

# ***A Parent's Guide to***



***at***

## ***Northside Calvary Church***

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# ***Welcome to Awana!***

Dear Parents,

Northside Calvary Church thanks you for allowing your child to attend Awana. We consider it a privilege to be able to minister to your family. Every clubber is special to us, and it is our desire to make each one feel loved and accepted every week.

*Awana's prayer is that children everywhere will come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. We show them from God's Word how they can know that God loves them unconditionally, and that He is a God who is always there for them, to comfort them, to heal them, and to forgive them (2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Deuteronomy 32:39, Luke 5:24).*

*Awana is about a relationship, not religion.* If your family does not have a home church, we invite you to join us at Northside. We are an independent, non-denominational Bible church.

*Awana provides children with the building blocks for a sound spiritual foundation.* The program equips them with the tools to resist the temptations of this world that would otherwise lead them to a life of trouble and sin. God has a better plan for them, and we desire that they know it (Proverbs 22:6, Jeremiah 29:11).

*Awana is about serving.* We're here to serve the Lord and to serve your family. Please call the church, your child's director, or me if you ever have comments, questions, or concerns about our Awana program at Northside. Thank you so much for your support.

In Christ Jesus,

Sue Walek  
Awana Ministry Director



## **CUBBIES**

Preschoolers ages 3 and up (*program is designed for the last two years before a child enters kindergarten*)

Director: Mrs. Carol Harris



## **SPARKS**

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Director: Mrs. Sheryl Redmond / Mrs. Allison Holm



## **TRUTH & TRAINING**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Girls' Club Director: Miss Naomi Marsch

Boys' Club Director: Mr. Rich Wise



## **TREK**

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Director: Mrs. Elizabeth Rea



## **24/7 JOURNEY**

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Director: Mrs. Sue Walek

# **What Is "Awana"?**

Awana stands for **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed and is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15, which says "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

Awana's official website ([www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)) describes the organization as follows:

***Awana helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Our programs offer a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community.***

*As a ministry leader for over 60 years, Awana is making an impact. A national survey found Awana to be as important to our alumni's spiritual foundation as all other church activities combined. Among alumni who participated in our programs for at least six years, 92.7 percent still attend church at least weekly as adults!*

*Each week, more than two million kids ages 2 to 18 participate in Awana. This includes more than 1.1 million in 102 countries outside of the U.S., the most children that Awana has ever reached internationally.*

Northside Calvary Church has had an Awana club for more than thirty years, and currently it meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:20 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

# ***What Happens During An Awana Night?***

Are you new to Awana? We have so much fun! Here's what a normal Awana night entails:

- **Opening**—We begin our Awana nights in the sanctuary, and Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Clubs all participate in the Opening Ceremony. We sing the Awana Song, and sometimes announcements are made at this time, too. (Trek, our club of junior highers, begins their club night in their own room.)



After the Opening Ceremony, each club will participate in the following activities, each in a different order:

- **Large Group Time**—During this time, clubbers will hear from God's Word. They will learn more about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Leaders will help clubbers to understand how what we learn from God's Word should impact the choices we make each day. Sometimes the clubbers will also sing songs or hear special speakers.
- **Handbook Time (Small Group Time)**—Our goal for each child in Awana is that they complete one handbook within the year. As long as your child works steadily, he should be able to accomplish this. During Handbook Time, your child is able to demonstrate the work he or she has been doing at home and then continue to work toward the goal of completing the handbook. Each child will begin with an entrance booklet and then move on to a handbook designed for his or her grade level. Once a child completes the entrance booklet, he or she is an official member of an Awana club (Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, or Trek) and



is entitled to wear the club uniform. If your child finishes a handbook early, there are extra credit projects available.

- **Game Time**—Game Time is a highlight of the evening for many children. The clubbers are assigned to one of four color teams—red, green, blue, or yellow. A special Awana Game Circle is used during Game Time, and each year we practice special games in the hope of having a large enough team to participate in Sparks-A-Rama and the Awana Games in February or March with clubs from other churches.
- **Awards**—As the clubbers progress through their handbooks, they earn awards along the way. These awards can be displayed on the Awana uniform.



# ***Uniforms, Books, Dues, and Other Costs***

Awana expenses are offset by contributions made by clubbers and their families. These contributions are collected through fees for uniforms and handbooks as well as a small registration fee for each child. With your help in covering these expenses, we are able to continue to keep Awana affordable for everyone. While it is not required that a clubber purchase a uniform or a book, it is not possible to receive awards without the clubber having purchased both. The following information is basic and not intended to be all-inclusive of our fee and resource listing. See your clubber's director or secretary with questions, for more information, or to register for our club. We desire that all children be able to fully participate, so if there is a true financial hardship, contact the club commander. Donations toward scholarships are welcomed.

## **UNIFORMS**

Cubbie Vest	\$12.50
Sparks Vest	\$12.50
T&T	\$17.50
24/7 Trek	\$16.00
24/7 Journey	\$16.00

## **BOOKS**

Handbook	\$11.00
Handbook <i>Frequent Flyer</i> Review Cards	\$11.00 \$9.00
Handbook	\$10.00
Trek Workbook	\$10.50
Journey Workbook	\$20.00

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

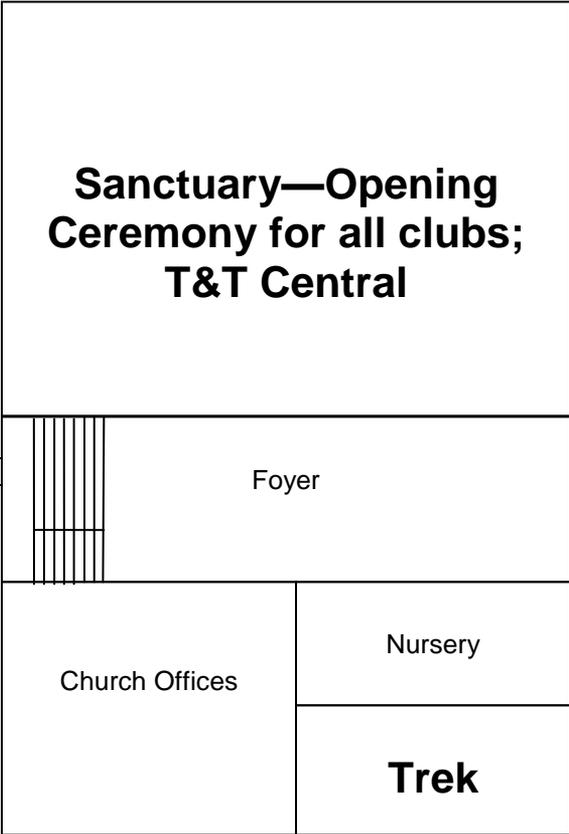
Beginning in 2013-2014, a registration fee took the place of weekly dues for Cubbies through Journey clubbers. This fee helps to cover the cost of uniform awards, year-end awards, pizza nights, store nights, etc. Registration fees are \$15.00 per child, with a maximum of \$45.00 per family.

## **OTHER COSTS**

Special events such as camps and outings may have individual costs, as well as minimum achievement requirements to participate. See your clubber's director for more details.

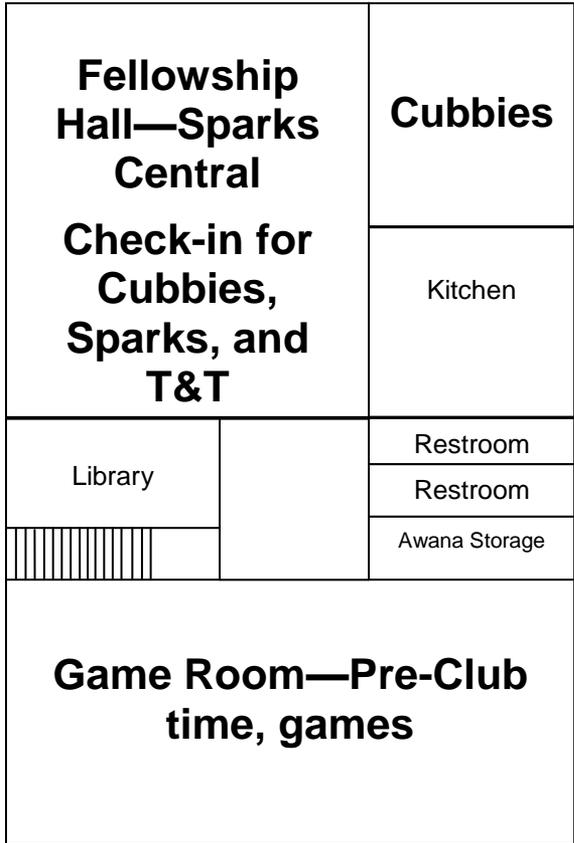
# ***Awana Map of Northside Calvary Church***

Upper Level



# ***Awana Map of Northside Calvary Church***

Lower Level



# Sign-in and Sign-Out Procedures

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT PROCEDURES:



*Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Therefore, we have instituted policies in order to protect them.*

- 1) All Cubbies and Sparkies must be signed in by the adult who brings them. You'll find the sign-in sheet for Cubbies and Sparks downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Children will only be released to an authorized adult. If a parent is unable to return and pick up a child at the end of the night, he or she must give permission for us to release the child to another adult. This information should be noted on the sign-in sheet. If the individual picking up the child is unknown to Awana workers, he or she may be asked to provide identification.



Example of the sign-in sheet:

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	DROPPED OFF BY	PERMISSION TO PICK UP	PICKED UP BY
9/16/2009	Johnny Doe	Mom--Susan Doe	Susan Doe, Jack Doe (dad), Ed Doe (grandpa)	Dad--Jack Doe

- 3) No child can be signed in by nor released to someone under the age of eighteen. This includes older siblings.
- 4) All children must be signed out at the end of the night.

# ***Awana Leader Information***

Your child's safety and protection is very important to us. In order to ensure their safekeeping during the time you entrust them to our care, we have established policies for individuals who wish to volunteer in our Awana program. All leaders at Northside's Awana club are required to be regular attendees of Northside Calvary Church, and each has been trained to work in our club and thoroughly screened with a criminal background check.

You'll notice our leaders wear uniforms and lanyards to make them easy to identify. The colors of their uniforms have significance, and they help you understand that person's responsibility in our club.



Our pastor wears a navy blue Awana shirt, and yellow leader shirts are worn by our commander and directors. The commander supervises the entire Awana club at Northside, and directors lead individual clubs such as Cubbies or T&T, organizing club activities, assisting leaders, and teaching Large Group Times. Leaders and student leaders are the individuals who work most closely with your children—they listen to your children's verses each week during Handbook Time, supervise them during Game Time, and teach Large Group Time.

Leaders' shirts coordinate with the club in which they volunteer:

Royal Blue—Cubbies

Red—Sparks

Green—T&T

Student leaders (high school students) wear shirts that are their club color and have white sleeves.

Our game leaders and other volunteers wear grey Awana shirts.

Feel free to stop anyone in an Awana uniform if you have a question. He or she will be happy to help you!

# General Guidelines

- Our club night begins at 6:20 p.m. and ends at 8:15 p.m.
- Please do not drop your child off before 6:10 p.m. In addition, please do not simply drop your children off in the parking lot as outside supervision is not provided.
- Pick up time is 8:15 p.m. If you have an emergency which causes you to be late, please call the church office (262) 639-0865 to let us know. This way we can assure your child that you are on your way and he or she has not been forgotten.
- Cubbies and Sparkies: All younger clubbers will remain with their clubs at the conclusion of the club night. Parents MUST come into the building to collect their children at the end of the club night. Please do not send siblings to retrieve your younger children. The safety and health of your child is of the utmost importance to us.
- Clubbers should wear their uniform, bring their handbook, and, if they have one, bring a Bible to club each club night.
- Cubbies: All Cubbie boys and girls must be potty trained and able to use the restroom facilities by themselves. Pull-ups or other disposable underwear are not acceptable.
- All clubbers must wear clothing that allows for them to both undress and dress themselves when using the restroom facilities. Leaders cannot help your child with difficult tops, pants, dresses, zippers, or snaps, etc. (This includes all Cubbie-aged children.)
- Children should wear athletic shoes in order to participate in games. Flip-flops, etc., can be dangerous, and boots are cumbersome. If boots are needed due to weather



conditions, please send a pair of athletic shoes with your child to wear during the club night.

- T&T and Trek girls are expected to wear modest clothing for all club nights and activities. Sheer or see-through tops or low-rise pants/skirts/shorts are not acceptable for Awana activities.
- If your daughter in Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, or Trek wears a skirt or dress to Awana, please have her wear a pair of shorts underneath her clothes to ensure her modesty.
- All clubbers are required to have a completed registration sheet on file in order to participate in any games, activities, theme nights, etc.

We would like to thank you in advance for your help in both promoting and following these general guidelines. Together, we'll have a great year!



# ***Illness Policy***

In order to help us prevent the spread of illness at our Awana Club, please keep your child home if they have:

- A fever (of 100.4 or higher) or have had a fever in the previous 24 hours. A child should be fever-free without medicine for 24 hours before coming to Awana.
- A bad cough
- A severely sore throat (even without a fever, this can be strep throat)
- Had diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Pink eye



Thanks for working with us. We want to do our part to keep everyone—both leaders and clubbers—healthy. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Note:* If your child becomes ill during the course of an Awana night, we will use the emergency contact information you provide to us to contact you to come and pick up your child. While the child waits for you, we will keep him in the kitchen where the club secretaries are working on record keeping. There he will be under the care of those kind ladies until you arrive.

*Source: Web MD*

## ***Handbook Help***

- A “section” in an Awana handbook is everything between leaders’ signature boxes.
- When a handbook section contains verses to be memorized, all verses in the section must be recited in one sitting. The clubber may not say a portion of a section, study more, and then say the rest of the section. The entire section must be recited together to pass the section.
- The clubber is allowed only two helps from a leader per section. Review sections must be recited without help.
- Assist your clubber in completing sections by listening to verses at home, encouraging study time, and helping him or her complete required activities.
- If you have questions or concerns about your child’s progress through his or her handbook or special needs, please feel free to speak to a leader in your child’s club.

## ***Rewards***

Clubbers receive awards that can be attached to their uniforms. For help with award placement, see your child’s handbook.

As part of our Awana program, our clubbers earn Awana Shares for each section of their handbook that they complete. Awana Shares are a kind of Awana currency that can be spent in our Awana Store, where clubbers can purchase small items such as cars, stuffed animals, balls, stickers, puzzles, and fun snacks. Shopping at the Awana Store is scheduled by each individual club director, and Store Night is usually held once or twice each semester.



# ***Memorization Tips***

TIP: Make flash cards.

Have your child make flash cards, with verses on one side and Scripture references on the other. Lots of colorful markers and paper can make the task a breeze. Ask your child to draw a picture of what the verse means alongside the verse.

TIP: Review at night and in the morning.

Spend five or ten minutes at bedtime helping your child remember his verses. Then repeat them at breakfast the next morning.

## *Tips from Parents of Awana Kids:*

Tape verses in a conspicuous area.

"My 8-year old daughter sleeps in the top bunk. She tapes her verse to the ceiling. Every night before she falls asleep, she reads them through a couple of times."—*Dad, from Elgin, IL*

Use only the first letter of each word.

"Print the first letter of each word in a verse on a chalkboard or index card. As your child uses the first letters as clues to the next word, he is actually memorizing the verse."—*Cindi W., Milwaukee, WI*

Reverse roles.

"When your child is having difficulty learning a section, reverse the roles. Ask your child to 'teach' the section to you. This helps both you and your child learn the verse."—*William B. Tucker, Bonita Springs, FL*

Make it part of bedtime.

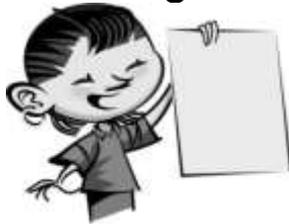
"My Cubbie daughter loves bedtime. I make her handbook part of the nighttime routine. We spend a few minutes going over the verses. At the next morning's breakfast table, we see how much she remembers!"—*Kim K., Port Orchard, WA*

Source: [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)



## ***Attention Parents:***

Check your clubber's monthly club calendar for all important times, dates, and events during the club year.



If for some reason your child doesn't bring a club calendar home, be sure to ask your club director or secretary, and he or she will be happy to get you a copy.



# Calendar for NCC Awana 2016-2017

Remember, Northside's Awana is cancelled if Racine Unified Schools cancels their school day or after school activities.

Activities noted for all clubbers at Northside. Individual clubs may schedule their own theme nights in addition to those listed here. You will be notified of those club-specific activities on the monthly calendar.

## September

7	(W) 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Awana Fair
14		Club Night #1
21		Club Night #2
28		Club Night #3— Western Night (dress like a cowboy or cowgirl)

## October

5		Club Night #4—Awana GO begins
12		Club Night #5
29		Club Night #6
26		Club Night #7—Bible Hero Dress Up Night

## November

2		Club Night #8
9	(W) 6:30 p.m.	Fall Program followed by cookies and punch downstairs
16		Club Night #9—First Thanksgiving Night
23		No Club
30		Club Night #10

## December

7		Club Night #11
14		Club Night #12—Christmas parties (all clubs)
21		No Club—Christmas Break
28		No Club—Christmas Break

## January

4		Club Night #13
11		Club Night #14
14	(Sat AM)	Pit Day
18		Club Night #15—Crazy Hair & Hat Night
25		Club Night #16—Final Tune-Up Night
28	(Sat AM)	Awana Grand Prix

## February

1		Club Night #17—Winter Pajamas and Stuffed Animal Night
8		Club Night #18
15		Club Night #19—Valentine's parties (all clubs)
22		Club Night #20—Blizzard Night—ice cream sundaes for all clubs

## March

1		Club Night #21
8		Club Night #22—Awana Colors Night (wear all four colors)
15		Club Night #23
22		Club Night #24
29		Club Night #25—Awana GO ends

## April

5		Club Night #26
12		Club Night #27—Last Night to Say Sections
19		No Club—Spring Break
26		Club Night #28—Pizza Party & Store Night

## May

3		Awards Night
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*\*\*Dates subject to change depending on snow days*

## ***Special Events***

*Watch your child's monthly calendar and periodic fliers for details of these highlights of our year.*

### **Fall Program November 9, 2016**



***January 28, 2017***



**March or April 2017—TBA**

Scan this image to visit the Awana page of our church website for updated news of coming events, theme nights, and important dates.



# Awana Grand Prix

One of the highlights of our Awana year is our annual Grand Prix. Car kits will be for sale for \$5.00 each at the Fall Program and in the weeks following.

Parents may help their children cut out the car and lightly sand it, but all other decorating should be done by the clubber. Adults are welcome to purchase a car kit, make a car, and enter the race themselves. (There is always a sizable adult division! Our leaders enjoy competing against each other.) If you would like to purchase a kit, see an Awana secretary.



For families without power tools at home, a Grand Prix Pit Day will be held on Saturday, January 14, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Awana leaders will be available to help you cut out your child's car.

The Wednesday evening before the race is Final Tune-Up Night. If your child's car is ready to race, he or she may bring the car that evening, and Awana leaders will weigh it (adding or subtracting weight as necessary) and ensure that it will run properly on our track.



Race day is Saturday, January 28. Trophies will be awarded to children for speed and design, and adults are eligible for certificates. So be creative!

# Awana Cancellation

Occasionally, it is necessary to cancel Awana or special Awana events because of inclement weather. We also will cancel Awana if Racine Unified Schools cancels their school day or after-school activities. These announcements will be made on our church website or on WISN-TV. To see cancellation news on the website, go to [www.northsidecalvary.com](http://www.northsidecalvary.com) and click on "Breaking News" on the navigation bar.



Visit the Breaking News page of our website:



We're also on Facebook! Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/northside.calvary.church>

# ***Awana GO 2016-2017***

Awana GO (Awana Global Outreach) is a great way for our Awana clubbers at Northside to aid children in Africa in participating in Awana. Your donations make it possible for other children to enjoy the excitement of their own Awana Club and to hear the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. All clubbers are encouraged to bring a donation to club.

Each clubber will receive an Awana GO coin holder, which they are encouraged to fill and return to Northside so that we can help the ministry of Awana in Africa. Perhaps you could work with your child to encourage him or her to earn the money to donate. In addition, Sparks will be collecting other coins in a coin drive.

The coin holders can be turned in during any club week between October 5<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. Remember, you are always welcome to fill up and return more than one coin holder during the Awana GO drive! See your child's club secretary for another coin holder if you need one.

This is a great way for our club to show God's love to children across the world. So gather up your loose change (dollars are great too), and let's see how God can multiply our little gifts to do great things for the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Remember, none of the money collected stays at Northside or even in the United States. One hundred percent of the money goes to Awana Clubs International, who uses the funds raised to support the ministry of Awana in Africa.



***Awana Awards Ceremony in Liberia. This is an example of the ministry that Northside's Awana GO helps to fund.***

# ***Awana at Home***

Ever wonder exactly what your child is learning in Awana? Want to understand more about the Bible yourself? Perhaps you desire to be better able to answer your children's questions as they learn their Awana verses. Awana has produced Bible study books to enable parents to study the same topics as their children are learning in their handbooks. If you would like to study along with your child and deepen your own walk with Christ, let your child's club secretary know which book to order for you. These adult study books are available at a cost of \$11.00 each.



*Beginnings: Studies in Genesis* – Joshua Correlates with the *HangGlider Handbook*, the first handbook for Sparks

*Promise: Studies in Judges* – Malachi Correlates with the *WingRunner Handbook*, the second handbook for Sparks



*Glory: Studies in Matthew – Revelation* Correlates with the *SkyStormer Handbook*, the third handbook for Sparks

*Guide: Gaining and Training a Biblical Worldview*

Correlates with the topics presented in T&T Ultimate Adventure Book One, including why God gave us the Bible, who Jesus is, and how God wants us to live our lives.





*Shepherd: Loving and Leading Young Lives*  
Correlates with the topics presented in T&T Ultimate Adventure Book Two, including what God says about our homes, families, Satan, angels, and the future.

*Witness: Equipping to Share the Good News*  
Correlates with the topics presented in T&T Ultimate Challenge Book One, including how we know the Bible is true, and what we need to know about the Holy Spirit.



*Servant: Modeling Faith in Action*  
Correlates with the topics presented in T&T Challenge Book Two, including how to grow spiritually and the definition of a good friend.

In addition to these Bible studies, Awana offers free resources to aid parents as they seek to guide their children through the completion of their handbooks. For a customizable pacing tool for Sparks and T&T handbooks, please visit <http://www3.awana.org/powerup/calendar>.

# ***How Can a Parent Help?***

**Help #1.** Help your child attend Awana every week. Consistency will build friendships and promote achievement. Friends are *always* welcome, so bring a carload every week!

**Help #2.** Clubbers need to bring their Bible and handbook/materials to club for every club meeting, unless instructed otherwise by their leaders.

**Help #3.** Once your child earns his/her uniform, please purchase it as soon as possible and make sure they wear it to every club meeting. Uniforms promote unity and allow your child to receive and display additional awards he/she may earn. Clubbers must wear their uniform to receive their awards.

**Help #4.** Be on time! Pre-club activities start at 6:20 p.m. The club night runs from 6:20 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Please be prompt in picking up your child in order to help us promote safety.

**Help #5.** Help your child with his verses each week. This will help him earn various awards and cause him to feel a part of his club.



**Help #6.** We invite the whole family to attend our family night activities. Look for those on the calendar included in this booklet.

**Help #7.** Complete, sign, and turn in the activity permit/medical form for your child. Remember, forms must be returned before clubbers can participate in games, activities, theme nights, etc.

**Help #8.** Snow days—watch WISN (channel 12), listen to WISN (AM 1130), or check our website ([www.northsidecalvary.com](http://www.northsidecalvary.com)) for club cancellations. Our policy is that if Racine Unified Schools are closed or after school activities are cancelled, we will cancel Awana. As a rule, snow days are not made up, although exceptions may be made.

**Help #9.** Clubbers are expected to pay registration, book, and uniform fees. Your financial contribution helps us continue to offer Awana at Northside! Make your check payable to Northside Calvary Church. If there are financial difficulties, contact the club commander, as there may be scholarship help available. Our desire is that every child who wants to attend Awana is able to, so if there is a true need for financial assistance in order to attend, please let us know.

**Help #10.** For safety reasons, please have children wear tennis shoes or shoes with nonskid soles for game time. Girls should wear shorts or pants under a skirt during games.



**Help #11.** Awana should be fun! Questions, comments, concerns? Call the commander or your child's director immediately.

# Resources for Parents

The Awana website ([www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)) provides many aids for parents as they seek to guide their children to know the Lord Jesus and to meet the goal of finishing their handbook.

When you visit the Awana website, you'll find descriptions of the Awana organization and what kids learn in Awana. In the "Reach Kids" area of the site, choose "Parents and Families" to find links to a blog written just for parents of children in Awana, and online stores where you can purchase Awana items such as t-shirts, storybooks, and music. (Note: uniforms and handbooks must be purchased through Northside.)

The screenshot shows the Awana website's navigation bar with links for HOME, REACH KIDS, CAMP LEARNING, CHANGE THE WORLD, GET INVOLVED, DONATE, and STORE. Below the navigation is a grey header for "Parents & Families". The main content area features a cartoon illustration with the text "LIFE IS FULL OF DECISIONS, AND EACH DECISION REQUIRES A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF COMMITMENT." Two characters are shown; one says "HEY FU... - NICE" and the other replies "WEIRD...". Below the illustration are social media icons and a paragraph: "Hey, Parents! We're excited you're engaging with Awana. Our desire is to inspire and serve you to become the spiritual champions God created you to be." Another paragraph follows: "Get equipped to connect around God's Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ as you seek to have life-long discipleship take root in your home." At the bottom of this section is a dark box with the text "Did You Know? 10% of each Awana resource sold reaches kids with the gospel in more". To the right, there are three menu items: "Churches & Organizations", "Parents & Families", and "Daily Outreach". Below these are three blog posts: "Sleep Before You Drop (Them off... That is!)" priced at \$19.99, "10 Ways to Help Your Child Make Friends at Church" priced at \$19.99, and "Little Kids, No Time" priced at \$9.99. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "Shop Awana Merch/Store", "Shop Family Resources", and "Awana Clubs Parent Tools".

# ***Ten Things Awana Leaders Wish They Could Tell Parents***

*by Linda Weddle, Awana*

1. We love your kids – a LOT. We're at Awana because we know that teaching kids the Word of God is absolutely the most valuable thing we can do with our time.
2. Yes, we get tired. Most of us have full time jobs at an office or factory somewhere or spend our days with our own kids. We don't get paid for being Awana leaders (and no, we don't live at church). Yet again, we know that the privilege of working with YOUR children is a responsibility that can't even be compared to most of the things we do.
3. Because we often come to Awana straight from cooking supper or getting home from work, we need a little time to set up. When you drop your kids off at the door a half hour early and then leave – that means we are now responsible for your children and miss some of that time we need to prepare. Please don't drop your child off more than ten or fifteen minutes before club. (We know there are special circumstances – and we're willing to work with you.)
4. Likewise, we need to get a good night's sleep, too — and still have things to do at home like get our clothes ready for the next day, make lunches for our own kids, etc. Please don't come for your child a half hour after everyone else is gone. (Again, we understand that things happen that occasionally cause you to be a little late.)
5. Part of what we do at Awana is play games. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Kids usually find it difficult to run around the circle in flip-flops or shoes with two-inch heels. Oh, and you might want to make sure your child is wearing a belt if his pants are too big. We've seen more than one child have to hold up his pants as he runs.

6. We know that some of you haven't attended church very much and might have questions about your child's verses. Please ask. That's why we're here.
7. Yes, we know that sometimes we forget to give a child an award. Trust us. We don't forget on purpose just to give your child a hard time. But we're human and sometimes something gets lost in communication and we miss something. Just tell us or have your child tell us and we'll check it out – really, we will. We promise.
8. Our leaders have been through our church's child protection classes. We're real sorry we didn't let your child go home with your sister, but we've never seen her before and her name isn't on your child's approved list. We want to keep your child safe, so if someone we don't know is picking her up, please contact us before hand.
9. Yes, we know your child is busy with school, gymnastics, drama, art, computer games, and TV watching, but simply spending five or ten minutes a day would probably be enough for him to do two sections a week. And, if you helped him study, he might even be able to do more than two sections. What better way to get into discussions about the good things God says to us in His Word than talking about the verses he learns?
10. A lot goes on during the time your child is at Awana. We might have a clubber trip over a chair and hurt her foot, we might have a boy angry that he didn't win a contest, we might spend ten minutes working with a child on a verse (that he should've learned at home), and we might have had the privilege of leading a young life to the Lord. We need your prayers. Please don't EVER stop praying for us!

# ***College Scholarships Available***

Awana's ultimate award is the Citation Award. If clubbers complete one handbook per year beginning their first year of T&T (third grade), they will be on track to earn a Citation Award at the end of their senior year of high school. Has your clubber fallen behind in that schedule? He can always work hard and catch up! Many Christian colleges and universities offer scholarships to students who earn the Citation Award, and others offer scholarships for students who have achieved the Meritorious and Timothy Awards as well. Listed below are the educational institutions currently offering these scholarships:

**Appalachian Bible College,**  
Mount Hope, WV  
Citation = \$2,000  
Meritorious = \$2,000

**Baptist College of Florida,**  
Graceville, FL  
Citation = \$4,000

**Boston Baptist College,** Boston, MA  
Citation = \$6,000 plus trip to study abroad on our annual spring break trip during your first year  
Meritorious = \$3000 plus trip to study abroad on our annual spring break trip during your first year

**Brookes Bible Institute,** St. Louis, MO,  
Citation Award =  
Annual amount of \$450.00  
Meritorious Award =  
Annual amount of \$300.00

**Bryan College,** Dayton, TN  
Citation = \$4,000

**Cairn University,** Langhorne, PA  
Citation = \$7500, \$1500 per year for five years

Meritorious = \$5,000, \$1000 per year for five years

**Calvary University,** Kansas City, MO  
Citation = \$2,000

**Central Christian College,** McPherson, KS  
Citation = \$4,000

**Clearwater Christian College,** Clearwater, FL  
Citation = \$6,000  
Meritorious = \$4,000  
Timothy = \$2,000

**Crossroads Bible College,** Indianapolis, IN  
Citation Award = \$8,000  
Meritorious Award = \$4,000

**Crossroads College,** Rochester, MN  
Citation = \$6,000  
Meritorious = \$4,000  
Timothy = \$2,000

**Dallas Baptist University,**

Dallas, TX

Citation = \$12,000

Meritorious = \$8,000

Timothy = \$2,000

**Davis College,** Johnson City, NY

Citation = \$6,000

Meritorious = \$4,000

**Dayspring Bible College,** Lake

Zurich, IL

Citation Award: \$8,000 = \$2000 per year (\$1000 each semester for 4 years)

Meritorious Award: \$4,000 =

\$1000 per year (\$500 each semester for 4 years)

Timothy Award: \$2,000 = \$500 per year (\$250 each semester for 4 years)

**East Texas Baptist University,**

Marshall, TX

Citation = \$8,400 (4 year award)

Meritorious & Timothy = \$4000 (4 year award)

**Emmaus Bible College,**

Dubuque, IA

Citation = \$10,000 (\$2500 per year for 4 years)

Meritorious = \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years)

Timothy = \$6,000 (\$1,500 per year for 4 years)

**Faith Baptist Bible College,**

Ankeny, IA

\$2000

**Grace University,** Omaha, NE

Citation = \$1,500 no limit

**Grace Bible College,** Grand

Rapids, MI

Citation = \$1,200

**Grace College,** Winona Lake, IN

Citation = \$4,000

Meritorious = \$2,000

**John Witherspoon College,**

Rapid City, SD

Citation = \$1,000 (\$500 per semester, first year only; must have earned Citation in last five years)

**Judson College,** Marion, AL

Citation = \$6,000

Meritorious = \$3,200

Timothy = \$2,000

**Judson University,** Elgin, IL

Citation = \$4,000

**Kansas Christian College,**

Overland Park, KS

Citation=\$8,000 (\$1,000 per semester, up to 8 semesters)

Meritorious=\$4,000 (\$500 per semester, up to 8 semesters)

Timothy=\$2,000 (\$250 per semester, up to 8 semesters)

**Lancaster Bible College,**

Lancaster, PA

Citation = \$1,500

Meritorious = \$1,000

Timothy = \$750

**Liberty University,** Lynchburg,

VA

Citation = \$1,000 per year up to four years; resident only

**New Tribes Bible Institute,**

Jackson, MI and Waukesha, WI

Citation Award: \$1000 total award; applied first and third semesters (\$500 each) - total program is 4 semesters (2 years).

**North Greenville College,**  
Tigerville, SC  
Citation = \$2000  
Meritorious = \$2000

**North Park University,** Chicago,  
IL  
Citation = \$1,000 (\$500 toward  
first and second semesters)

**Oak Hills Christian College,** SW  
Bemidji, MN  
Citation = \$6,400  
Meritorious = \$4,800  
Timothy = \$3,200

**Patrick Henry College,**  
Purcellville, VA  
Citation = \$3000

**Piedmont Baptist College,**  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Citation = \$2,000  
Meritorious = \$1,000  
Timothy = \$500

**Rochester College,** Rochester  
Hills, MI  
Citation = \$5,000, limited to 10  
semesters

**Rocky Mountain Bible College,**  
Englewood, CO  
Citation = \$4,000 No limit  
Meritorious = \$2,000 No limit  
Timothy = \$2,000 No limit

**San Diego Christian College,**  
San Diego, CA  
Citation = \$4,000  
Meritorious = \$3,000  
Timothy = \$2,000

**Shasta Bible College,** Redding,  
CA  
Citation = \$1,000

**Southeastern Bible College,**  
Birmingham, AL  
Citation = \$1,000 per year for  
freshman and sophomore years  
only (2 years maximum)

**Summit University of  
Pennsylvania,** Clarks Summit,  
PA  
Citation = \$6,000

**Tennessee Temple University,**  
Chattanooga, TN  
Citation = \$4,000  
Meritorious = \$2000  
Timothy = \$2000

**The Master's College,** Santa  
Clarita, CA  
Citation = \$4,000 Limited to 4  
annually

**Union University,** Jackson, TN  
Citation = \$4,000, \$1000 awarded  
annually

**Verity Institute,** Indianapolis, IN  
Citation = \$1000 annually

**Washington Bible College,**  
Lanham, MD  
Varies  
Citation = \$1,000  
Meritorious = \$500

*Source: [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org), August 2016*

# ***An Invitation***

If you appreciate our Awana program, why not visit us on a Sunday morning?

## **Our Services—When Do We Meet?**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Morning Bible Studies

*(Classes are available for all ages. In Fall 2016, children and adults will be studying The Gospel Project.)*

10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service and Children's Church for 3 year olds through kindergarteners

6:00 p.m. – Church Family Activities (see our website for details)

## **What Do We Believe?**

- God is God, and there is no one like Him. He is incomparable and worthy of all our worship. It is our duty to seek to know Him. We seek to uphold Him in all His glory, marveling at His sovereign grace. (Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 40:18, 25; 1 Peter 1:16-21)
- The Scriptures are God's revealed Word and are our absolute standard for life and godliness. We consider them fully sufficient and necessary for the Christian life. (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3)
- All men are sinners, hopelessly sinful in themselves apart from the grace of God. (Romans 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1)
- The eternal Son of God became man in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man and died to satisfy God's wrath against sin. (Matthew 1:21-23; John 1:1, 14, 18; Philippians 2:5-10)
- The Church is a living organism comprised of those who have come to Christ by faith alone. (Romans 8:29-30, 10:9-10)

Feel free to visit our website, [www.northsidecalvary.com](http://www.northsidecalvary.com), to read a complete doctrinal statement or to listen to Sunday morning audio from Jason Holm, our Pastor-Teacher.