



TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6

DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED, A WORKMAN WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED AND WHO CORRECTLY HANDLES THE WORD OF TRUTH.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

WELCOME to AWANA at Wellspring Church!

We are very happy to have your child in our Awana Club! The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Awana is a tool available to you to aid in the Christian training of your child. The Wellspring Children's Ministry's vision is helping children "Find Jesus: In People; In the Bible; and In Life!" The Awana program presents an opportunity for your child to learn about his relationship with God, memorize Bible verses, and build good relationships with others. We want the kids to not only find Jesus, but to deepen their faith. Through Scripture memorization, they will learn more about God, who He is and discover Jesus, as they hide the Word of God in their hearts. AWANA also promotes community and fun. As a church, we use the small groups as one way of ministering. Even at these young ages, we incorporate small group time as they break up into smaller groups, spending intentional time to go deeper in the lesson, and grow relationships with other kids and the adult volunteers.

It is our desire that your child feels welcome, comfortable and secure in our program. If there is a problem, please contact us or our church office at any time. You are always welcome to visit our clubs and to talk with us or to ask questions at any time. We are praying that this year will be a positive growing experience for your child.



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SOME HELPFUL TIPS

Parents are essential helpers in the enjoyment of AWANA. Please help your child to get the most from the club:

- If your child is sick, please keep him/her home!
- Awana is a discipleship program and requires your involvement to help your child learn their verses and complete their weekly lessons. We ask that you commit to having your children faithfully attend. Space is limited and in the past, we have had children on our waiting list.
- Help your child to attend club every week to build friendships and achievements.
- Make sure you work on sections DURING the week so your kids are prepared. Kids have lots of questions and don't fully understand the verses they are memorizing. Don't miss this opportunity with your kids, as you can explain God's truths and talk to them about how it applies to life.
- Doors open to clubbers at 4:30 PM; club starts promptly at 4:45 PM.
- Use the restrooms before AWANA starts.
- Make sure they wear their shirts and bring their handbook and Bible. The shirts help us to easily identify kids and keep them with their group. It also provides a sense of belonging and connection.
- We have different themes days, special game days, mission days, and more. This info is posted in many areas (Facebook page, church app, quarterly newsletter, and nightly handout), so please help your child know what to look forward to each time we meet.
- Request to join 'Wellspring AWANA' on Facebook. You will find helpful info there such as weekly themes, cancellations, and other reminders.
- Feel free to choose the version of the Bible you want your child to memorize by writing your choice next to the given verses.
- During 4:30-4:45, we will have Fast Track time. This is when Sparks and T&T kids will make up any missed sections. Please make sure your clubber is utilizing this time to stay on track in their book.
- Pick up your child **promptly at 6:15 PM**. For security, please park your car and come in to pick up your child from the designated area.
- Always encourage your child. Children have more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments!

The Awana program is highly scriptural and highly relational. Your kids will learn and memorize God's Word. The goal is to have kids learning God's Word and applying it to their lives. While this looks different for each age group, we know the power of God's Word will not return void and will have an everlasting effect on their life.

- **Cubbies:** Celebrate the spiritual potential of preschoolers (4 & 5-year olds) by helping them develop respect for God, His Son, and His Word.
- **Sparks:** Ignite the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.
- **T&T:** Teach kids the truth of God's Word, train them to follow Him and practice His grace. This is modeled like a church small group where they share with each other what they have learned.

Be sure to follow the assigned sections on the schedule.



Costs for AWANA

The suggested donation will cover a book for your child, and other expenses..

Shirts: Depending on the child's age, they will participate in the Cubbies, Sparks or T&T group. Each clubber will get ONE shirt for the duration they are in each group.

Please plan accordingly so it will fit for 2-3 years.

Books: If a child loses his/her book, there will be a replacement charge for that book.

AWANA AWARDS

Each clubber has an opportunity to earn awards.

- Cubbies can earn a book completion award.
- Sparks can earn ribbons or plaques for the completion of one or more books.
- T&T can choose to attend a special year-end event and a certificate, or a ribbon/trophy for completion of their book.