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Study to show yourself approved to God,  
a workman that needs not be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

-2 Timothy 2:15

# Welcome to our **AWANA** Club!

## **PURPOSE**

- To train up children in the ways of the **Lord**.
- For **Bible** memorization, fun games and so much MORE!
- Not just an activity to fill Wednesday night's, but an opportunity to apply God's principles to **everyday** life.
- To learn to be enabled to know how to defend our faith and **live** victorious Christian lives.

## **PARTNERSHIP**

- We consider it a privilege to share **God's Word** with your children, our clubbers.
- In knowing God's Word, more is "caught than is taught". We challenge you as parents to learn the verses along with your children. As we adults memorize scripture, we will know God's Word and then we can apply and live it in our daily lives. How will our children know God's Word if we don't **model** it?
- You as parents can help your child be **prepared** with their verses when they come on Wednesday night. This will allow our leaders to focus on spending that time applying God's principles for everyday living.
- Some suggestions to help your child prepare for Awana Club:
  - At meal time, **talk** about your child's memory verse
  - At bed time, **review** the memory verses before night time prayers

## **PROGRAM**

- We offer three programs;
  - Cubbies** ( age 3 - Pre-Kindergarten )
  - Sparks** ( Kindergarten -2<sup>nd</sup> grade )
  - TNT** ( 3rd grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade )
- Our club time is divided into three parts;
  - Council Time** (a Biblical lesson is shared)
  - Small Group Time** (verses are shared, Biblical applications are taught)
  - Game Time**
- Every week has a different **theme**. A monthly flyer is handed out on the first club night of each month.
- The yearly **calendar** can be found here in the handbook or on our website.
- Some **special events** of our club include: TNT Campout & Grand Prix.
- We have weekly **dues** and fees to cover our uniforms and books.

Dear Awana Parent,

We would like to welcome you to AWANA. It is our joy to make this ministry available and our privilege to partner with you in the spiritual growth of your child. AWANA is a tremendous opportunity for our children to develop socially and to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Along with AWANA our church enjoys other opportunities for support, encouragement, and growth for the whole family. Some are listed below. Please come to any and all which may interest you. May our Heavenly Father continue to guide and strengthen you in the joyful responsibility of parenting.

In partnership,  
Creekside Church

Join us on a Sunday at Creekside!

10:00 a.m. - Service of Worship

- Nursery available for infants to age 3
- Children's Worship for Pre-K to 6th Grade

# AWANA Leadership Team

## AWANA COMMANDER

Suzanne Michaelis (209) 617-5487

### CUBBIES

Director - Bethany Thengvall

Secretary: Hannah Koch

Listeners: Rebecca Whaley

Elena Wiren

Emma Cook



### SPARKS

Director: Alex Thengvall

Secretary: Deni Kaiser

Listeners: Chrissy Pazin

Michelle Roos

Evan Wiren



### T&T

Director: Sean Nickerson

Secretary: Fred Michaelis

Listeners: Jack Kaiser

Linda Roland



*All leaders have been interviewed, filled out a detailed application form, and are well supervised.*

### PARTICIPATION

- Please be on **time**.
- We offer **dinner** at 6:00pm  
Hotdogs, Corndogs, Taquitos or Chicken Nuggets for \$ 1.00 per serving.
- Club starts at 6:30 and finishes at 8:00.  
Please be **punctual** in picking up your children.
- Please **attend** regularly.

### PERSPECTIVE

- There are **goals** that our clubbers can achieve. At the end of the year, we have a ceremony and all clubbers will be recognized for their achievements.
- High Sierra Scholarship Camp (*Camp Sugar Pine, Oakhurst*) is available to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify.
- AWANA has a *Junior High and High School* program that continues after 6<sup>th</sup> grade and goes through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The *TREK* and *JOURNEY* programs will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- If a clubber finishes a book each year starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade they will earn a "**Citation Award**". There are many Christian Colleges that offer scholarships to Citation Award achievers.

**The Bible says, "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds... 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**

**You can help maximize the benefit for your child by:**

- \* Helping your child learn a section each week
- \* Encouraging your child to come each week
- \* Showing interest in his or her achievements
- \* Communicating with us any special needs
- \* Dressing your child in uniform with modest shorts or long pants and sneakers, for safety at game time
- \* Reminding your clubber to be on his or her best behavior

Feel free to visit our club at any time. If you have questions, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Yours in Christ,  
Awana Leaders

## CLUB FACTS

### Awana Sparks & T&T Schedule

6:00 - 6:15 p.m.	Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Taquitos or Chicken Nuggets (on a rotation schedule) <b>\$1.00 per serving</b>
6:15 - 6:30 p.m.	Check-in time in your Club Room
6:30 - 6:35 p.m.	Opening Ceremony (courtyard)
6:35 - 7:00 p.m.	Council Time - Sparks Game Time - TNT
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Handbook Time - Sparks Handbook Time - TNT
7:30 - 7:50 p.m.	Game Time - Sparks Council Time - TNT
7:50 - 8:00 p.m.	Awards

### Points and Awards

Clubbers are assigned to a team - **Red, Yellow, Green** or **Blue**.  
When they check in each night, they receive points for their team.

<i>Being on time</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Bringing your Bible</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Bringing your Dues (75 cents)</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Bringing your Handbook</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Wearing your Uniform</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Attending Children's Worship / Church</i> .....	10 Points
<i>Bringing a Friend</i> .....	100 Points

- \*Points are also given for **passing sections** and for **game time**.
- \*Additional points may be earned by **participation in themes**.
- \*Children's Worship (Sunday) awards will be given in *December* and *April*.

\*Attendance awards are given at the end of each quarter:  
*October, December, February* and *April*. We are happy to supply your children with the uniform awards they earn throughout the year. (Awards that become lost may be replaced at a nominal cost by contacting your child's leader.

### FEBRUARY - ***Penny Month (Donations Gifted to Our Awana Missionary, Cindy Vesperman)***

- 2 Outer Space Night - Dress in a space theme
  - 9 Valentine Night - Bring your leader a valentine
  - 16 Sweatshirt Night - Wear a sweatshirt
  - 23 NO CLUB- Holiday
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### MARCH - ***Grand Prix Racing / March Madness***

- 2 Bring a Friend Night, Root Beer Floats
  - 6 (SUNDAY) All Church & AWANA Family Potluck followed by Grand Prix Workshop
  - 9 Crazy Hair Night - How crazy can you style?
  - 11 (FRIDAY) AWANA Grand Prix
  - 16 Backwards Night- Wear your clothes backwards
  - 23 Crazy Clothes Night - Wear nothing that matches
  - 30 Sports Night- Wear a sports theme piece of clothing
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### APRIL - ***Showers of Blessings for Cindy Vesperman, Our Awana Missionary***

- 6 April Flowers Night - Bring a flower to your club leader
  - 13 Easter Story - Bring a stone for our story  
Wear Your Favorite Color Night
  - 20 NO CLUB- Easter Break
  - 27 Paper Night (Bring paper products to support Cindy)
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### MAY

- 4 Closing Ceremonies Night / Ice Cream Social

# Yearly Schedule -2021-2022

## SEPTEMBER - Kick Off Month

- 8 Opening Night-Parent Orientation- No dinner served
  - 15 Favorite Stuffed Animal Night - Bring yours!
  - 22 Tie Night - Wear a tie
  - 29 Inside Out Night - Wear your clothes inside out
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## OCTOBER - AWANA Missionary Appreciation Night / Share of Operations Christmas Child

- 6 Paper Airplane Night - Bring a homemade plane  
Bring a Friend, Cupcake Night
  - 13 Cindy Vesperman (our AWANA missionary) visits our club!
  - 20 Different Shoe Night - Wear a different one on each foot!
  - 27 Bring a Parent Night ; Surf/Beach Night - Wear a beach theme
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## NOVEMBER - Holiday Food Baskets

- 3 Backwards Night - Wear your clothes backwards
  - 10 Veterans Night- Wear a military piece of clothing
  - 17 Stuffed Turkey Night - Stuff your clothes with pillows
  - 24 NO CLUB - Thanksgiving Holiday
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## DECEMBER - Holiday Food Baskets

- 1 Home Made Ornament Night - Bring one in to place on our tree
  - 8 Dress Like Royalty Night - Show off with regal clothing.  
You are a child of the King!
  - 15 Happy Birthday Jesus!
  - 22, 29 NO CLUB- Christmas Holiday
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## JANUARY - Awana / All Church Movie Night

- 5 Flashlight Night - Bring a flashlight  
Bring a Friend, Cookie Night
- 12 Stripes Night- Wear something with stripes
- 19 Muscle Night - Stuff your arms & legs to show your muscles
- 26 Crazy Hat Night - Wear a crazy hat!
- 28 Hot Dog/Nachos Dinner and Movie Night with Popcorn

## Awana Cubbies Schedule

- 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Taquitos or Chicken Nuggets (served on a rotation schedule) \$1.00 per serving
- 6:15 - 6:25 p.m. Coming In Time (activities)
- 6:30 - 6:40 p.m. Joint Opening w/Sparks & TNT (Bathroom Stop)
- 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Singing & Cubbies Skit
- 7:00 - 7:10 p.m. Bible Story
- 7:10 - 7:20 p.m. Snacktime
- 7:20 - 7:30 p.m. Handbook Time (Memory Verses)
- 7:30 - 7:40 p.m. Crafttime
- 7:40 - 7:55 p.m. Group Game
- 7:55 - 8:00 p.m. Prepare to go home

## ALL CLUBBERS

**Books :** When you begin coming to Club, we will give you an *Entrance Booklet* to study and recite from. Once you have completed the Entrance Booklet, you will receive a Handbook to begin working in.

The cost for Handbooks are: *Cubbies*... \$11.00  
*Sparks*..... \$11.00  
*TNT*..... \$11.00

**Uniforms:** The Awana uniform lets others know you are a member of your club. Wearing a uniform is not required, but if you have a uniform to display all of your awards, it will be more meaningful. You can order it as soon as you complete the requirements for membership (which is completing your *Entrance Booklet*.) The price of the uniforms are as follows:

*Cubbies Vest*.....\$12.00 / Bag \$7.00 (optional)  
*Sparks Vest*.....\$12.00 / Bag \$7.00 (optional)  
*TNT Shirts*.....\$32.00

Wear your complete uniform each week for the club meeting. Make sure you attach your awards to it as soon as possible! We encourage all Clubbers to wear gym-type shoes as part of the uniform. Also, we recommend that the Clubbers wear modest length shorts or long pants. This is for the safety on the Game Circle. Sparks **must** wear long pants.

## Dues:

Dues are *75¢ per club meeting*. You may pre-pay your *yearly* dues for *\$20.00*. (*This saves \$4.00!*) You may make partial payments. Dues are voluntary. No child will be singled out if they are unable to contribute. These funds are used for awards and other club activities throughout the year.

## Club Rules

1. You must take part in the entire club program unless you bring a note from your parents, or you are excused by one of the leaders.
2. You must remain on the church grounds at all times unless you have written permission to leave.
3. You may not run or play in the buildings or any area of church property unsupervised.
4. You must cooperate with and obey your leaders.
5. When you hear the "5 Count" start, you will be quiet and come to attention.

## Parking Lot

When picking up and dropping off your children, please walk them to and from their classroom. For safety reasons, it is important to keep the children attended in and out of the parking lot!

## Discipline

Please encourage your children to be on their best behavior. We will use a "5 Count" system. There will be a "Time Out" Room for Clubbers who will not follow rules or display self-control. If needed, we will contact parents for additional help in this area. No physical discipline is ever used.

## What To Do If...

- ◆ ***You can't get a ride...***  
(Call your leader or director before 5:00 p.m. on club night, if possible, and we will try to have someone pick you up.)
- ◆ ***You get hurt at club...***  
(Have your leader take you to your Director.)
- ◆ ***You lose an award or book...***  
(You must purchase another one.)

## Tips on Memorizing

- Read...** Read through the verse with your child. If they are old enough, have them reread it to you.
- Vocabulary...** Talk about unknown words. Learn what they mean.
- Visualize...** Draw pictures that remind you of words or phrases in the verse.
- Associate...** Find words that will help you remember what is coming next in the verse.
- Phrases...** Memorize one phrase at a time. Then put them together.
- Word Elimination....** Write the verse. Erase some words. Try to say it by filling in the blanks. Continue until you can say the whole verse.
- Repetition...** Repeat! Repeat! Repeat!