

AWANA CLUBS Fall 2009 PARENT HANDBOOK

We are excited that your children have come to Awana! We know that they will enjoy the club programs. They will make new friends, be a part of exciting games, participate in challenging contests and earn awards, all while they learn how to develop a life-transforming relationship with God.

Our Smithville FBC Awana Club is a member of Awana Clubs International, which operates thousands of clubs around the world. It is open to all children and youth in our community. While your child will not be required to attend other functions of this church, **you are welcome to attend and participate in all services and opportunities!** On Sundays we offer multiple Bible study classes for children and adults at 9:00. Worship services are held at 10:00 am.

The weekly Awana Club meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. It consists of three parts: **Council Time** (singing and a Bible story), **Handbook Time**, and **Game Time**. Each club devotes one half hour to handbook activities. We want the children to learn the truth of God's Word, and to develop a loving relationship with Him that transforms their lives. A new club attendee starts by passing an **Entrance booklet**.

Passing the Entrance booklet entitles them to purchase the club uniform and handbook.

We want to support you in providing balanced physical, social, mental, and spiritual activities for your child. Please feel free to visit our club anytime or call if you have questions.

Serving Christ Together,

Larry and Sharon Lauke,
AWANA Co-Commanders

Our focus is on developing relationships with the children, encouraging them to trust Christ as Savior, and helping them to memorize and apply God's Word.

CUBBIES

3-4 Year Olds, starting club 2 years before they begin Kindergarten. They need to be potty trained. (no diapers)

Director: Larry Lauke

SPARKS

Kindergarteners through 2nd Graders

Director: Carol Hendrix

TRUTH & TRAINING

3rd through 6th Graders

Director: Vicky Terrell



Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15 KJV

Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed

Club Guidelines for Your Child

1. Please be kind and show respect to others.
2. Take care of the items that God has provided for us.
3. Note that gum, candy, and food are not allowed at club, except at snack time.
4. Exercise is great—however running is only allowed during game time.
5. Please bring your handbook and wear your uniform every week so that you can do your best. In addition, awards are only given out when you are in uniform.
6. Remember to also wear pants and tennis shoes for game time.
7. Check-in is at 5:45. Parents must come in to sign their children in and out.
8. Please remember to ask your leader when you need to get a drink at the drinking fountain or use the bathroom-- preferably during Game Time.
9. Come to club with a desire to have a good time and be prepared with at least one section to say to your leader. If no sections are recited in 3 weeks, you will have to sit out during Game Time to work on them with a leader.
10. When a leader begins the 5 count-down, please immediately stop what you are doing and listen up. This is called the 5-count.
11. If you are not following the club behavior guidelines, you will receive number 1 on the 3-Count. If you receive 3 warnings, you will not be allowed to play games.
12. Normally only 5 sections/night may be recited. If leaders have sufficient time, they may listen to more. Every clubber will have

the opportunity to recite at least two sections each night which should enable one book to be completed in a year.

13. Have fun!

CLUB EXPENSES

Uniforms and Books

We have no registration fees or dues. Your expenses will be for your child's vest or t-shirt and for the Handbooks as your child works through them. [A clubber who is continuing in the same club and doesn't need a new handbook will have no expenses. When the clubber finishes the current book there will then be a charge for the next. Cubbies purchase a new book at the beginning of each year since they all work on the same lesson together.]

Cubbies.....

Jumper Handbook \$8.00

T-shirt \$11.50 (small or medium)

Sparks.....

Handbooks \$9.50 (CD included)

Sparky Vest \$10.00

T & T.....

Handbooks \$8.00

T-Shirt \$13.00

Awards presented during club throughout the year are provided by Smithville FBC and include:

Uniform awards – which are given for memory work. Please help your clubber KNOW and UNDERSTAND his/her verses. *A form of recognition will be given to your clubber if you initial each verse that is said to you with only two helps.*

Attendance Awards – which are given 4 times per club year for Awana attendance. One unexcused absence is allowed per Awana quarter. If your child is ill, out of town, or at a school function, the absence is considered excused. Perfect attendance awards will be given out at the end of the year.

Sunday School Awards– which are awarded twice a year for attending Sunday school and/or church. The award is given at the end of the 2nd and 4th Awana quarter. Three unexcused absences per half club year are allowed. Attendance is at the church of your choice.

Book Completion Awards – which are awarded to clubbers as they complete sequences of their Handbooks. The ribbons or trophies are presented at the Awards Ceremony at the end of the year.

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.smithvillefbc.org or picked up at the church office. Cash payments can be placed in an enveloped marked Awana with the child's name or if by check with Awana and child's name at the bottom. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church, Smithville.

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Pastor Mark Bass

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*For kids 3 years old
through 6th grade*

AWANA'S FALL KICK-OFF IS WED., AUG 12TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN SMITHVILLE. CHECK OUR WEB-SITE AT WWW.SMITHVILLEFBC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 615-597-4275.