



Sherwood Bible Church

Parent Handbook

2022 - 2023



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Welcome to AWANA

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Do your best to present yourself to God as one **approved**, a **worker** who has **no need** to be **ashamed**, rightly handling the word of truth.

2Timothy 2:15

Hey there!

We are thrilled that you have decided to participate in our AWANA program this year. AWANA was originally founded with the goal of "reaching children for Christ and engaging them in long-term discipleship." Similarly, the mission of Sherwood Bible Church is "knowing the Savior and making Him known." When you drop your children off for AWANA on Wednesday evenings, you can be certain that they will hear and learn Biblical truths that they may carry with them long into their adult walk with Christ.

WHO

- Cubbies: PreK
- Sparks: Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- T&T: 3rd - 6th Grade
- TREK: Middle School

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible & AWANA Handbook

WHAT TO WEAR

- AWANA Uniform *after awarded*
- Weather appropriate and modest clothing.
- Tennis shoes *Clubbers wearing sandals or shoes without a rubber sole may not be able to participate in our game time.

WHEN

Wednesday evenings 6:30-8pm

August - May

WHERE

Sherwood Bible Church

4900 N Norton Ave

Kansas City, MO 64119

WHY

To reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him.

AWANA Leadership Team

Ministry Directors
Jonathan & Elizabeth
Dalman



Cubbies Director
Bethany Hutcheson



Sparks Director
*Prayerfully seeking
a volunteer*



T&T Directors
Bob & Cindy Myers



Trek Director
Meghan Pierce



Game Square Director
Dave Reimer



If you are looking for an opportunity to make a life long impact in the lives of children, then look no further. According to a 2020 survey, children who participate in AWANA are more likely to come to faith and regularly attend church as adults. What greater difference can we have in a child's life, than to lead them to a personal relationship with the Savior and foster a habit of continuing to learn about Him into adulthood. We have several AWANA roles that we need volunteers to fill in order to operate efficiently. If you are interested in joining our AWANA family please e-mail awana@sherwood.org.

Cost Breakdown



Registration Fee

The cost is \$35 per child
\$90 max per family

Fees cover cost of uniform & handbook



Club Dues

Our AWANA Club does not require dues, but we welcome donations to assist with the cost of special events and awards.



Sponsorships

It is a goal of ours to make this program available to all children. If you would like to sponsor a child for AWANA or if you are in need of a sponsorship, please email awana@sherwood.org

A Note About Weather

We typically follow the NKC School District regarding snow cancellations. However, in years past, this has resulted in us missing out on evenings when we could have met due to the daytime sun clearing the roads. That said, Awana families will be notified via email by noon on Wednesdays regarding club cancellations.

We recognize that different families may have different levels of comfortability when it comes to traveling to and from club on these weather imposed evenings. We encourage each of you to use sound judgment before making the decision to come or stay home.

A Note About Health

Children and volunteers should not attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Severely runny nose or nasty cough (these increase the chances of spreading germs to others, especially among children who lack strict hygiene habits)
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- Suspected or confirmed case of head lice

Clubber Check-in

Please check-in all AWANA clubbers at the welcome center which is right inside our foyer. There will be a designated leader present to greet you and direct your clubbers to their leaders.

*Please do not drop off AWANA clubbers before 6:15pm



Clubber Check-out

Please check-out your clubbers at the welcome center as well. There will be a designated leader present to take note of who is picking up each clubber and connect you with your child(ren).

*Please aim to pick up your children promptly at 8pm. We understand some circumstances are unforeseen. If it looks like you will be more than 15 minutes late, please text or call one of us.
Elizabeth Dalman (816)679-2999
Jonathan Dalman (812)935-3487

AWANA Calendar 2022 - 2023

Aug 28	Registration Sunday	Luncheon
Aug 31	Ballon Night	Welcome Back!
Sept 7	Fashion Disaster Night	Wear a wacky outfit
Sept 14	Bubble Night	
Sept 21	Bring A Friend Night	Invite a friend to AWANA
Sept 28	No Special Theme	
Oct 5	Pockets Night	Prizes awarded for outfits with the most pockets
Oct 12	Glow Night	
Oct 19	AWANA Colors Night	Wear AWANA colors
Oct 26	Trick-or-Treat	Wear your costume
Nov 2	No Special Theme	
Nov 9	Patriotic Night	Wear patriotic colors
Nov 16	Mustache Night	Wear a mustache
Nov 23	No Club	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov 30	No Special Theme	
Dec 7	Christmas Store	
Dec 14	Decorate a Leader Night	
Dec 21 & 28	No Club	Merry Christmas
Jan 4	No Special Theme	

Jan 11	Bring a Friend Night	Invite a friend to AWANA
Jan 18	Progress Night	Parents invited to stay
Jan 25	Backwards Night	Wear uniforms backwards
Feb 1	No Special Theme	
Feb 8	Pastor & Popcorn Night	Bring your Bible questions to ask Pastor David
Feb 15	Pajama Night	Wear comfy pajamas to club
Feb 22	Grandparents Night	Grandparents Invited
Mar 1	Missions Night	
Mar 8	March-a-thon	
Mar 15	No Special Theme	
Mar 22	No Club	Spring Break
Mar 29	No Special Theme	
Apr 5	Double Buck Night	
Apr 12	Extra Big Night	Wear something Extra Big
Apr 19	Crazy Hair Night	Sport a crazy hairdo
Apr 26	No Special Theme	
May 3	Sponge Night Voting	
May 10	Club Preview	
May 17	Sponge Night	
May 24	Awards Night	

Cubbies Schedule

- 6:15 Clubber Check-In
- 6:30 Pledge and Songs
- 6:40 Puppet Show
- 6:55 Group Lesson
- 7:15 Snack
- 7:25 Handbook Time
- 7:40 Games
- 8:00 Clubber Pick-Up



Sparks Schedule

- 6:15 Clubber Check-In
- 6:30 Opening Ceremony
- 6:40 Games
- 7:00 Handbook Time
- 7:25 Awards
- 7:30 Group Lesson
- 7:50 Songs
- 8:00 Clubber Pick-Up



T&T Schedule

- 6:15 Clubber Check-in
- 6:30 Opening Ceremony
- 6:40 Handbook Time
- 7:15 Games
- 7:35 Large Group Time
- 8:00 Clubber Pick-Up



Trek Schedule

- 6:15 Clubber Arrival
- 6:30 Opening Ceremony
- 6:40 Ice Breaker
- 6:50 Memory Verse & Scripture Reading
- 7:15 Games
- 7:30 Main Lesson Time
- 7:50 Prayer Requests
- 8:00 Clubber Dismissal



HANDBOOK PROCEDURES

All Clubs Except Sparks work through their books at the same pace. Please refer to each club's handbook schedule to know what should be prepared by your child each week. Verses should be memorized (mimicking is not memorizing) and children should stay on schedule, making up missed verses as they are able.

Sparky clubbers work through their books at their own pace. They should make an effort to complete 1-2 sections a week in order to finish their handbook by the end of the AWANA year.



Verse Completion Requirements

1. The verse(s) of each section must be recited with only 2 helps or less. This means two helps PER SECTION, not per verse if the section contains more than one verse.
2. Each section must be recited in one sitting, meaning they may not say half, look at it, and then finish.
3. The sections in the book must be completed in order. They may not skip around in the book. Exceptions include "Bring a Friend", which may be completed at any time during the year; and other activities that must be completed at home may be skipped for a week or two, but should be completed as soon as possible.

We encourage each clubber to attempt to finish one book each year. However, we recognize that it is more important for clubbers to go at a pace that allows them to truly hide God's Word in their hearts. We make every effort to acknowledge each child's accomplishments.

Cubbies Bear Hug Schedule

Aug 28	Registration Sunday
Aug 31	Booklet Overview
Sept 7	A (Apple Acres Booklet)
Sept 14	B (Apple Acres Booklet)
Sept 21	1 (Handbook)
Sept 28	2
Oct 5	3
Oct 12	4
Oct 19	5
Oct 26	Trick-or-Treat
Nov 2	6
Nov 9	7
Nov 16	8
Nov 23	No Club
Nov 30	9
Dec 7	Christmas Store
Dec 14	10
Dec 21/28	No Club

Jan 4	11
Jan 11	12
Jan 18	Progress Night
Jan 25	13
Feb 1	14
Feb 8	Pastor & Popcorn Night
Feb 15	15
Feb 22	Grandparents Night
Mar 1	16
Mar 8	17
Mar 15	18
Mar 22	No Club
Mar 29	19
Apr 5	20
Apr 12	Make-up sections
Apr 19	Make-up sections
Apr 26	Make-up sections
May 3	Make-up sections
May 10	Club Preview
May 17	Sponge Night

T&T Handbook Schedule

Aug 28	Registration Sunday
Aug 31	Start Zone 1
Sept 7	Start Zone 2
Sept 14	1.1 (Handbook)
Sept 21	1.2
Sept 28	1.3
Oct 5	1.4
Oct 12	1.5
Oct 19	1.6
Oct 26	Trick-or-Treat
Nov 2	1.7
Nov 9	2.1
Nov 16	2.2
Nov 23	No Club
Nov 30	2.3
Dec 7	Christmas Store 2.4
Dec 14	2.5
Dec 21/28	No Club

Jan 4	2.6
Jan 11	2.7
Jan 18	Progress Night 2.8
Jan 25	3.1
Feb 1	3.2
Feb 8	3.3
Feb 15	3.4
Feb 22	3.5
Mar 1	3.6
Mar 8	3.7
Mar 15	3.8
Mar 22	No Club
Mar 29	4.1
Apr 5	4.2
Apr 12	4.3
Apr 19	4.4
Apr 26	4.5
May 3	4.6
May 10	4.7
May 17	4.8

A Note to Parents/Guardians

As we embark on this journey together, please keep in mind that "our goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him." That said it is important that we work together to help our clubbers along the way.

From our leaders, you can expect willing hearts, listening ears, and words of encouragement. What we need most from you is to regularly work with your child(ren) on verse memorization. It really makes a difference on club night if a child has been practicing their Bible verses. Not only does it give them something to be excited about, but most importantly, it imprints the Word of God on their heart!

Additionally, if we are to work together to help lay a foundation of faith in God and a strong Biblical understanding in these children, we need you to assist your children in keeping track of their AWANA belongings so that they have them ready for club on Wednesday evenings. AWANA book bags are optional, but available for purchase if you find it would be helpful for your child.

Finally, we encourage AWANA families not to substitute club nights for regular church attendance. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings for our worship service and message. The service runs from 9:30- 11 and Sunday school classes follow from 11:15-12.

You can find out more on our church website
sherwood.org

Expectations For Clubbers

- Clubbers should not be left unattended. Unescorted children will not be permitted to leave the building.
- Rowdy and/or disrespectful behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Care and respect should be shown for church property.
- Running is only allowed during Game Time.
- Clubbers who choose to make poor choices will first, receive a warning. If undesirable behavior continues, they will be asked to shadow a leader. If a 3rd offense is made, their parent will be called to pick them up from AWANA early.
- Game Time is a privilege and may be revoked for a night for children who cannot



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