

Awana



2012 - 2013

Parent's Handbook

AWANA Club 7221

Northpoint Evangelical Free Church

northpointcorona.org

WELCOME TO AWANA!

Children are a blessing from the Lord! We at Northpoint Evangelical Free Church are committed to children's ministry. We are convinced that it is worth whatever time, energy or expense to provide a quality opportunity for as many children as possible to learn the teaching of scripture and apply it to their young lives.

As Charles Swindoll so aptly wrote, "All husbands and wives borrow their children. Our children are not our own. Our children belong to God. He has loaned them to us for a season. Most marriages contain these borrowed jewels. They are not ours to keep but to rear. They are not given to us to mold into our image. They are not given to us so that we can force them to fulfill our lives and thus, in some way, cancel our failures. They are not tools to be used, but souls to be loved."

That is our commitment at Northpoint Evangelical Free Church. We offer all of our children's programs as a tool for you as parents to use in rearing your children. We count it a privilege that you have sent your child to AWANA.

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, which is a paraphrase of 2 Timothy 2:15. It is our goal to help you in training your children to walk in God's pathways rather than those of the world. Our AWANA Clubs are part of a worldwide ministry, headquartered in Streamwood, Illinois.

Please take a few moments to read through this handbook as it will answer many questions you may have concerning our AWANA program. Please pay special attention to the last page as it explains the hub that makes AWANA run. If you would like to help in the program, please let us know. AWANA provides excellent opportunities for training new Leaders. We can be flexible to work within your schedule. Again, thank you for allowing us to minister to your children through the AWANA program.

Eric Dobson
AWANA Commander

2012/2013 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS*

Grand Prix	November 14, 2012
Decorate a Leader Night	December 19, 2012
AWANA Games	TBD
Bible Quiz	TBD
Drive In Movie Night	March 6, 2013
T&T Girls Tea	April 20, 2013
Cubbie/Sparky Picnic	April 27, 2013
3 rd - 6 th Grade Campout	May 4 - May 5, 2013
Ice Cream Pig Out	May 8, 2013
Cubbie Awards Night	May 8, 2013
Awards Night	May 15, 2013
AWANA Stores	December 19, 2012
	March 13, 2013
	May 8, 2013
NO CLUB	November 21, 2012
	December 26, 2012
	January 2, 2013

*Dates are subject to change. Please watch for flyers sent home for club schedule changes.



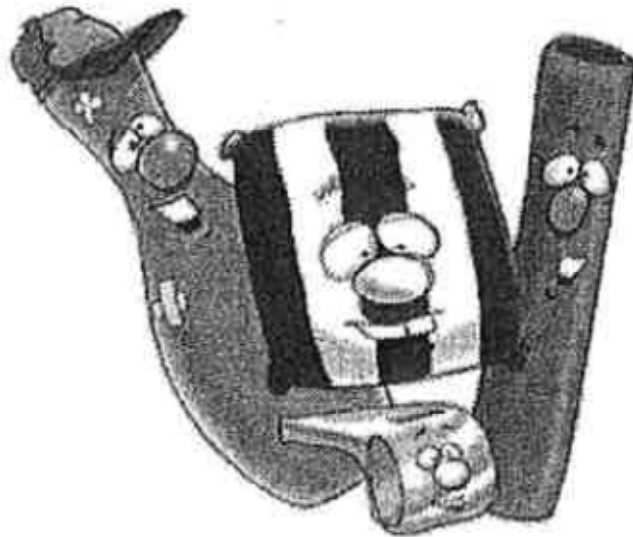
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Club Contacts

3 and 4 Year Olds	Cubbies Director - Kristin Grunder (714) 595-0383 director.cubbies7221@gmail.com
Kindergarten to 2 nd Grade	Sparks Director - Meagan Smoot (951) 371-9695 meagansmoot@gmail.com
Truth & Training (T & T)	
Girls 3 rd - 6 th Grade	Director - Elin Pittman (951) 204-7504 elinpcp@gmail.com
Boys 3 rd - 6 th Grade	Director - Bob Foust (951) 549-9131 bfoust13@dslextreme.com
Commander	Eric Dobson (951) 736-9628 awananorthpoint@gmail.com
Pastor, Adults & Families	Scott Williams (951) 734-1335 swilliams@northpointcorona.org

AWANA NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

	6:15	6:35	7:10	7:45	8:15
CUBBIES	R E G I S T R A T I O N	Please see Cubbie Room for Cubbie Schedule			C L U B D I S M I S S E D
SPARKS 1		Game Square	Handbook Time	Council Time	
SPARKS 2		Handbook Time	Council Time	Game Square	
3 rd - 6 th Girls		Game Square	Council Time	Handbook Time	
3 rd - 6 th Boys		Council Time	Handbook Time	Game Square	



REGISTRATION

To register you must:

1. Complete **AWANA Registration/Emergency Information Form**
2. Pay **Registration Fee**

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

Cubbies	3 & 4 Year Olds	\$20.00
Sparks	K - 2 nd Graders	\$20.00
T & T	3 rd -6 th Graders	\$25.00

We have a limited number of scholarships available for AWANA. Please see Eric Dobson (Club Commander) or Kathie Krause (Club Secretary) to either give or request a scholarship. Please make all checks payable to Northpoint Evangelical Free Church.

DUES

Each child is asked to pay dues of 50 cents each week or \$15.00 at the beginning of the year which will cover their dues for the entire year.

Registration funds and dues are used for awards, special theme nights, game square equipment, registration for events and the general up keep and running of our AWANA program.

MEDICAL RELEASES

It is essential that every child have an up-to-date Medical Release on file with our AWANA Club Secretary. These releases should include where you as a parent or guardian can normally be reached on club night. Please notify us of any changes in the information. A completed release is required in order for your child to participate in any AWANA activity.

UNIFORMS

Upon completion of the Entrance Book, each child may purchase their official AWANA Uniform. NO AWARDS will be issued to a clubber who is not wearing their uniform on the evening they are to receive the award. The uniform is critical to the AWANA program. Any questions regarding the uniform should be discussed with your clubber's director. A limited number of used uniforms are available at a reduced price.

We ask that each child wear tennis shoes each week and long pants that are suitable for an active game time. We play games in the parking lot and to avoid injuries each clubber should dress accordingly. Please remember jackets on cold nights.

VISITORS

Children are encouraged to bring their friends throughout the club year. All visitors may attend club once at no charge. However, if the child returns a second time, they must register for club. (If a child is unable to attend club due to the registration fee, please see Eric Dobson (Club Commander) or Kathie Krause (Club Secretary).

Arrival At Club

Registration begins at 6:15 PM

It is essential that all clubbers arrive **ON TIME** to all AWANA events. It is disruptive to the entire club program if a child is even five minutes late. Parents, please try to have your clubber at the church five or ten minutes early.

DEPARTURE FROM CLUB

Parents may pick up Cubbies from the Cubbie Room at 8:10 pm. Sparks and T&T clubbers will be dismissed promptly at 8:15 pm. Sparks 1 may be picked up from the Council Time Room, T201 and Sparks 2 from the playground. Please do not send older clubbers to pick up a Spark or Cubbie, they must be picked up by a responsible adult. T & T Girls will be released from their individual handbook rooms. T & T Boys will be released from the game square.

HANDBOOKS

The handbooks are the means by which the clubber memorizes Scripture portions and earns uniform awards. Our goal is for each clubber to complete one handbook per year.

Passing a Cubbie Section

At home, the Cubbie learns and recites each section to a parent or completes the required activity with Mom or Dad. The parent's signature indicates that work has been completed. **Please be sure to sign your child's book before club.** At club, the clubber again recites each section to a Cubbie Leader. The leader's signature certifies that the section has been satisfactorily passed

Passing a Spark or T & T Section

The clubber works at home throughout the week in preparation for club each Wednesday night. The clubber must have their own handbook with them at club in order to pass a section.

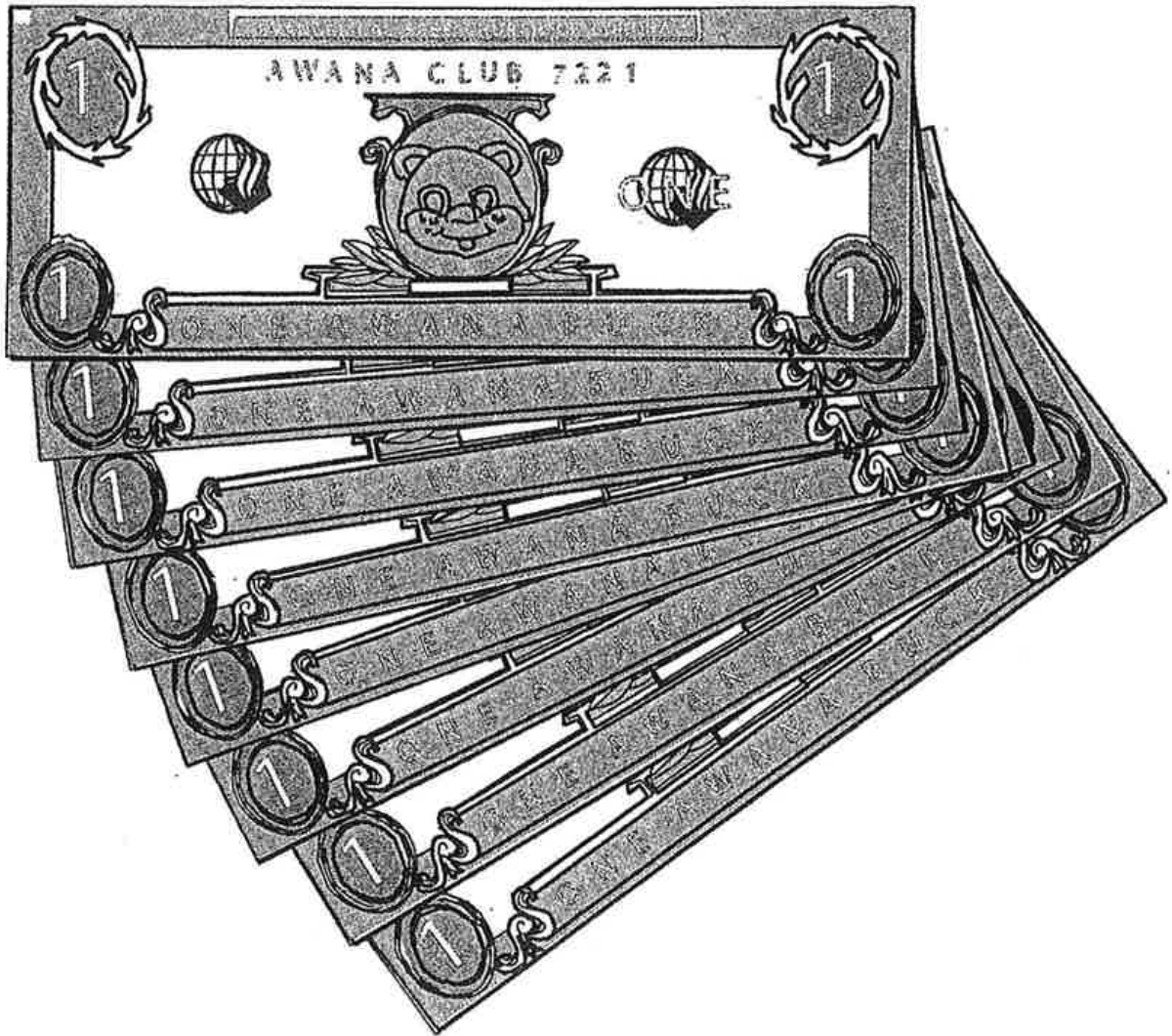
Each section of the handbook must be passed in its entirety at one sitting. The listener may give only two "helps" per section.

Clubbers will be given extra AWANA Bucks for each section successfully recited to his or her parents, with only two "helps" and with the parents initialing the leader's signature line.

As an incentive for a clubber to complete sections, there will be activities scheduled throughout the year which will require that the clubber has passed a certain number of sections in order to attend. NOTE: In order for a T & T Clubber to complete his or her handbook within one year they will need to average completion of two sections per week from the beginning of the club year.

AWANA BUCKS/STORE

AWANA Bucks are given each club evening and may be spent in our AWANA Store. AWANA Bucks may be earned by our Sparks and T & T clubs for various things such as passing sections, good sportsmanship, answering questions during council time and being on the first place team each week.



ATTENDANCE

CUBBIES

At Club

The Cubbie year is divided into two semesters. Your child is allowed only two unexcused absences from club during each semester in order to earn the attendance award.

At Sunday School

In order to receive credit for each Sunday, the child's Sunday School teacher must simply initial the date the child was in class on the Sunday School Attendance Form. When the final date has been reached, the child will then turn the attendance sheet into the club leader who will request the award for that semester. Each child is allowed two unexcused absences during each semester.

SPARKS and T & T CLUBS

At Club

The club attendance year is divided into quarters. Each clubber will earn one attendance award each quarter for superior club attendance. Two unexcused absences will be allowed per quarter.

At Sunday School

The Sunday School attendance award is given each semester for regular attendance. Each child is allowed two unexcused absences during each semester.

In order to receive credit for each Sunday, the child's Sunday School teacher must simply initial the date the child was in class on the Sunday School Attendance Form. When the final date has been reached, the child will then turn the attendance sheet into the club leader who will request the award for that semester.

If there are extenuating circumstances that would prevent your child from attending church on a regular basis, please contact your club Director for further information.

Each clubber is invited to attend our Sunday School here at Northpoint Evangelical Free Church. However, if a clubber is already attending another Sunday School, they may receive credit for that as well.

CUBBIES AWARDS

Bear Hug Brochure

Upon the completion of the Bear Hug Brochure, the Cubbie will be eligible to receive their vest and book.

Rank Patch

Upon completion of this unit, the child is awarded his or her rank patch for their vest.

Handbook Awards

Stickers are awarded for passing handbook sections. Stickers and uniform patches are awarded for completing Lamb Paths and Elephant Walks.

Parent Award

Parent Diplomas are awarded upon completion of the Handbook.

1st Book Award

After a Cubbie has completed the first handbook, a Cubbie bear pin will be awarded at the year end award ceremony.

2nd Book Award

After a Cubbie has completed the second handbook, a ribbon will be awarded at the year end award ceremony.



Sparks & T&T Club Awards

Your clubber has the opportunity to earn awards throughout the club year. Most awards are earned by passing sections in the handbook, but others are given for attendance at club and attendance at Sunday School. To be eligible to receive any award, the clubber must be wearing their uniform on the night the award is presented.

SPARKS

First Book Award After a clubber has completed the first handbook, a ribbon will be awarded. These ribbons will be awarded at the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

Second Book Award After a clubber has completed the second handbook, a second book ribbon will be awarded at the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

Sparky Award Upon completion of the three handbooks, the clubber will receive a plaque, recognition of the highest rank in the Sparks Club. All plaques are awarded during the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

T & T

First Book Award After a clubber has completed the first handbook, a ribbon will be awarded. These ribbons will be awarded at the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

Excellence Trophy This handsome trophy is earned upon the completion of any two handbooks (third grade and above). Excellence Trophies are awarded during the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

3rd Book Trophy This trophy is awarded upon completion of any three handbooks (3rd grade and above). 3rd Book Trophies are presented during the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

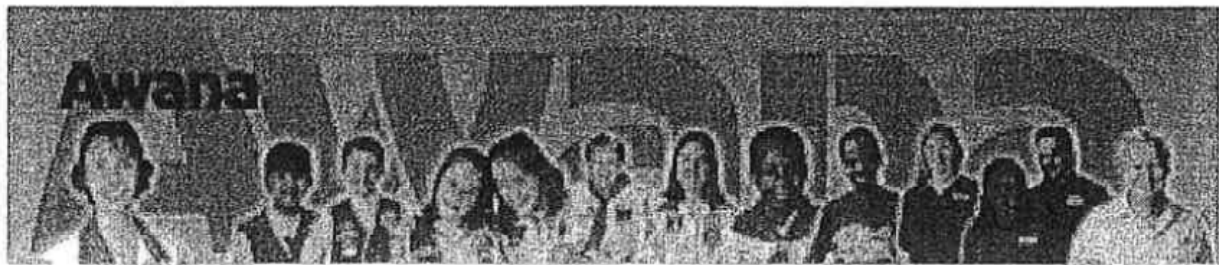
Timothy Trophy This impressive trophy is earned upon completion of any four handbooks (3rd grade and above). Timothy Trophies are awarded during the awards ceremony at the end of the club year.

How Can a Parent Be Involved?

What a great questions! The success of your clubber's AWANA year depends greatly on the involvement of you, the parent. Here are some ideas to get you thinking about ways to help your child have a super club year!

- Help your clubber pass two sections each week, working with your child to help them understand and apply each memory verse.
- Read each flyer brought home by your child...they are important!
- Volunteer to be an AWANA listener - we need help listening to all the sections the children have worked so hard to prepare each week.
- Pitch in on special events when your child is involved.
- Sign up to be an AWANA leader! With over 200 clubbers we are looking for Christian leaders ready to share themselves with our children. Please call Eric Dobson (951)736-9628 if you are interested in becoming an AWANA leader or verse listener.





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