

Dear Mom or Dad,

Welcome to Awana! We were glad to have your child attend our Awana Club. The First Baptist Church of Morrisville Awana Club is available for boys and girls ages 3 (must be 3 by Sept. 1)-eighth grade. We currently offer 4 different clubs which meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6-7.30pm. *Please be punctual in picking up your child from club at 7.30pm.*

Our Awana clubs are:

Cubbies: Three and four year-old boys and girls.

Sparks: Kindergarteners through second-grade boys and girls.

Truth & Training: Third through fifth-grade boys and girls.

Trek: Middle school aged boys and girls.

Our Awana clubs are among thousands of Awana clubs in churches around the world. These church-based , community clubs are open to all youth and have children attending from many different faiths and churches. While your child is not required to attend the functions of our church, all of our church services and opportunities are available to your family.

An Awana club meeting consists of several parts including time for games, achievements, and a bible story time. More than 20 trained adults and youth are involved in our club and programs. While our facilities and equipment are supplied by the church, each clubber should bring 50 cents weekly dues to help defray the cost of treats and special supplies.

Entrance Booklet

Your child has brought home an entrance booklet, which is the first step in Awana achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this booklet in the next three weeks. They may become a member of their Awana club by passing all sections of the test. After completing the entrance booklet, your child is eligible to wear the club uniform and receive the next handbook. They may then begin work in their handbooks and earn awards. Parents are expected to cover the costs of handbooks and uniforms. (Scholarships are available to those needing them).

Handbooks

When clubbers receive their handbooks they should study the material at home , enabling them to come to club prepared to recite or report on what they have learned. They work at their own pace and we encourage parents to assist their child's preparation for club.

Council Time

This part of club includes song time or music, club announcements, prayer and a lesson. From a wealth of willing and talented volunteers, clubbers are taught from God's Word through such avenues as story-telling, object lessons, puppetry an drama.

Game Time

An active competitive period is an important part of each weekly meeting. Good sportsmanship and respect for others are taught in a fun seting. We ask that clubbers wear a pair of athletic shoes in order to participate.

Awards

Handbook awards are earned by passing sections in the handbook.

Attendance awards – All clubbers should strive to attend all club meetings. The club consists of 4 quarters of 6-8 weeks each. Those who miss 2 or fewer times in a quarter will receive the attendance award for that quarter.

Sunday School Awards-Clubbers should try to attend the services of the church of their choice. Sunday School awards are given to clubbers who have 0-2 absences in a 15 week period. Sunday School awards are given twice a year.

Discipline-No corporal punishment is ever allowed. Our clubs follow a “5-count” method of achieving order and attention. When a director or leader begins a steady audible count to 5, clubbers and leaders alike should stop all activity and conversation, and quietly and quickly come to attention. To further encourage good behavior and respect for others, a 3-warning system is followed: If a clubber knowingly misbehaves he/she is given a verbal warning, taken aside and talked to about the misbehavior and the attitude /action that is expected of them and why. A 2-warning may result in the forfeiture of a treat or privilege for that evening. A 3-warning in one evening will result in the child being removed from the club to sit with a designated leader or the parents being called to pick up their child from club immediately.

Parents-You are always welcomed and encouraged to attend all or part of your clubbers evening. Apart from club meetings we also encourage parents to be active in their child's handbook preparation, scripture reading and prayer time.

Special Opportunities-Awana clubbers have opportunities to pursue special awards or meet criteria that may enable them to attend camp or games competition. They may have chances to go on occasional outings. Be on the lookout for announcements regarding “theme” nights when a clubber may dress up, play special games etc.

Please ask for a copy of our Awana year calendar.

If you don't already attend a church, we invite you to visit ours. Sunday School meets at 9.30am with classes for all ages. The worship service meets at 10.30am. Prayer meeting and children's programs are from 6.30pm-7.15pm Wednesday evenings.

We hope this will be an exciting year for our Awana clubs and glorifying to God. Please contact us for any questions or concerns.

Your Awana Commander,
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