



Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed
For Boys and Girls
Ages 3 - Grade 5
2011/2012
Parent Handbook



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Welcome To AWANA

We are glad that you have decided that Annistown Road Baptist Church is a place where your child(ren) can grow in the Lord. We are sure that our AWANA club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child.

Because Awana Clubs is based on scripture memorization and activities centered on the Bible, it is an ideal way for parents to minister to their children by helping them memorize their verses. By their enthusiastic support and encouragement, parents are the backbone of a strong Awana Clubs program. This process serves three purposes. First, and most important, is that more and more of our children will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Second, it pleases our Lord Jesus that more and more of His children are hiding God's Word in their hearts (Psalm 199:11). Third the clubbers will be better prepared to recite their verses when they come to club when they have spent time learning God's Word with help from their parents.

We ask for your support by encouraging your children to complete their handbook materials prior to club each week. This will give us the time to show them how to apply what they learned to their everyday lives. A regular program of scripture memorization practice lasting 10—15 minutes each day will allow the clubbers to complete their sections each week and their book during the club year. **Book completion should be the goal for every clubber! Encouragement from you and consistent help are methods to help them reach that goal!**

We would also appreciate your timeliness in dropping off and picking up your children. All clubs start at **5:00** and end at **6:30**. Please have your children at the appropriate club by **5:00** for them to check in so we can start in time.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work with and minister to your children. We thank you for your trust and consider this a serious responsibility that we do not take lightly.

Will Wright
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Child Safety Procedures

Cubbies will use a security sticker. This form must be completely filled out to ensure the safety of the clubber and so the teacher will know the location of parents and have necessary information about the clubber in regards to allergies, security, etc. A number system is utilized on the name tags. The informational part is stuck on the clubber's back and the other portion is kept by the parents. The portion kept by the parents will be their receipt for pick up. The receipt number will be matched to the number on the clubber's sticker before they released to their parent. The name tags are disposable, and the clubber will use a new sticker each week.

Sparks and T&T will use an assigned number system as a security measure to ensure the safety of our clubbers. Each family will be assigned a security number. You will be given 2 wallet-size cards with the security number on it. Your clubbers will be assigned to that number, both in the Awana records available to the Awana leadership and in the handbook of each Clubber. When a parent or other designated individual comes to pick up the clubber, the security number will be checked against the records before the clubber will be released.

Clubbers will be released to adults who have their security card and are listed on the registration forms. If an adult without a security card comes to pick-up your clubber, they may do so by showing a state or federal issued photo ID (Driver's License, Military ID, State ID card, etc.) if they are listed as a parent or an authorized adult on your child's Clubber Registration Form. If someone who is not authorized to pick up your clubber on the Clubber Registration form attempts to pick up a clubber, the clubber will not be released until the parent/guardian is contacted and authorizes the pick-up.

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Child Safety Procedures

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In the event of a change in the security status regarding your clubber (divorce, custody dispute, separation, etc.), please call the church office directly at 770-979-2422.

Wellness Policy

As we all know, sickness can spread quickly between children, potentially affecting everyone in your child's Awana group and their families. Here is our established health policy for the Awana ministry:

Children SHOULD NOT attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever—100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge
- Bad Cough—coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending Awana

Inclement weather policy

In the event that club had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the closure of the church will be publicized by a CallingPost Message to each family (please make sure we know which phone number will reach you on Sunday afternoons).

What We Expect From Our Leaders

We have several requirements that our leaders must meet; we also have some expectations we encourage them to consider. The following will give you some insight into the type of leadership we strive for in our program.

Requirements:

- A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- A leader must have a desire to work with and a compassion for children
- A leader must agree with the AWANA Doctrinal Statement as found in the Training Manual and complete Basic Training
- A leader must agree to become a trained Awana Leader by attending training opportunities during the Awana year
- A leader agrees to submit to a background check

Expectations:

- We expect our leaders to be on time
- We expect our leaders to be examples
- We expect our leaders to follow the rules
- We expect our leaders to display a proper attitude before the clubbers and other leaders
- We expect our leaders to pray for our Club on a regular basis
- We expect our leaders to realize AWANA is not just another program, but it is a ministry of the church and a God-ordained place for them to serve Him to the best of their ability.

How Parents Can Help

- Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.
- Ensure that your child attends AWANA every week and arrives on time. *Club starts at 5:00.* Consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self discipline. **Check-in times for all clubs will begin at 4:50 pm. Please have your child at his/her check-in point by 4:55 so that we can begin our club meetings promptly at 5:00 pm.**
- During the Week, help your child prepare two or three sections. This will ensure they will complete their handbook by the end of the year and will receive their handbook completion award. *Note: Cubbies will only do one section per week as noted on their calendar.
- Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend every club meeting and event as a way of showing your support and approval for your child's accomplishments.
- Please review the discipline guidelines found later in this handbook with your child. AWANA has very few rules of behavior, but in order to ensure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn as well as have fun, our rules of behavior will be enforced.
- Please plan to pick up clubber promptly at 6:30 (Cubbies in classroom/Sparks and T&T in Fellowship Hall). Clubbers will not be permitted to leave the building without an authorized adult coming to pick them up.
- Participate in the Parent Partners Program. This is a group of parents who regularly volunteer to help in Handbook Time and at other times, which helps ensure the quality of our Awana Clubs program.

**Pricing & Fees
For ARBC AWANA Clubs
(New for 2011-12)**

Fees & Dues.....	\$20.00
Fees & Dues (Family Max).....	\$40.00
Second Handbook.....	\$11.00
Uniforms (Cubbies & Sparks).....	\$11.00
Uniforms (T&T Adventure).....	\$15.00
Uniforms (T&T Challenge)	\$16.00

Note: Payment for uniforms and second handbooks must be included with order request.

Registration

All clubbers wishing to participate in the Awana ministry at Annistown Road Baptist Church MUST have a completed Registration Form. Yearly clubber Fees & Dues are payable in full upon registration. The Fees & Dues provide every clubber with one handbook each year and help offset the cost of awards, supplies, events, food and treats.

Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child participating in Awana. If there is a financial need, please let your child's Club Director, Club Secretary or the Awana Commander know and we will work with you so your child may continue to participate in our Awana ministry.

Visitors

Parents please obtain current address, phone number and allergy information for your clubber's visitors when you bring them to club. Your visitor's health and safety are important to us.

What To Bring To Awana

1. Bible
2. Awana Handbook

Your child should not bring other items with them. If your child does bring something which does not pertain to Awana with them and a leader sees it, your child will be asked to put it away and keep it out of sight. If a leader sees the item again, the leader will confiscate the item until the end of the Awana club night. The clubber and their parent are responsible for retrieving the item at the end of the club meeting.

There will be some nights where a special theme is being used and your child will be asked to bring certain items. When this is the case, your child will bring information home with them about what they should bring.

Dress code

Children and youth attending Awana should wear their uniform, tennis shoes and long pants. Closed-toed shoes and long pants are required for participation in Game Time.

Uniform Guidelines

Clubber and leaders are expected to wear their AWANA uniform to each club meeting. The goal of each AWANA Club is to have 100% of its attendees in uniform. A properly worn uniform helps AWANA clubbers and leaders earn respect and credibility.

Parts of the Night

Handbook Time: During Handbook time, clubbers work with their leaders to recite the verses they have learned since the previous club meeting. Clubbers are expected to come to club meetings prepared to pass sections. Leaders will assist your child by ensuring they have truly understood the spiritual truths that they are learning in the scriptures they memorize, but they do not have time during Handbook Time to help your clubber memorize a section. He/she should come to the club meeting already prepared to say their sections for that week. Your child will earn awards for passing sections in their handbook in addition to the award they receive at the end of the year for completing their handbook.

Council Time: This time is designed to share messages from God's Word in a dynamic, age-appropriate, and engaging way. Clubbers learn what it means to trust Christ and serve Him. They also learn about the missions work that Awana Clubs International is engaged in and the missions work of other missionaries, especially the ones sponsored by the international Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Awards are presented during Council Time and announcements about upcoming events and special meetings are given. Our Cubbies call this time Story Time.

Game Time: This segment of the night offers clubbers an opportunity to have fun playing AWANA games. AWANA games are designed to help our clubbers build and practice teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline and self confidence.

*Please note that this is a brief overview of the general parts of an Awana night. Each club may have different components that are age-appropriate for the clubbers.

ARBC Awana Club Rules The Two Rules of Awana

1. Follow the instruction of your leaders.
2. Respect others.

These two rules really cover everything, and will be what we refer to as the '**Two Rules of Awana**', but because kids sometimes need the rules spelled out for them in detail, the following list is to help them understand the **Two Rules**.

1. Speak to your Awana leaders with respect.
2. Move quietly between rooms.
3. Walk, do not run anywhere in the church.
4. Leave rooms as you found them, pick up after yourself.
5. Do not touch others' things
6. Keep your hands, feet, and belongings to yourself at all times.
7. Stay in your room unless a leader gives you permission to leave.
8. In order to participate in Game Time, you must wear the proper shoes (sneakers) and clothing.
9. Respect each other: no swearing, fighting, hitting or pushing.

Discipline

AWANA uses two different count systems for maintaining discipline: one for the group and one for individual clubbers.

The "**5-Count**" will be used to bring the group to order. As the leader counts to "5", the other leaders in the area will immediately stop what they are doing and join in the 5-count and the children should become quiet and still.

The "**3-Count**" will be used for an individual clubber. The child will be given a "one" upon the first instance of inappropriate behavior and their behavior will be discussed with them so they can understand the expected behavior. If the child continues to show inappropriate behavior, they will then receive a "two". The child will sit down with the Club Director or AWANA Commander to discuss their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they will receive a "three", and they will be taken to their parents for the rest of the evening. The leader will discuss with the parent the reason for this action.

The Director will fill out an incident report if a “three” is issued. If this occurs, there will need to be contact between the parents and the Club Director before the next meeting in order for the child to return to a club meeting.

If the clubber has to be asked to leave the club meeting a second time, they must miss the next two club meetings, and a parent must meet with the Club Director to discuss returning to club.

If a clubber is removed from club a third time, they will not be allowed back into the program for the remainder of the club year.

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

Your Awana leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child’s behavior. We encourage you to let your child’s Awana leader know if there is any situation affecting your child. This helps the Awana leader to potentially minister to the child as opposed to just viewing the behavior as a discipline problem.

Other information:

- **Handbook Sections**— Clubbers must pass sections with no more than two helps. A help equals up to 3 words, or any other hint. Clubbers must pass an entire section during one session. They cannot quote one verse, then look at the book before saying another verse in the same section. Each clubber should study 2 or more sections each week and be prepared to say them during Handbook Time. In order to finish 1 handbook during the Awana year, a clubber should average completing 2-3 sections during each club meeting. Additional times to say sections are available during each week. Any Awana leader will listen to a section when time permits before, after and possibly during any regular church meeting time (Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings are good times to find a leader and say a section).



Who: Ages 3-5
Where: Preschool Hall;
Room D200

Cubbies is the AWANA club designed for children who are in the two years prior to beginning regular kindergarten. The Cubbies program features scripture memorization and basic Bible truths preschoolers can understand. The program materials are designed to assist parents in actively participating in their child's spiritual development.

The Cubbies Uniform Vest

Cubbies' learning is reinforced best through one or more of their senses. In addition to serving as an awards display, the Cubbies uniform also serves as a positive tool for discipline. It promotes a visual sense of order and belonging to their club. Wearing the uniform vest helps Cubbies feel like part of the club and encourages them to act accordingly.

Behavior Guidelines

Our behavior guidelines here at Cubbies are simple. We only have 3 Simple Rules. Enforcement of these rules, using the count systems discussed on the next page, ensures the safety of every Cubbie and enhances the learning environment of club meetings so the spiritual development of each and every child can be the primary focus of every meeting. With these guidelines, the Cubbie club can look forward to a fun-filled and spiritually fruitful year.

Our 3 Simple Rules in Cubbies:

1. Listen when it is not your turn to talk
2. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
3. Raise your hand

Cubbies Discipline

The Cubbies program utilizes a biblical approach to discipline. Rather than discipline taking the form of punishment, “nurturing” discipline focuses on disciple making. With this approach, Cubbies learn about unconditional love, right and wrong behaviors, obedience, and self control.

The “5 count” is utilized to keep the club meeting orderly. To initiate the “5 count” the Leader claps his/her hands and calls out, “Calling all Cubbies!” He or she then raises one hand and begins to count to five slowly, while holding up the appropriate number of fingers. As soon as other leaders hear the count, they also stop what they are doing and raise one hand also. Cubbies should be quiet and paying attention by the end of the “5 count.”

When an individual Cubbie is not following one of our 3 simple rules, the leaders will use the “3 count.” The Cubbie Clubber will be quietly given a “1” count and placed in a “time out” location. Time out is usually one minute for each year old a child is—for example: a three-year-old would have a time out for three minutes, and a four-year-old for four minutes. If a clubber receives a “2” count, they will be sent out of the classroom with a leader for another time out. Upon receiving a “3” count, the clubber will be removed from the club room until a parent comes to get him/her. At that time the parent will be informed about what happened and what disciplinary action was taken.

Physical contact between children or continued infractions might necessitate a period of parental supervision in the club room for one month in order to help the clubber adjust to the club meeting setting.

Please help us maintain a safe and productive learning environment for all of our clubbers by reviewing appropriate behavior at church and in club with your children, so that everyone who comes here can truly grow in Christ and experience Him in worship.

Your Parental Role

Even though you, as an Awana parent, aren't normally present during Book Time, you will be the one to help your Cubbie complete the current week's Bear Hug. Your responsibility as a Cubbie parent is to:

- Understand how important it is for you to spiritually nurture your child.
- Work with your child to memorize the verse for the week. This will get them ready for reciting and earning their awards each week. (Our leaders are willing to assist your child in any way they can, but do not have time during a club meeting to work on scripture memorization with you Cubbie.)
- Understand and make use of the memorization techniques.

HOP-HOP-HOP Memorization Method

Teach Children their verses by:

- HOP 1—REPEATING the verse over and over to the child, explaining what it means. If the verse is short, say all the words. If it is a longer verse, teach it one phrase at a time.
- HOP 2—ASKING the child to repeat it to you several times.
- HOP 3—SHOWING how the meaning of the verse relates to their lives. Do this through a sensory activity or experience. ("Tom, this verse tells us God created the great light. Look outside the window. What great lights do you see? That's right. The moon. Did you know God created the moon? Each time you see the moon, or the stars, think of this verse).

Passing Sections

Each Clubber will need to work on the verse of the week (Bear Hug) at home. Daily work is most profitable. We will make every effort to help unprepared clubbers pass the section for the night, but the majority of the memorization work must be completed outside of the club meeting.

- Every clubber will be working on the same verse at the same time. Please refer to his/her Cubbie Calender for the weekly Bear Hug to be studied.
- After completion of the Bear Hug Brochure, Cubbies will receive their Hopper/Jumper Handbook and will be eligible for their uniform.
- If a Cubbie comes for the first time several weeks after the club starts, he will begin working on the Bear Hug Brochure. Once it is completed, the clubber starts working in their handbook. The clubber will begin with the same Bear Hug the rest of the class is working on. The clubber should work independently to learn the Bear Hugs completed in weeks prior to the one they started with in order to complete the handbook and receive an award at the end of the year.
- Each Clubber must have his own handbook with them at club in order to pass a Bear Hug. If a clubber does not have his handbook with him, he can make up the Bear Hug he missed the next club night.
- Listeners are allowed to give two "helps" per Bear Hug.
- Three-year-olds are not required to know the scripture references. Four-year-olds must say the scripture reference.
- Everyone who completes the base-level lessons will be rewarded. These base-level awards are worthy of celebrating. Get excited about these achievements with your Cubbie! By celebrating with them about these achievements, you will encourage your clubber to do well.

Cubbies in a nutshell

Bear Hug Brochure

- Given to each clubber on the first night of AWANA (or at time of registration)
- Upon completion, handbooks and eligibly for vest

Hopper/Jumper handbooks

- Emphasis of Cubbie Program
- All Cubbies work on the same Bear Hug (verse) each week
- Many three-year-old Cubbies will only be able to say the verse without the reference, which is fine.
- All four-year-old Cubbies will be required to memorize verse and reference

Under the Apple Tree

- An extra Challenge in each Bear Hug lesson
- May be completed in addition to the weekly Bear hug lesson.
- Stickers will be awarded each week, but no patches are earned.

Character Builder Books

- An additional book available for those who really crave challenge
- Each book combines memorization with the related activities that lay foundations for the development of Godly character

Character Builder Books

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- One patch is given for completion of each Character Builder Book
- To purchase a book contact the Cubbie Secretary

Uniform

- Cubbies will be eligible for their uniform when they finish their Bear Hug brochure

Main Segments of a Typical Evening

- Opening ceremony is a time when we sing the Cubbie Song and recite the Cubbie verse. This time settles everyone into a great learning time.
- Story time with Bible songs and foundational Biblical Truths about God, Jesus and the Bible.
- Book Time, during which your child will be encouraged and motivated to learn Bible Verses.
- Snack and Activity Time. (There will be a sign up sheet to take turns bringing in a snack)
- Playtime to get the wiggles out!

Preschoolers and Biblical Truths

The goal of the Cubbies program is to develop foundations for faith in preschoolers. This means that your Cubbies should be encouraged to not only complete their Bear Hugs each week, but also to learn the Biblical truths in each. The Cubbies program is not about book competition, but about the spiritual development of your child.

*Cubbies Key Verse:
...God loved us, and sent His
Son...*

*Cubbies Motto:
Jesus loves Me.*

*Cubbies Theme Song:
We are Awana Cubbies, we're
happy all day long.
We know that Jesus loves us!
That's why we sing this song.
We hop because we're happy
and we jump and shout for joy.
For Jesus is a friend to us.
He loves each girl and boy.
CUBBIES!*

2011 - 2012 AWANA Calendar Cubbies

August 21	Bear Hug Brochure "A"
August 28	Bear Hug Brochure "B"
September 11	Bear Hug 1
September 18	Bear Hug 2
September 25	Bear Hug 3
October 2	Bear Hug 4
October 9	Bear Hug 5
October 16	Bear Hug 6
October 23	Bear Hug 7
October 30	Fall Festival
November 6	Bear Hug 8
November 13	Bear Hug 9
November 27	Bear Hug 10
December 4	Bear Hug 11
January 08	Bear Hug 12
January 15	Bear Hug 13
January 22	Bear Hug 14
January 29	Bear Hug 15
February 05	Bear Hug 16
February 12	Bear Hug 17
February 19	Bear Hug 18
February 26	Bear Hug 19
March 04	Bear Hug 20
March 11	Bear Hug 21
March 18	Bear Hug 22
March 25	Bear Hug 23
April 15	Bear Hug 24
May 06	Awards Ceremony

The AWANA Store (for Sparks and T&T)

What is the AWANA Store?

Our purpose at ARBC's AWANA Clubs is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. This training involves a tremendous amount of scripture memorization. Having God's word hidden in the clubber's hearts is a priceless reward in itself. But sometimes children do not realize how important this is! So, we provide an incentive for our Sparks and T&T clubbers to work extra hard and memorize as many verses as possible. Even though they receive the regular uniform awards and other items, we provide the AWANA Store as an added incentive. We will offer a variety of useful and worthwhile items that the clubbers will enjoy.

They earn "AWANA Bucks" for each verse recited, as well as various other contests or challenges. The clubbers accumulate their Bucks, and can spend them once a month. The store will be catalog-style, where the clubber can peruse the catalog and submit an order that will be taken at intervals throughout the year.

AWANA Bucks:

Completing Handbook Sections.....\$2 each
Bring a Friend (must be first time visitor)....\$5 each



Who: Grade K-2
Where: A-Hall

Sparks is the fun and upbeat AWANA club designed for Kindergarten through 2nd grade clubbers. Sparks clubbers (Sparkies) take a step deeper into God's word through scripture memorization and deeper Bible truths taught. There are three handbooks in Sparks which feature the following:

- Basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, Salvation and the Bible
- A clear and consistent presentation of the gospel message
- An increased emphasis on Scripture memory over our preschool materials. In three years, a child will learn and review over 65 verses, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine.

Clubber Pick up

The Sparks Club will use an assigned number system as a security measure to ensure the safety of our clubbers. Each family will be assigned a security number. You will be given 2 wallet-size cards with the security number on it that your clubbers will be assigned to. When a parent or other authorized individual comes to pick up the clubber, the security number will be checked against the records before the clubber will be released.

Sparks Specifics:

The Sparks handbooks contain Bible verses to memorize and other crafts or activities. Before receiving a handbook, new Sparks must first pass the "Flight 3:16" entrance booklet. When they complete this booklet, the clubber will receive a Sparks Membership Card and will be eligible to start working in one of the three, grade-specific handbooks available in Sparks (HangGlider (K), WingRunner (1st), and SkyStormer(2nd)).

Each handbook has three parts - the red jewels, the green jewels, and the review.

The goal each year is to complete one handbook, which means completing the red and green jewels in the book. These verses will then be repeated in the review sections where the clubber can earn additional awards.

Red Jewel Sections - these are memorization tasks.

Green Jewel Sections - these are memorization tasks

Blue Jewels - Blue Jewels are earned for regular club attendance each quarter. Clubbers who have missed 2 or less days for the quarter will earn a blue jewel for that quarter.

Review Sections - After going through the handbook once, Sparks may repeat the red and green jewel sections. They are given no helps this time through.

Sparks Specifics:

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When reciting their memorized sections for credit, Clubbers are given two helps (up to 3 words or other aids) per section and are expected to know the references for the verses.

Your Role as an Awana Parent:

Sparks is a work at your own pace club, and Clubbers are expected to come to the weekly meetings prepared to say their verses and pass sections. They will not have time during the weekly club meeting to work on section memorization. You are an important part of your child's success in this program. Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with him/her reading and reviewing handbook material. We recommend reviewing sections for a few minutes each day. Make a note, using your initials and the date, at the top of the page for each section you and your clubber have worked on during the week. This will let their leaders and listeners know that they are prepared to recite those sections during Handbook Time that week.

Important Note: We have approximately **30 weekly club meetings** and the Sparks Handbooks each contain **40 sections**. Clubbers will need to pass **1 or 2 sections each week** in order to be finished by the end of the year and earn their handbook completion award.



Who: Grades 3 - 5
Where: A-Hall

T&T is for 3rd—6th Grade boys and girls. T&T brings fun for everyone, with its colorful handbooks. Here is some information that may help you:

- Each clubber begins in the Start Zone.
- The handbooks are split into two series. The first series is called the Ultimate Adventure. These handbooks are for the 3rd and 4th grade. The second series is the Ultimate Challenge. These handbooks are for the 5th and 6th grade.
- Achievements are divided into eight segments called “Discoveries” in the Ultimate Adventure series and “Challenges” in the Ultimate Challenge Series. Each segment contains seven sections.
- Each Discovery and Challenge segment contains 2 Silver and 2 Gold level sections. These sections are not required for the book completion, but can be done for extra credit after the book is completed.
- Clubbers complete the first handbook in a series when they join a club.
- Each clubber’s goal should be to complete one handbook each club year.

Your Role as an Awana Parent:

T&T is a work at your own pace club, and Clubbers are expected to come to the weekly meetings prepared to say their verses and pass sections. They will not have time during the weekly club meeting to work on section memorization. Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with him/her reading and reviewing handbook material. Make a note, using your initials and the date, at the top of the page for each section you and your clubber have worked on during the week. This will let their leaders and listeners know that they are ready to recite those sections during Handbook Time that week.

**Your Role as an Awana Parent:
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Important Note: *We have approximately 30 weekly club meetings and the T&T Handbooks each contain 64 sections. T&T clubbers will need to pass 2 or 3 sections each week in order to be finished by the end of the year and earn their handbook completion award .*

AWANA Awards

Each AWANA Clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards can be worn on the uniform. The awards you will see listed below are only the basic ones, others are given for completing one or more years of handbook work.

These awards should be displayed and proudly worn on the Clubber's uniform. They represent good achievement and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His Word. We will encourage all young people to strive for their highest potential.

Each child works at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader. Please note that in Sparks and T&T, to complete a handbook in one year, your child should have two to three sections ready to be completed when they arrive each week. You are encouraged to help them prepare their sections each week and to note at the top of each section that they are ready to recite it in Handbook Time each week.

For Completing:	They Earn:
Entrance Booklet	Award, Uniform eligibility and 1st Handbook
Rank Test	Rank Patch
Bible Drill and Activities	Cubbies.....Patch Sparks.....Jewel T&T.....Bone or Patch

Awards Ceremony: This is a very special year-end event held for all clubbers to celebrate their achievements for the year. Clubbers who have completed their handbooks will earn their book ribbon or plaque.

2011/2012 Calendar

August 21	First Club Night
August 28	Regular Club Night
September 04	No Club—Labor Day Weekend
September 11	Regular Club Night
September 18	Regular Club Night
September 25	Regular Club Night
October 02	Regular Club Night
October 09	Regular Club Night
October 16	Regular Club Night
October 23	Regular Club Night
October 30	Modified Club Schedule— Fall Festival
November 06	Regular Club Night
November 13	Regular Club Night
November 20	No Club—Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27	Regular Club Night
December 04	Modified Schedule— Children's Choir Musical
December 11, 18 & 25	NO AWANA

January 1	NO AWANA
January 8	Regular Club Night— Triple Bucks for Sections Night
January 15	Regular Club Night
January 22	Regular Club Night
January 29	Regular Club Night
February 5	Regular Club Night
February 12	Regular Club Night
February 19	Regular Club Night
February 26	Regular Club Night
March 4	Regular Club Night
March 11	Regular Club Night
March 18	Regular Club Night
March 25	Regular Club Night
April 1	No Club—Spring Break
April 8	No Club— Easter
April 15	Regular Club Night
April 22	Regular Club Night
April 29	Regular Club Night
May 6	Awana Awards Ceremony

AWANA Theme Song

(Words by Clarence W. Jones and Herbert Booth)

*Firmly AWANA Stands, led by the Lord's commands
"Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed"
Boys and Girls for His service claimed!
Hail AWANA! On the march for youth
Hail AWANA! Holding for the truth
Building lives on the Word of God, AWANA stands!
Our Savior following with steps unfaltering
And love unaltering, His praise we sing
His banner over us, in service glorious
We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!
YOUTH...ON THE MARCH!*

Pledges

American Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands
One nation under God, indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.*

AWANA Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the AWANA flag
Which stands for the AWANA Clubs
Whose goal is to reach boys and girls
With the Gospel of Christ
And train them to serve Him.*

Bible

*I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will
make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,
and I will hide Its Word in my Heart, that I might not sin
against God.*

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“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

To The Parents

We hope you have read this entire handbook for the Annistown Road Baptist Church AWANA Club. This is the best way to make sure you have complete information regarding this ministry. Should you have any questions which are not addressed in this handbook, please feel free to contact your child's leader or any member of the leadership team at any time.



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Preschool Sunday School—9:30 & 10:45
Elementary Sunday School—9:30
Kid's Church (1st-5th Grades)—10:45
Awana Clubs—5:00-6:30
Wednesday Night Children's Choir—6:30-7:45