." These dollars are earned by clubbers for the following achievements:
 - a. Completing Handbook Sections: \$2 per section
 - b. On-time Check-in (before Opening Ceremony begins: \$1
 - c. Wearing Uniform: \$1
 - d. Bringing Handbook: \$1
 - e. Attending Sunday School: \$1
 - f. Bringing a First Time Visitor(s): \$10
 - i. Note: each first-time visitor also receives \$10
 - g. Bringing Bible to Club: \$1
 - h. Bringing Dues: \$1
 - i. Note: if a clubber prepays their yearly dues, they will receive a dollar for each of the remaining weeks of club at the time of payment.
 - i. Theme Night Participation: \$5
 - j. Team of the Week: \$10 ea. night they are awarded
 - k. Heart to Hand: 1 item=\$1; 2 items=\$2; 3+ items=\$5

- l. Double Heart to Hand: 1 item=\$2; 2 items=\$4; 3+ items=\$10
 - i. Double Heart to Hand nights will be scheduled on the Awana Calendar and flyers will be sent home with the dates.
- m. Any occasion deemed appropriate by the Leader: (Max: \$5)

14. Heart to Hand: During the club year, clubbers are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to the Gwinnett County Coop. If a clubber brings a donation of any non-perishable food item(s) he will receive Awana dollars at the time of check-in (see Rule 13 [k]. There will be two periods during the Awana year (Thanksgiving/ Christmas and Easter) where clubbers will receive a “Double Heart to Hand” reward (see Rule 13 [l]) for any donation.

15. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in their child’s club by helping him memorize Bible verses and keeping club rules. Parents are also welcome to visit club at any time. At least two planned “**Parent’s Nights**” will be scheduled for each club year.

16. Are you interested in working in your child’s Awana Club? If so, please contact Mr. Jim Stepp, Awana Commander of Annistown Road Baptist Church, at (678) 344-8169, or by email at 02driver@bellsouth.net or Rev. Kevin Corey, Children’s Pastor of Annistown Road Baptist Church at (770) 979-2422, or by e-mail awana@arbc.org. See your child’s Club Director or Leader if you have any other questions.

17. Prayer. Please pray for Awana Clubs this year.

Handbook Tracking Guide (Sparks/Truth and Training Clubs)

Use this guide to keep your clubber on track for the goal of completing his/her Awana Clubs handbook.

Clubbers may progress ahead of pace if desired!

Note: Each section must be passed word perfect with no more than 2 helps per section.

Sparks HangGlider Handbook

7-Sep	
14-Sep	Rank 1
21-Sep	Rank 2
28-Sep	Rank 3
5-Oct	Rank 4
12-Oct	Rank 5
19-Oct	Rank 6
26-Oct	Rank 7
2-Nov	Rank 8 (<i>Award Rank Patch</i>)
9-Nov	Red Jewel 1:2
16-Nov	Red Jewel 1:3
23-Nov	Red Jewel 1:4 (<i>Award Red Jewel 1</i>)
30-Nov	Green Jewel 1:1
14-Dec	Green Jewel 1:2
4-Jan	Green Jewel 1:3
11-Jan	Green Jewel 1:4 (<i>Award Green Jewel 1</i>)
18-Jan	Red Jewel 2:1
25-Jan	Red Jewel 2:2
1-Feb	Red Jewel 2:3
8-Feb	Red Jewel 2:4 (<i>Award Red Jewel 2</i>)
15-Feb	Green Jewel 2:2
22-Feb	Green Jewel 2:4 (<i>Award Green Jewel 2</i>)
1-Mar	Red Jewel 3:2
8-Mar	Red Jewel 3:3
15-Mar	Red Jewel 3:4 (<i>Award Red Jewel 3</i>)
22-Mar	Green Jewel 3:1
29-Mar	Green Jewel 3:2
5-Apr	Green Jewel 3:4 (<i>Award Green Jewel 3</i>)
19-Apr	Red Jewel 4:2
26-Apr	Red Jewel 4:4 (<i>Award Red Jewel 4</i>)
3-May	Green Jewel 4:2
10-May	Green Jewel 4:4 (<i>Award Green Jewel 4</i>)

End of year award: Book 1 Award Ribbon

Ultimate Adventure Handbook #1

7-Sep	
14-Sep	Discovery 1:2
21-Sep	Discovery 1:4
28-Sep	Discovery 1:6
5-Oct	Discovery 1:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 1</i>)
12-Oct	Discovery 2:2
19-Oct	Discovery 2:4
26-Oct	Discovery 2:6
2-Nov	Discovery 2:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 2</i>)
9-Nov	Discovery 3:2
16-Nov	Discovery 3:4
23-Nov	Discovery 3:6
30-Nov	Discovery 3:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 3</i>)
14-Dec	Discovery 4:2
4-Jan	Discovery 4:6
11-Jan	Discovery 4:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 4</i>)
18-Jan	Discovery 5:2
25-Jan	Discovery 5:4
1-Feb	Discovery 5:6
8-Feb	Discovery 5:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 5</i>)
15-Feb	Discovery 6:2
22-Feb	Discovery 6:4
1-Mar	Discovery 6:6
8-Mar	Discovery 6:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 6</i>)
15-Mar	Discovery 7:2
22-Mar	Discovery 7:4
29-Mar	Discovery 7:6
5-Apr	Discovery 7:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 7</i>)
19-Apr	Discovery 8:2
26-Apr	Discovery 8:4
3-May	Discovery 8:6
10-May	Discovery 8:8 (<i>Award Discovery Seal 8 and first book completion patch</i>)

End of year award: Book 1 Award Ribbon

Club Attendance Awards: (*only 1 excused absence from club allowed to receive this award*)

- 1st Qtr: **07 Sep - 26 Oct**
- 2nd Qtr: **02 Nov - 11 Jan**
- 3rd Qtr: **18 Jan - 08 Mar**
- 4th Qtr: **15 Mar - 10 May**

Church Attendance Awards: (*only 2 excused absences from church allowed to receive this award*)

- 1st Per: **07 Sep - 11 Jan**
- 2nd Per: **18 Jan - 10 May**



ARBC AWANA Child Safety Procedures

Check-In / Check-Out

Dear Parents,

We are upgrading our child protection procedures by implementing a new check-in and check-out procedure. This will ensure an authorized person picks up your child at the end of each AWANA club night.

Although our check-in will take a bit longer in the beginning, this new procedure will significantly increase your child's protection. Your cooperation is vital to the success of our child protection procedures. We will begin our new procedure on October 26, 2008.

Check-In

- When you arrive at the Awana Club check-in, please pick-up a yellow wristband at your club check-in table.
- Attach the wristband around your child's wrist and tear off the numbered tab. Attach a wristband to each of your child's visitors as well.
- **SAVE THE NUMBERED TAB!** You will need the numbered tab to pick up your child at check-out time.
- Proceed to check-in as you normally do.

Check-Out

- After the closing ceremony, proceed into the gym to pick-up your child and their visitors.
- As you leave the Youth Building, show your numbered tab to the Check-Out Leader at the door. **YOUR NUMBERED TAB MUST MATCH THE CHILD'S WRISTBAND NUMBER!**

Lost Number Tab

- If your number tab is lost, you may pick-up your child with a state or federal issued photo ID (Driver's License, Military ID, State ID card, etc.).
- To ensure that we know who is authorized to pick-up your child, please fill out the attached Child Release form.
- **WE WILL NOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD TO ANYONE OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ON YOUR CHILD RELEASE FORM.**
- If someone attempts to pick-up your child without a numbered tab and they are not listed on your Child Release form, we will hold the child until the parent/guardian is notified.

Your cooperation is very important in helping us to maintain the safety of your child. Should you have any questions, please contact the AWANA Commander, Jim Stepp, at 678-344-8169 or Pastor Kevin Corey at 770-979-2422.