

Northshore Bible Church



Parent's Handbook

Welcome to Awana!

*“Study to show yourself Approved unto God,
Workmen who Are Not Ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15*

Northshore Bible Church currently offers five Awana clubs for boys and girls from 2 years old through the 8th grade.

PUGGLES: 2 & young 3 year olds
 (only children of Awana volunteers)

CUBBIES: 3 - 5 year olds
 (2 years prior to kindergarten)

SPARKS: K-2nd grade

T & T: 3rd-6th grade

Our clubs meet every Wednesday night from 6:15pm – 8:00pm.

The registration fee for Awana is \$30 per child plus a \$15 uniform fee if your child is new to the club for the year and \$10 non-member fee if you do not attend Northshore Bible Church. Please note that if your child uses more than one handbook during the year, additional books cost \$10/each.

Awana Volunteers

Co-commanders:

Justin and Stephanie Fontenoy

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Special Activities and Events

Adopt-A-Club

Awana is in over 110 countries worldwide. Our club participates with this program every year. The cost to Adopt-a-club is \$240/year, and the children are encouraged to bring their offering every week.

Awards Night Program

Friends and families are encouraged to attend this evening of recognition for staff and clubbers from Puggles through T&T. This program will include songs, presentations, and awards from each club. You won't want to miss it!

Book Blasters

On this special night, the clubbers will get a chance to win prizes for every section of their handbooks completed. They are expected to come to Awana prepared and will have very little time to study new sections during the night.

Grand Prix

An excellent parent/child relationship builder designed to encourage achievement in something other than athletic pursuits. Cubbies, Sparks and T&T Clubbers compete for design and speed trophies. Everyone starts with a kit to build a car from a block of pine wood. Kits will be sold well in advance.

Operation Christmas Child

We have the awesome opportunity to team up with Samaritan's Purse to provide impoverished children in other countries with a special Christmas gift. We will start collecting shoeboxes in November and will start sending home details in late October.

Theme Nights

Clubbers are encouraged to participate in all theme nights throughout the year. These theme nights will be explained through emails and flyers at least one week prior to the theme. They are also listed on the Awana Calendar.

Tips On How Parents Can Help

- Please bring your child to club 5-10 minutes early. Team points are sometimes given for promptness.
- Help your child find a place to keep their Handbook and Bible to avoid the “Where’s my Handbook!” panic.
- Make sure your child wears his/her uniform to club. If they do not have a uniform or have not earned one yet, casual clothes and athletic shoes should be worn.
- Make sure your child uses the restroom before club each week because bathroom breaks will be limited.
- Make sure your child brings their Entrance Booklet or Handbook, and Bible. Points are given for each of these things, as well as, Sunday church attendance. (Bibles are not required for Puggles or Cubbies).
- Contact your child’s leader with questions or concerns. If after talking to the leader, the issue is not resolved, contact the Club Director or Commander.

- Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with them reading and reviewing their Handbook material. If they do not have a Bible, please contact the club director.
- Encourage your child by familiarizing yourself with their Handbook.
- Gently remind them to spend 5-10 minutes each day on verses. Memorizing is hard work! If a child works on his/her Handbook 10 minutes each day, they can complete their book in one year.
- All parents are welcome to attend any club, any night, as a visitor with their child.
- Online features are available for you and your child on www.awana.org. You can also shop for Awana products on the Awana website.
- Your child may be contacted by their leader via phone or email for announcements or encouragement. Please let us know if this might be a problem.

General Guidelines & Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to teach acceptable behavior, not merely 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. It is for the whole group. The Director or person in charge will slowly count 1-2-3-4-5 at which time there should be absolute silence.

Awana uses a three-count method as a discipline device. This is used anytime during the club to discipline individual clubbers who are disruptive or misbehaving. The clubber will be warned by the Director or person in charge with a count of “1”. If misbehavior continues they will be warned again with a count of “2” and may be taken to the Commander for counseling. If clubber still refuses to behave appropriately, they will receive a “3” and their parents called to pick them up. They will not be allowed to return to club until he/she is willing to follow the rules and behave properly.

Game Time is a privilege, and we do not want anyone to miss it. In the case of misbehavior, however, the Person in charge may revoke Game Time privileges for a night as an act of discipline.

- **NO RUNNING** before, during, or after club, except during Game Time.
- **NO GUM or FOOD** allowed, except when club planned.
- **NO FOUL LANGUAGE or GESTURES** will be used before, during, or after club.
- **NO PLAYING in PARKING LOT** before or after club.
- **NO PUSHING, SHOVING, or ROUGH-HOUSING** at any time before, during, or after club.
- **DISPLAY CARE and RESPECT** for all church property and others.

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to have your child in our AWANA club, and pray that they will really benefit from being a part of such a great program. We are committed to helping your child grow spiritually and experience Christ in a fun and loving environment. You and your child are very important to us, and we want this to be a great experience for your whole family. You are ALWAYS welcome to visit during AWANA. If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to call us at home (985-276-4849) or at the church (985-893-3284).

In Christ,

Justin & Stephanie Fontenoy
Awana Co-Commanders
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