



Parent's Handbook 2019-2020

Tri-County Bible Church
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AGES: 3 years old through 12th grade
SUNDAY EVENINGS: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
(drop-off time 5:45pm)

Come and Join US!

Worship Service at 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new year with AWANA clubs! We are looking forward to having your child in our club. We would like to thank you for sending your child to participate in AWANA. We do hope they have an enjoyable year and will come regularly.

6 Principles for AWANA clubs:

1. Awana is centered on the Gospel of Christ.
2. Awana has high scriptural content.
3. Awana is fun for and engaging for young people.
4. Awana is built on strong leadership.
5. Awana trains children and youth to serve.
6. Awana strengthens the church/parent partnership.

Leadership

If you have any questions, please contact our Co-commander's Raphael Perez or Bill Hanna at awana.attcbc@gmail.com

General Information

We also get to have some crazy times of dressing up, earning points, verse memorization, awards and the Grand Prix Race Cars. We look forward to a fun season!



Awana Meeting Time

The Awana Ministry at Tri-County Bible Church is held on Sunday evenings from 6:00pm –7:30pm. Check-in time begins at 5:45pm. We will start the opening flag ceremony promptly at 6:00pm. We will have a closing ceremony in the gym at 7:25pm where parent(s) of Cubbies through Truth & Training, need to sign-out their clubber(s) to be dismissed.

What to wear/Bring to Awana

Your child should wear their designated uniform and sneakers, if sneakers are not available then comfortable closed-in shoes for running and playing. Your child should bring their Bible, Awana Handbook or anything else your Club Director requires.

Security

For security purposes, please be sure that ALL of your children checked in at the AWANA table. We do our best to start and end on time, so be prompt in dropping off and picking up your children. AWANA may be cancelled due to inclement weather. AWANA Leadership will make a decision by 3:30 PM and send an email to AWANA families once the decision is made to cancel.

Discipline at Club

Awana uses two “counts,” one for group order and one for individual discipline.

The **“5-count”** is used to bring the group to order. As the leader counts to **“5”** the children should become quiet and still.

The **“3-count”** is for an individual. The child is given a **“one”** the first time they have misbehaved and their action is discussed so they understand the inappropriate behavior. If the child continues to misbehave, then they receive a **“two.”** The child now sits down with the Awana Commander or Director to discuss their behavior. If the child continues to misbehave or be disruptive, they receive a **“three.”** When the child receives a **“three,”** they are taken to their parents where the leader will discuss with the parent the reason for this action.



Pick Up Your Child

NO CHILD will be allowed to exit the building without a parent accompanying each clubber(s) for Clubbies, Sparks and T&T clubs. Parents must come inside the building to pick up their clubber(s). A Leader will be stationed in the gym during the closing ceremony to sign-out your clubber(s) to insure your clubber(s) is/are safely leaving the building. Please try to pick-up your clubber(s) promptly at the end of the AWANA night. Thank you!

Wellness Policy

Children SHOULD NOT attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever – 100 degrees or higher within the last 24-hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge
- Rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic at least for a minimum of 24 hours prior to attending Awana.

Club Expenses

Tri-County Bible Church does not charge for Uniforms or Handbooks.

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Awana Schedule Time

5:45-6:00	Check-In Time
6:00-6:15	Flag Ceremony (ALL CLUBS)
6:15-6:35	Game Time for Trek and Journey
6:40-7:00	Game Time for Sparks
7:05-7:25	Game Time for Truth & Training
6:15-7:25	Clubbers Handbook Time, Study Time or Lesson Time.
7:25-7:30	CLOSING CERMONY IN THE GYM – CHECK OUT.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Award Ceremony. It means a great deal to a clubber when the parents watch them receive an award for their hard work.

Clubs Age Groups

CUBBIES

The Cubbies club is for preschool age children. The three and four year-olds are eager and ready to memorize Bible verses and earn awards. Must have their 3rd birthday on or before September 1st to participate in Cubbies.

SPARKS

The Sparks club is for children from Kindergarten through second grade. It focuses on Bible lessons, scripture memorization and game time.

TRUTH & TRAINING (T&T)

The T&T club is for children in third through sixth grade. Children are taught biblical truths and how to serve the Lord based on these truths through questions, answers and scripture memorization.

TREK

The Trek club is for middle school students to consider their destiny in Christ and pursue it through life application of God's word.

JOURNEY

Journey is for high school students as life long disciples through a deep study of God's word, preparing them to live with godly perspective and evident faith.

Each club night during handbook time for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T, leaders listen to clubbers recite their verses and other handbook work. In order to pass a section, the entire section must be said in one sitting, with no more than two helps. When the entrance test is completed, you will be awarded an official membership and are eligible for a uniform and handbook.

Dear Clubber:

We are delighted to have you in our Awana Clubs! We have clubs for 3 years old to 12th grade.

What We Expect From Clubbers:

- We expect clubbers to follow club guidelines and observe the 3 and 5 count.
- We expect clubbers to arrive at AWANA ready to participate in their uniforms.
- We expect clubbers to exhibit Christ-like behavior and be kind to others.
- We expect clubbers to participate fully in the program.
- We expect clubber to have FUN!

Your AWANA Leaders

Clubber Name _____

Leader Name _____

Phone Number _____



TCBC AWANA CALENDAR 2019-2020



SEPTEMBER 2019	1 NO AWANA!	8 AWANA KICKOFF!! Refreshments and Ice Cream Parents Welcome!	15 Fire Drill First Night of Awana!! Parents Welcome!	22  Bring a Friend Night!	29 Beach Night! 
OCTOBER 2019	6 Crazy Hair Night! 	13 Pizza Night  Bring A Friend Night Bring Food Pantry Donation	20 MUSTACHE NIGHT! 	27 NO AWANA! Friends & Family Day at Tri-County Bible Church	THEME NIGHTS ARE A FUN WAY TO EARN MORE POINTS!
NOVEMBER 2019	3 Daylight Savings Ends Pajama Night! DOUBLE POINTS TONIGHT!	10 Veterans Day! Wear Red White & Blue 	17 What I am Thankful For Night!	24 NO AWANA! Happy Thanksgiving	THEME NIGHTS ARE A FUN WAY TO EARN MORE POINTS!
DECEMBER 2019	1 Points Awards Service Project Night! Make Cards & Baskets for Widows and Widowers	8 Caroling Night! (Details Coming)	15 Happy Birthday Jesus and Games Night!	22 NO AWANA! Merry Christmas!!	29 NO AWANA! Happy New Year!
JANUARY 2020	5 Wear A Crown Night! 	12  Bring a Friend Night!	19 NO AWANA! TCBC Business Mtg.	26 Glow Stick Night! Let Your Light Shine!!	THEME NIGHTS ARE A FUN WAY TO EARN MORE POINTS!
FEBRUARY 2020	2 Inside-Out-Night!! DOUBLE POINTS TONIGHT!	9 CRAZY SOCK NIGHT! 	16 REPRESENT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM NIGHT	23 PIZZA NIGHT! 	THEME NIGHTS ARE A FUN WAY TO EARN MORE POINTS
MARCH 2020	1 Crazy Hat Night! 	8 Daylight Savings Starts Limbo Night!! Bring Donation for Food Pantry	15 St. Patricks Day Wear Green Night!! 	22  Bring a Friend Night!	29 Make Your Own Sundaes Night!! 
APRIL 2020	5 Points Awards Verse Memory Night!	12 NO AWANA! Happy Easter!	19 Race Car Trials (Hot Wheels & Matchbox) 	26 Race Car Night! Last Night of Awana! Awards Night! Farewell Party! Parents Welcome!	Stay tuned for emails about our Awana Summer Events!!

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DATE	THEME	DESCRIPTIONS & IDEAS FOR THEME NIGHTS
Sept. 8	AWANA KICK OFF	Registration and Ice Cream Social
Sept. 15	First Night of Awana	Parents Welcome! Registration ends tonight. Fire Drill Night!
Sept. 22	Bring A Friend Night	Bring a friend and clubber receives credit
Sept. 29	Beach Night	Beach hat, sunscreen, beach towel, sunglasses & buckets. (no flip-flops)
Oct. 6	Crazy Hair Night	Your bed hair or wear your hair in a funny way
Oct. 13	Bring A Friend Night / Pizza Night / Bring food donation	Clubbers receive credit for bringing a friend and bring a non-perishable food item to donate to food pantry / Awana staff gives pizza to all
Oct. 20	Mustache Night	Wear a Mustache
Oct. 27	NO AWANA	Tri-County Bible Church Friends & Family Luncheon
Nov. 3	Pajama Night	Wear your Pajamas! (Please wear modest attire)
Nov. 10	Veterans Day	Wear Red, White and Blue colors
Nov. 17	What I am Thankful For	Tell JESUS what you are thankful for
Nov. 24	NO AWANA	Celebrate Thanksgiving with you family
Dec. 1	Service Project Night	Making cards and Widows/Widowers gift baskets
Dec. 8	Caroling Night	Time and Location details to come soon
Dec. 15	Happy Birthday Jesus Night	We'll celebrate Jesus' Birthday and have cake and make Christmas cards
Dec. 22	NO AWANA	Celebrate Christmas with your family
Dec. 29	NO AWANA	Celebrate New Years with your family
Jan. 5	Wear A Crown Night	Wear your favorite costume crown or homemade crown
Jan. 12	Bring A Friend Night	Clubbers receive credit for bringing a friend
Jan. 19	NO AWANA	Tri-County Bible Church Business Meeting
Jan. 26	Glow Stick Night	Dress in white (socks, shirts, etc.) bring glowstick if you have one
Feb. 2	Inside Out Night	Wear your attire inside-out and its DOUBLE POINTS night
Feb. 9	Crazy Socks Night	Wear different colorful socks or mismatched socks
Feb. 16	Represent Favorite Team	Wear your favorite sports team gear (i.e.: shirt, hat, shorts, etc.)
Feb. 23	Pizza Night	Awana staff gives pizza to all
Mar. 1	Crazy Hat Night	Wear your craziest hat
Mar. 8	Limbo Night/Bring Food Donation	Each team will try the Limbo and the two finalist face off at end of night / Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to food pantry
Mar. 15	St. Patrick's Day Night	Wear something green with your uniform
Mar. 22	Bring A Friend Night	Clubbers receive credit for bringing a friend
Mar. 29	Make Your Own Sundaes Night	Awana staff gives Sundaes to all
Apr. 5	Verse Memory Night	The clubber who has most verses memorized in each class will win a prize
Apr. 12	NO AWANA	Celebrate Easter with your family
Apr. 19	Race Car Trials	Bring your Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars and test it on the race track
Apr. 26	FAREWELL/ AWARDS PARTY NIGHT & GRAND PRIX RACES	Last night of Awana. Big car Race! Awards Night! Families are encouraged to come. Refreshments!