

Barksdale Baptist Church

Awana Club Ministry 2015-2016



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Dear Parents and Guardians of Awana Clubbers,

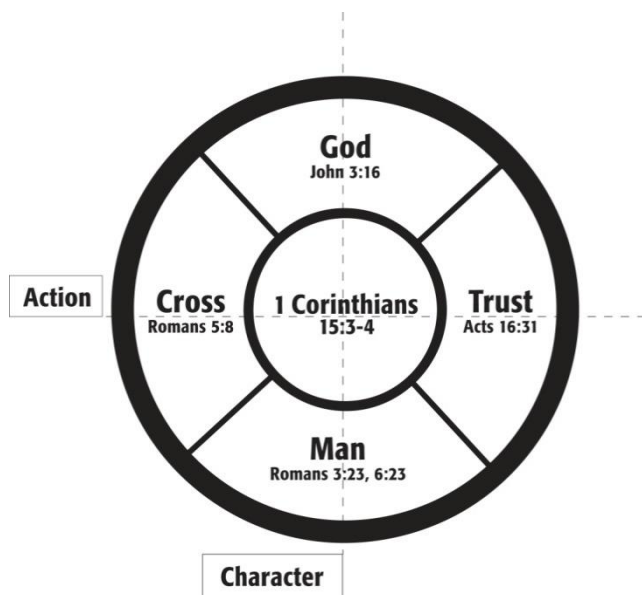
We are thrilled to have your child participate with us in the Awana ministry! Awana is a rewarding and enriching experience in Christian education and we are sure you will receive an exciting report from your child on the activities. The purpose of the Awana ministry is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The word Awana is an acronym based on 2 Timothy 2:15, Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed.

We encourage you to support your child's continued participation. Each weekly club meeting is composed of three main elements – Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Your child will enjoy the active Awana Games, uniquely created around the Awana circle. During Handbook Time, leaders work with small groups of clubbers listening to Bible verses the boys and girls have learned as well as assisting them with their handbooks. Your child will begin to gain a valuable understanding of spiritual truths in this way. Awards are earned for passing sections in their handbook and to motivate further achievement. During Council Time your child will be exposed to messages from God's Word delivered by exemplary speakers.

You, also, have a critical part to play in this training of your child. In order for your child to get the most out of the Awana program, your partnership with us in helping your child to learn and achieve is essential. Please read this manual which has been prepared to help clarify our expectations and to provide basic information about our program. If you have further questions, please talk to our Commander Peyton Pace, our Assistant Commander Cyndi Pace or one of your child's leaders.

Thank you and welcome.
Sincerely,
Peyton Pace
Awana Commander
Barksdale Baptist Church

Cyndi Pace
Assistant Commander



GOSPEL

1 Cor. 15:3-4 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

CROSS-God's Action

Rom. 5:8 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

TRUST-Man's Action

Acts 16:31 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

MAN-Character of Man

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOD-God's Character

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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Facts you must know and accept to go to Heaven

1. Accept the fact that all men are sinners.
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

2. Accept the fact that the penalty for our sin is death.

"For the wages of sin is death..."

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

3. Accept the fact that our good deeds or works can never earn, pay, or merit our way to heaven.

"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us..."

Titus 3:5 (NKJV)

4. Accept the fact that Jesus Christ has already paid the penalty for our sin.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

5. Accept the fact that all we can do to go to heaven is believe (trust) in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 3:36 (NKJV)

What is Awana? Awana is an international, Bible-centered ministry founded over 60 years ago by Christian men who saw a need for children to be reached with the good news of Jesus Christ. Awana has grown from its beginnings in a church basement in the Chicago area into a ministry that reaches hundreds of thousands of children around the world each week. Awana stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed”, taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

The key focus of the Awana ministry is Scripture memorization, understanding and application. The handbooks clearly present the gospel at an age-appropriate level, and initially focus on establishing a personal relationship between each clubber and Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The memory work, Bible studies and other fun activities continue to carefully give each clubber a Biblical worldview by building up their Bible knowledge and instilling in them a love and respect for God and His Word.

Modern-Day Joseph Jacob’s son Joseph, whose life story is told beginning in Genesis 37, is an ideal target for how we want kids and youth to grow spiritually and morally. Awana curriculum materials are designed to help parents and churches guide children to become “modern-day Josephs”, and are based on the following master life threads:

- ⊙ teaching respect for God and his Word,
- ⊙ building wisdom through Bible knowledge and understanding
- ⊙ helping children and youth demonstrate grace in relationships
- ⊙ giving them a sense of destiny and purpose
- ⊙ encouraging them to see things from God’s perspective

Awana has two books available with more information about raising a Modern-Day Joseph ; see the club secretary for ordering information.

What We Believe

God is One Divine Being, manifest in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)

The Bible is God’s Word, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit; it is therefore infallible and inerrant. (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:21; Mt. 5:18; 1 Cor. 2:13)

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died for the sins of the world, was raised from the dead, ascended to heaven, is now at the throne of God, and He will personally return to Earth. (Mt. 1:18-25; Mt. 28; Mk 16; 1 Thes. 4:13-18, 5:9)

Man was created by God in His image but because of sin, man is lost and destined for judgment. (Gen. 1, 2; Rom. 3:9-19; Eph. 2:1-3)

God has provided salvation through offering His Son on the cross and allowing His shed blood to atone for our sins. (Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:22)

We are saved and justified when we recognize ourselves as sinners and put our trust in Christ as the Son of God and His finished work on the cross. Salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing. (Rom. 3:24, 4:5; Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5)

Once saved, we cannot be lost. We are eternally secure. (Jn. 3:16, 10:27-29; Phil. 1:6; Rom. 8:38, 39)

Loyalty to Jesus Christ takes priority over any person or organization. (Mt. 6:33)

The Christian experience is one of separation to Christ from worldliness and ungodliness. (Col. 3:2)

The mission of the Church is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ, the Gospel, to others in the world. (Acts 1:8; Mk. 16:15)

Leader Expectations

Awana Leadership Our Awana leaders and student leaders (high-school students) have committed their time, talent and enthusiasm to helping you nurture your child's spiritual development in a fun, age-appropriate way. Please pray for the Awana leaders that they would be faithful and effective in leading children to Christ and training them to serve Him. We always welcome new volunteers – please see the Awana Servant-Leaders if you are interested in being part of the ministry team. Training is provided, and there is no time commitment outside of the weekly club meeting. You do not have to be a member or regular attendee of Barksdale Baptist Church to serve as an Awana leader.

Standards of Excellence

Awana has few requirements of leaders; however, the expectations set by the program are expected to be upheld with consistency and excellence. The following characteristics are those for which we expect our leadership to labor.

Requirements:

- 1) A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 2) A leader must have a desire to work with and a compassion for children.
- 3) A leader must agree with the Awana Doctrinal Statement as found in the Training Manual. *
- 4) A leader must consistently attend at least one hour of church other than Awana each week.

We EXPECT our Leaders to...

- be on time.
- be examples.
- follow the rules.
- display a proper attitude before the clubbers and other leaders.
- pray for our Club on a regular basis.
- realize Awana is not just another program, but it is a ministry of the church and a place of service to God.
- participate in ongoing training opportunities as they are offered.
- share the gospel with children on a regular basis.
- be involved in regular scripture memory, utilizing curriculum like *The Bible Based Leader*.
- utilize the 5 count and 3 count.
- oversee handbooks to make sure clubbers are going through books in order, sections completed and give maximum of two helps for each signature.

Awana Children's Ministry Curriculum

Kids represent the greatest opportunity to make a long-term impact on our world for Christ. Awana establishes welcoming, supportive environments where kids, from every background and cultural setting, learn how a personal relationship with Christ affects their everyday lives.

Cubbies Club

Cubbies is for preschool children who are no more than two years from entering kindergarten and are toilet-trained (3 years to 4 years old). Cubbies' parents work directly with their children on the weekly handbook lessons as active participants in their child's spiritual development. Children learn key truths about God, Jesus, salvation and the Bible through memorizing shortened passages of Scripture as well as games and activities. All Cubbies will work together on the same handbook section each week. If your child is absent, he or she can make up the missed sections. As Cubbies clubbers progress through their handbook, they earn award patches to display on their blue uniform vest. Cubbies after their second year will have completed about 64 verses. The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers.

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. Each Cubbies handbook contains a helpful review CD to use at home. One handbook is completed in a club year. Each handbook contains 26 Bear Hug sections along with four special-day sections.

Sparks Club

Sparks club is for children in K-2nd grade. The Sparks program contains memory verses of gradually increasing difficulty, teaching children more about Jesus, God and His Word. One of the exciting features of the Sparks program is a chronological "journey" through the Bible that kids experience in their handbook work. Sparks learn about important people, places and events in the Bible, how the Bible fits together, and how they can apply its truths to their lives.

All children begin the program by completing the Flight 3:16 booklet, after which they may receive their purchased red Sparks vest and first handbook. The material is self-paced; we recommend that each child have the goal of completing 2-3 sections per week. Parents provide the help and encouragement Sparks clubbers need to not only memorize their verses, but understand their meaning as well. Please help us know what your child worked on at home by initialing each section he or she is prepared to recite.

Sparks® ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

Sparks curriculum is comprised of three handbooks. Each handbook builds a foundation of biblical wisdom through memory verse drills, crafts, activities and review of key doctrine and Bible facts.

Before working in the first handbook, HangGlider, all newcomers to Sparks will complete an entrance booklet – Flight 3:16 – that centers on the gospel message of John 3:16. WingRunner and SkyStormer handbooks challenge Sparkies to learn about 15 more verses than the preceding book. To earn a Sparky Award, a clubber must complete the three Sparks handbooks, which involves memorizing 150 verses. The recipient must have completed second grade.

Truth & Training (T&T) Club

Truth and Training Club, for 3rd – 6th graders, is just what the name implies: teaching boys and girls the truth of God’s Word and training them to follow God and live lives of grace. T&T Club is divided into two groups: The Ultimate Adventure for third and fourth graders, and the Ultimate Challenge for fifth and sixth graders. Each handbook is structured around four central questions - children learn eight answers to each question which are supported with memory verses, short Bible studies and other activities. Children learn that following Christ is life’s ultimate adventure, and begin that journey by completing their “Start Zone” booklet. They are then eligible to purchase their uniform shirt – T&T Ultimate Adventure (third and fourth grade) clubbers wear a (new in 2014) customizable green and white jersey, and T&T Ultimate Challenge clubbers wear a customizable blue and white jersey.

All T&T materials are self-paced; however, we encourage clubbers to complete at least three sections every club meeting so they can finish their handbook during the club year and earn a special reward. Parents can help their clubber by making sure they attend regularly, practice memory verses and complete Bible studies and other activities at home and understand the Biblical concepts they are learning. Parents should initial the sections their child has prepared at home and is ready to recite to their leader. By the end of 6th grade clubbers should have completed 432 verses.

Student Leaders

Awana Student Leaders are a dedicated group of high school students who love God and love kids, and serve alongside the adult Awana leaders during handbook time and game time. They also enjoy a time of group fellowship, Bible study, training and discipleship. Student Leaders are selected through an application and interview process and should have their parents’ support in order to serve.

Weekly Club Schedule

Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:45 PM

Clubbers should arrive at club no later than 6:15, the club meeting start promptly at 6:15. Upon arrival we request that parents or authorized adults sign in their Cubbie aged children at their respective room. We ask that all first time Spark and T&T clubbers be accompanied by an adult or guardian to the main foyer to complete our registration, form all other clubbers are to check in and report to the Awana Room until called to Opening Ceremony in our Sanctuary.

Clubbers should be picked up by 8:00 pm. Cubbies parents or an authorized adult will need to go to the Cubbie room. No Clubber will be allowed to leave the building without a parent or an authorized adult. Sparks and T&T clubbers may be picked up in the Awana Room or church foyer. Parents, please be sure to provide the names and phone numbers of those whom you wish to be authorized adults for picking up and dropping off your clubbers on the Medical Release Form.

Throughout the club year, club meetings are held on most Wednesday evenings. However, meetings are not held on certain Wednesdays due to holidays or conflicts with other church activities. Please consult the club calendar for details. Club calendars are available from the Awana office and from the church web site at www.barksdalebaptist.org.

Guest/Visitors/Friends: We **always** welcome Guest/Visitors/Friends! Sparks and T&T clubbers have sections in their handbooks which require them to bring a friend to at least one club meeting. When bringing a friend, please ask them to wear athletic shoes for game time. Be sure you help your friend check in and complete a visitor's registration and introduce them to your leaders. We encourage you to invite other children to Awana to help build the kingdom of God! Parents are also welcome and encouraged to visit their child's club at any time.

Special Closings (no club)

Because of Louisiana's changing weather conditions, we will follow the school closures. If the schools are closed for weather conditions on Wednesdays we will also close or cancel Awana for that day. We ask for your email and text number, so we may send a message to parents to confirm this situation.

Sparky			Truth & Training		
Activity	Start – End	Duration	Activity	Start – End	Duration
Opening	6:15- 6:25	10 min	Opening	6:15- 6:25	10 min
Game time	6:30- 7:00	30 min	Handbook time	6:30- 7:00	30 min
Handbook time	7:00- 7:30	30 min	Game time	7:00- 7:30	30 min
Large Group time & Closing	7:35- 7:45	10 min	Large Group time & Closing	7:35- 7:45	10 min
Sparky: Kindergarten to 2 nd grader			T&T: 3 rd grader to 6 th grader		

Finances: Awana dues is \$20.00, which helps cover Awana Stores and theme night cost. Awana fee prices for uniform, handbook, and weekly awards are listed below. Other optional supplies are available as well; see your club secretary for information. **Please don't let finances prevent your child(ren) from participating in Awana.** Payment plans and scholarships are available; please speak with the Awana Commander, Co-Commander or Barksdale's Pastor, Calvin Hubbard. If the Awana Dues and fees are not paid a month from registration of child, we will send a reminder for the payment.

What does it cost?

Prices vary for clubbers, if your child is a first time clubbers the basic prices are listed on the next page. There will be a replacement cost for second time lost items.

Cubbies	3 yr old	4 yr old
Handbook	\$9.50	\$9.50
Uniform (vest)	\$10.50	
Weekly Awards	\$11.50	\$11.25
Total	\$31.50	\$20.75

Additional:

Stuffed Cubbie - \$13.00 Handbook bag - \$6.50 Every day T-Shirt - \$12.00

Sparks	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Handbook	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50
Uniform (vest)	\$10.50		
Weekly Awards	\$4.15	\$3.85	\$3.85
Total	\$24.15	\$13.35	\$13.35

Additional:

Handbook bag - \$6.00 T-Shirt - \$12.00 Frequent Flyer 9.00 FF Stickers \$1.40

T&T	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Handbook	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25
Uniform (vest)	\$15.99		\$15.99	
Weekly Awards	\$4.80	\$4.50	\$8.70	\$8.35
Total	\$29.04	\$12.75	\$32.94	\$16.60

Additional:

Handbook bag - \$4.00 Sling Bag - \$8.00

Prices available in Awana office.

REPLACEMENT COST FOR SECOND LOST ITEMS: (Prices may adjust)

Handbook	
Cubbie	\$11.00
Sparks	\$11.00
T&T	\$10.00
Uniforms	Priced as listed above
Emblems Jewels & Patches	Please see secretary for prices.

Clubber Guidelines

To have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly club meeting, our club has established clubber guidelines for behavior. All clubbers are expected to follow them. Your child's cooperation will ensure a good time for all.

1. Respect your fellow clubbers. Treat them as you wish to be treated.
2. Everyone must participate. Whether playing games, listening, studying, singing, or anything else, **all clubbers** are expected to participate. Special circumstances may be requested.
3. No running in the foyer, hallways or sanctuary.
4. Remain on the church property at all times.
5. Leave all food, drink, and chewing gum at home.
6. Respond to the **Five-Count** – stop what you are doing, become quiet, and listen to your leader.
7. Bring your Bible, handbook, and dues to club each and every week.
8. Wear your uniform every week. Unless the theme night specifies not to wear uniform (Non-scary Costume, Pilgrim & Indian, etc..).
9. Please take care of church property and club equipment.
10. Have a good time in each part of club. Awana is meant to be fun!
11. No electronic devices or toys at club. Clubbers may turn in their mobile phones and receive them back after club.

Note to Parents: During the club night, a director may use the

Three-Count. That is, (1) a disruptive clubber will be asked by the director/leader to settle down and warn him or her of the consequences. If the clubber continues,

(2) the clubber will be brought to the commander who will encourage the clubber to obey club rules and then allow the clubber to return to his/her club. If the clubber continues to disrupt,

(3) the clubber will be taken out of their club and either brought to his or her parents, or the parents will be notified when they pick up their child. A meeting of the parents, pastor, commander & clubber may be arranged. The possibility of a one week club suspension will be determined.

BBC Awana Club Standards Clubbers:

1. Be on time.
2. Wear your uniform and athletic shoes.
3. Bring your Bible and handbook.
4. Obey your leaders at all times.
5. Use words that are kind and encouraging.
6. Show respect for the church property.
7. Don't push, roughhouse or jump off the furniture. Running is allowed only during game time.
8. Show good sportsmanship.
9. Work on your handbook at home; come to club ready to recite.
10. Set a good example (II Timothy 4:12)

Parents:

1. Make sure your child(ren) arrive on time with their uniform, athletic shoes, handbook, Bible and jacket if needed.
2. Make Awana a priority in your plans. Clubbers who receive help at home and have consistent attendance get the most benefit from Awana.
3. Be committed to working with your child(ren) in their handbooks.
4. Provide help as need. Memorize their verses with them. Encourage them and congratulate them on their accomplishments.
5. Pray for our church, Awana club, leaders and clubbers.

WELLNESS POLICY

As we all know, sickness can keep going around with children, affecting not only the other children in your child's Awana group, but your family and other families as the illness goes "back and forth" between the children. Here is our established health policy for the Awana ministry. 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
- Bad Cough - coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending Awana

Awards: Cubbies, Sparks and T&T clubbers have the opportunity to earn awards throughout the year. Most awards are earned by completing sections in the handbook, but others are given for attendance at club. Clubbers receive their awards the week after they are earned. The handbook will explain the awards for that particular club and how they should be worn. Award costs are covered by the registration fee, but if your child loses an award upon the second time, you will need to purchase a replacement – see the Awana secretary for details. Clubbers may also earn items such as Awana “bucks” or prize tickets as a reward and incentive. All clubbers will present handbook completion awards during the last meeting of the club year. Completing an Awana handbook is a major accomplishment, and we invite parents, family and friends to celebrate with us! Parents will be notified by invitation, website, e-mail or phone when your child will receive their handbook completion award.

Awana Store

Sparks and T&T clubbers receive Awana Bucks as rewards for weekly game time competition and handbook achievement. Awana Bucks may be “spent” in the Awana Store. The Awana store offers various items such as pencils, cups, jewelry, books, small toys, etc... The Awana store is open twice a year. Clubbers may shop at the Awana Store from 7:00 until 7:45. Our Youth and Leaders assist the clubbers in making their purchases.

Christmas Awana Store: we will provide bags for the clubbers to purchase presents for their family and friends. The End of the Year Awana Store: consist of mostly summer items, toys and Awana gifts.

Awana Auction: this is going to be tested in 2013 to give the Sparks and T&T extra incentives to complete their handbooks. We will issue prize tickets (used like Awana Bucks) to all clubbers who complete the requirements. We will supply 2 liter coke, extra-large candy bars, bags of chips, etc... We will have an auctioneer to auction items for clubbers to place bids. All clubbers will have a chance to win something.

Special Events

Throughout the year our clubs participate in numerous events which occur outside the weekly meeting. Here are just a few: Some of these we have not participated in and some we will see if the clubbers would like to participate in by going to the event and watching.

Bible Quizzing

Bible Quizzing is a competitive event for T&T clubbers among area clubs that tests clubbers’ knowledge of handbook material and the Bible. The competition motivates clubbers to increase their Bible knowledge. Individual and team achievement is recognized.

Other Possible Activities:

Turtle Race, Carwash, Extra-Credit Saturday, etc...