



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to have your child involved in our Awana ministry here at Trinity Baptist Church! What a privilege it is to work together with you in the spiritual, mental, social, and physical training of your child. Awana is a local church sponsored program where children can enjoy exciting games and activities, meet new friends, and learn about God and memorize His Word. An Awana club meeting consists of several parts including handbook time, bible story time, and game time.

Here at Trinity Baptist Church we offer Wanna Bees, Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T clubs for boys and girls from 2 years of age through the 5th grade. **Awana** stands for: Approved Workmen are Not Ashamed, taken from II Timothy 2:15. "Study to show yourself Approved unto God, Workmen who Are Not Ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Awana goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. The four different Awana clubs offered here at Trinity are:

WANNA BEES: 2 years of age (must be of age by August 31st)

CUBBIES: 3 and 4 years of age (must be of age by August 31st)

SPARKS: K-2nd grade boys and girls

T&T: 3rd-5th grade boys and girls

Awana club begins promptly at 6:00 pm. Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 pm. Upon arrival they will check-in (bucks are given for club attendance, church attendance, wearing uniform, bringing Bible, handbook, offering, and bringing a friend,) in the lobby of the gym. Wanna Bees and Cubbies **MUST** be dropped off and picked up in preschool hall.

The first step in the clubber's advancement is the Entrance Booklet. Please help your child learn each section, word perfect in the order presented. Upon the completion of the Entrance Booklet, your child may become an official member of Awana Clubs and will receive a uniform to display their achievement awards and patches. There is a \$30.00 registration fee which includes their handbook, uniform, and awards and patches. If you need a new uniform or book please see Awana secretary on club night. A child's attendance should not be hindered because of a monetary issue, so if there is a problem, please see Bro Paul.

If you do not have a church home we would like to invite you to visit our church. Our **Sunday AM Worship Service** is at 9:15 am and we also have preschool, nursery, and Children's Church (1st – 5th grade). Bible Study is at 8:00 am or 10:30 am, **Sunday PM Worship Service** is at 6:00-7:00 pm, and Children's Choir 6:00-7:00 pm. Our **Wednesday PM Worship Service** is 6:30-7:30 pm, Awana is at 6:00-7:30 pm, and Youth is at 6:00-7:30 pm.

NOTE: In case of VERY bad stormy weather, and if you are not already at church, we will bring those children to the covered drive-thru area where Cubbies & Wanna Bees dismiss.

In His Service,
Trinity Awana Staff



NEW PROCEDURE THIS YEAR

ALL CHILDREN MUST CHECK-IN AT AWANA EVERY NIGHT & PARENTS MUST PICK UP CHILDREN

All Clubs begin promptly at 6:00 pm

CHECK-IN TIME 5:45 pm-6:00 pm

Wanna Bees and Cubbies will check-in **Preschool Hall**

Sparks and T&T will check-in **Gym Lobby**

Parents this check-in procedure is for the safety of your child. Please bring your child to check-in or make sure they check-in gym lobby with the secretaries. We are going to a computer based record keeping system and your child will not receive Awana BUCKS if they have not checked-in. For your child to receive check-in BUCKS they must arrive before 6:00 pm. **Clubs start promptly at 6:00 pm and will end at 7:30 pm.** We will not accept any children before 5:45 pm.

DISMISSAL TIME 7:30 pm

Wanna Bees & Cubbies in **Preschool Hall**

Sparks in **Children's Church (Room 253)**

T&T in the **Gym**

Parents need to pick up their children promptly at the end of the club in designated area, unless other arrangements have been made.

Note For Workers' Children: We will dismiss first all children whose parents are NOT serving in a ministry on Wednesday night. Then someone will walk a group to the preschool hall and someone will walk a group to the youth room after club is over. Please do not ask your child to leave the gym to come to where you are serving. For your child's safety, please help us to train them that ALL children must stay in gym until their parents come for them or we will walk them in a group to different areas of service (preschool hall and youth) after club is over. Thank you for your help in this area!

Awana Awards and Award System

Awana is achievement-oriented, and achievements are recognized and rewarded. Awards are given for handbook progress, church and club attendance, and participation in special events. Since these patches, pins, etc., can only be worn on the uniform, we encourage all clubbers to have and wear a uniform.

Awana Bucks

These bucks are given to clubbers for handbook achievement, team effort and other special accomplishments and recognition. They can spend these Awana Bucks at the Awana Store. The “Store” is open to all clubbers two times during the club year. Clubbers spend “Awana bucks” they have earned to purchase various items and toys. This year their bucks are being kept on the computer and will be given to them at store time. They all look forward to store night!

Club Attendance Awards

These awards will be given 4 times each club year. Clubbers are allowed one absence in each time period. They also receive 10 Awana bucks for this award each time period. These time periods are:

August 31 to October 12

October 19 to December 7

January 4 to February 22

February 29 to April 25

Church Attendance Awards

These awards will be given twice each club year. To earn this award, clubbers must attend church of their choice each Sunday. Two absences will be allowed in each time period. They also receive 20 Awana bucks for this award for each time period. These time periods are:

August 31 to December 7

January 4 to April 25

Handbook Completion Awards

These awards (ribbons, pins, and trophies) are given at the end of the year Awards Night to clubbers who have completed their handbook. They also receive 25 bucks for completing a book and 5 bucks for every section/signature they get in their handbook.

Club Cancellations

In the event that club is cancelled, due to bad weather or other unforeseen factors, notice of cancellation will be on the answering machine at the church and church website.

Tips on How Parents Can Help

- Please bring your child to club 10-15 minutes early. Team bucks are sometimes given for promptness.
- Help your child find a place to keep their Handbook and Bible to avoid the “Where’s my Handbook!” panic.
- Make sure your child wears his/her uniform to club. If they do not have a uniform or have not earned one yet, casual clothes and tennis shoes should be worn.
- Make sure your child brings their Entrance Booklet or Handbook, offering, Bible, and are prepared with the night’s theme. Bucks are given for each of these things, as well as church attendance and bringing a friend. Refer to Calendar for specific themes.
- Contact your child’s Leader with questions or concerns. If after talking to the Leader, if the issue is not resolved, contact the Club Director, Joe Black for Sparks and Kim Hicks for T&T.
- Help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with them reading and reviewing their Handbook sections and verses. If they do not have a Bible, please contact the club director. No child should be trying to complete their Handbook without a Bible.
- Encourage your child by familiarizing yourself with their Handbook, especially the non-verse sections. Often these sections require more time and home related tasks and activities.
- Gently remind them to spend 5-10 minutes each day on verses. Memorizing is hard work! If a child works on his/her Handbook 10 minutes each day, they can complete their book in one year.
- All parents are welcome to attend any club, any night, as a visitor with their child. If you do not have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit our church.

Awana Club Rules

1. Be on time

Check-in begins at 5:45 pm and club starts promptly at 6:00 pm and will end at 7:30 pm. We will not accept any children before 5:45 pm. Parents need to pick up their children promptly at the end of the club in their designated area (Cubbies and Wanna Bees in preschool hall, Sparks in Children's church room & T&T in gym)

2. Bring handbooks and Bible

3. Wear uniform (MUST be in Uniform to receive awards)

Tennis shoes are recommended for safety during game time.

4. Small Offering is encouraged and rewarded

(This is used for Awana mission projects)

5. No Running except during Game Time

6. Display Care and Respect for others and all church property.

(Listen quietly when leaders are speaking.)

7. No drinks or snacks during Awana

Awana is all about fun with a purpose, following the rules will make that possible!

AWANA Schedule

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| 5:45 – 6:00 pm | <u>Check-in</u> | Wanna Bees & Cubbies (Preschool) Sparks and T&T (Gym lobby) |
| 6:00 – 6:05 pm | <u>Opening</u> (Gym) | Sparks and T&T |
| 6:05 – 6:30 pm | Sparks (Game Time) T&T (Handbook Time) | |
| 6:30 – 6:55 pm | Sparks (Handbook Time) T&T (Council Time) | |
| 6:55 – 7:20 pm | Sparks (Council Time) T&T (Game Time) | |
| 7:20 – 7:30 pm | <u>Closing/Dismissal</u> | Sparks (Room 253) T&T (Gym) |



Calendar 2011-2012

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| August | 24 | AWANA Kick-Off |
| | 31 | Regular Meeting Night |
| September | 7 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 14 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 21 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 28 | “Crazy Hair or Crazy Hat” Theme Night |
| October | 5 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 12 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 19 | “Super Hero or Bible Hero” Theme Night |
| | 26 | Regular Meeting Night |
| November | 2 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 9 | “Red, White, and Blue” Theme Night |
| | 16 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 23 | NO AWANA – Thanksgiving |
| | 30 | Sparks AWANA Store/Regular Meeting Night |
| December | 7 | T&T AWANA Store/Regular Meeting Night/Cubbies Party |
| | 14 | No AWANA Christmas Break |
| | 21 | No AWANA Christmas Break |
| | 28 | No AWANA Christmas Break |
| January | 4 | “Pajamas” Theme Night |
| | 11 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 18 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 25 | Regular Meeting Night |
| February | 1 | “Jerseys and Cheer” Theme Night |
| | 8 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 15 | Bring a Friend Night |
| | 22 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 29 | Regular Meeting Night |
| March | 7 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 14 | “Go Green for God” Theme Night |
| | 21 | No AWANA – Spring Break |
| | 28 | Regular Meeting Night |
| April | 4 | Regular Meeting Night |
| | 11 | “Goofy Glasses” Theme Night |
| | 18 | Sparks AWANA Store/Regular Meeting Night |
| | 25 | T&T AWANA Store/Regular Meeting Night |
| | 29 | Cubbies/WannaBees AWANA Awards |
| May | 2 | Sparks/T&T AWANA Awards |