



HADDON HEIGHTS
BAPTIST CHURCH

2022-2023

Parents' Handbook

**Clubs meet Wednesday nights
September 14 through May 24**

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Awana is an exciting time for children age 3 to sixth grade.

Each night is filled with fun games, Bible memorization and a special large group teaching time.

Awards are earned as progress is made through each Awana book and a special award is presented at our year end Award Program to those clubbers who complete their book.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a pleasure to have your child come to our Awana Club. We consider it a privilege to help provide for your child's physical, mental and spiritual growth.

We want our Awana clubbers to realize that God loves them and that through His Son, Jesus, He provided salvation and the ability to have a relationship with Him and that learning His Word and obeying Him gives them meaningful and rewarding lives. This is accomplished through Bible memory, games, achievements and fellowship. Awana also helps discipline clubbers to work, play and study within their own peer group.

The name "Awana" is based on the Bible verse 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

A W A N A
Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with his or her memorization and encouraging enthusiasm about Awana. Through this booklet we hope to inform you about our Awana ministries. **You always have an open invitation to visit any of our clubs.**

We are thankful for the opportunity to work with your child each week in Awana. We hope your child enjoys our program and will continue to progress through all the club levels. If you ever have questions or comments about any aspect of our Awana Club ministry, please feel free to call.

Your Awana Co-Commander,
Harvey Hagen
Ms. Monika Simpkins

Club Information

Commander: Ms. Monika Simpkins
 Club Secretary: Mrs Pat Hagen
 T&T Game Director: Mr Bill Reiss

Cubbies

Boys and Girls Ages 3 & 4
Must be 3 by September 1st

Room 207 - Parents or guardians must drop off and pick Cubbies up in their room.

Sparks

Boys and Girls Grades K-2

Room 206 - Parents or guardians must drop off and pick Sparks up in their room.

T&T

Boys and Girls Grades 3-6

Girls Grades 3-6 - **Room 305**

Boys Grades 3-6 - **Room 304**



Registration / Prices

Although the Awana Club Program is being provided as a ministry of our church, there are expenses we incur that we are not able to meet from our general budget. For this reason, we ask that each family who benefits by having children in Awana help out with expenses in the following ways:



Cubbies Club

Registration Fee: \$40.00*
(Includes: One Vest per Cubbies experience, one Handbook per year)

Replacement Handbook \$12.00
 Replacement Vest \$14.00

Sparks Club

Registration Fee: \$40.00*
(Includes: One Vest per Sparks experience, one Handbook per year)

Replacement Handbook \$12.00
 Replacement Vest \$14.00
 Frequent Flyer Cards (Extra Credit)..... \$14.00

Truth & Training (T&T) Club

Registration Fee: \$40.00*
(Includes: One Uniform per T&T experience, one Handbook per year)

Replacement Handbook \$12.00
 Replacement Uniform ... \$20.00

*** Multi-child family discount - Three or more children from the same family, deduct \$5 off each child**

Guidelines for a Great Awana Experience!

All clubs start promptly at 6:30 PM and end promptly at 8:00 PM. Sign-in time for Cubbies and Sparks begins at 6:15 PM, so clubbers should arrive early enough each week to be in the appropriate place when their club starts.

All clubbers 3 years old thru 2nd grade, must be picked up in their room by their parent or guardian.

Entrance Books

Each clubber is given an Entrance Booklet the first time they attend Awana, which must be completed in order for them to become an official member of the club. **If an Entrance Booklet is lost, a new one may be purchased for \$.75.**

Uniforms

When the clubber has completed the Registration form and has paid the Registration fee, he/she receives the official Awana uniform (*Sparks receive theirs upon completion of Entrance Booklet*). Each clubber is expected to wear his/her uniform each club night. Extra team points may be given to motivate clubbers to wear them and the awards they have earned. **Clubbers cannot receive their awards unless they are in uniform that evening.** If a clubber loses an award after it is given to them they will need to purchase a new one to replace the lost one. Club Directors have replacement costs.

For safety during Game Time, each child must wear sneakers or athletic shoes.

Handbooks

Similar to the uniform, when the clubber has completed the Registration form and has paid the Registration fee, he/she receives his/her Handbook (*Sparks receive theirs upon completion of Entrance Booklet*). Each clubber needs to have his/her very own handbook at each club meeting. The handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in Awana. It helps them learn about God and it reinforces positive moral standards.

Here are some things to remember to help your child complete his/her handbook.

- No more than two helps per section are given in order to receive credit. A help is no more than two or three words or motions.
- Sections are passed when said to an Awana leader during club times or when special arrangements are made between the leader and child for the purpose of catching up in order to complete a book to receive a year-end award.

- Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that your child will memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you want to confirm the meaning either with the "help's" sections located in your child's handbook or with your child's leader or director, feel free to give them a call. They want to help!
- Encourage your child to work on two sections per week, one new and one review. Our leaders are concerned that the clubbers truly understand what they memorize. (The handbooks are designed to be finished in one Awana Club year.)
- Help your child to be disciplined by suggesting that they take 10 to 15 minutes a day to work on their handbook.

Discipline

We want parents to be aware of and understand our discipline policies and expected behaviors.

5 Count (Used in a group setting)

Clubbers are called to order by use of the "5 count." The person in charge does the "5 count" by counting slowly and loudly to five.

3 Count (Used with individuals in T&T only)

The "3 count" is a method for disciplining an individual who is consistently misbehaving, being disruptive or disrespectful. If improper behavior occurs, the clubber will receive a "**1 count**" from his/her leader.

If, after this first warning, the behavior continues, he/she will be placed on a "2 count" which results in meeting with the Club Director, who will make sure that the clubber understands the rules and reasons for them. When a child receives a "**2 count**" he/she may lose game privileges and/or any treat for the evening.

If the clubber chooses not to cooperate after rejoining his/her group, he/she will receive the "**3 count**" which results in the Awana Commander asking the clubber's parents or guardians to take the child home. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, the clubber will remain with the Commander for the remainder of the evening.

At the Commander's/Director's discretion, as a disciplinary measure, a clubber may not be allowed to attend the following Wednesday, but **we do want that boy or girl to join us again after that one week's absence.**

It is very rare that the final stage of the 3 Count is used.

An Awana Club Night At A Glance

Reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him is our two-fold purpose. We strive to accomplish our purpose through the three main elements of each weekly club meeting:

1. Game Time

2. Handbook Time

3. Large Group Time

Game Time

Individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to Awana and some playground favorites. Some clubs may assign color teams of red, blue, green and yellow that could be changed periodically during the year. A visitor will usually be on the team of the clubber who brought him/her. Game time gives the clubber a chance to unleash his or her energy!

Handbook Time

Clubbers will work either in a group or one-on-one with a trained leader to complete assignments in the clubber's handbook. Awana emphasizes the memorization and understanding of key Bible verses that show how to know God and walk with Him. A series of awards and trophies recognize achievements at every level as clubbers progress.

Large Group Time

Each club gathers together for announcements, music, award presentations, and most importantly, a practical Bible message.

Special Awards

In addition to the awards the clubbers receive throughout the year for scripture memorization, there are some special awards to encourage clubbers to be all they can be for Christ!

Cubbies Book Ribbons

Two ribbons, one awarded at the end of each club year for completion of club handbook.

Sparks Book Awards

Two ribbons, one awarded per year for completion club handbook.

Sparky Award

Awarded for completion of all three Sparks handbooks.

T&T Alpha Award

Awarded for completion of one 3rd through 6th grade handbook.

T&T Excellence Award

Awarded for completion of two 3rd through 6th grade handbooks.

T&T Challenge Award

Awarded for completion of three 3rd through 6th grade handbooks.

T&T Timothy Award

Awarded for completion of all four 3rd through 6th grade Handbooks.

Ten Steps Parents Can Take To Insure Their Child's Success in Awana Club

Parents are a critical part of the Awana Club Team! In order for your child to get the most out of the Awana experience, parents need to do their part! Your partnership with us in this effort is essential. Here are ten practical steps you can take that will ensure your child's success in the Awana Club this year:

1. ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD(REN) IS (ARE) PROPERLY REGISTERED. Registration fees are given on page 4. Registration fees defray the cost of the awards. The Registration form serves as a permission slip to obtain emergency care should the need ever arise.
2. ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS EVERY WEEK. Consistency will build friendships and inspire the dedication needed for achievement.
3. ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD GETS TO CLUB ON TIME. Promptness helps us maintain good discipline. Club starts at 6:00 pm.
4. ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS HIS/HER UNIFORM TO CLUB. Proper display of awards contributes greatly to a sense of achievement. Awana awards cannot be given to a clubber who is not wearing his/her uniform.
5. HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR CLUB EACH WEEK. Spend time as a parent reading and reviewing the handbook material with your child.
6. PICK UP YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY EACH WEEK AT 7:30 PM. Our staff has duties to attend to after club is over. The rooms must be cleaned up for the next users.
7. HELP US WITH THE RULES.
 - a. Clothing rules:
 1. Uniform shirts and modest apparel for all.
 2. Sneakers or athletic shoes must be worn.
 3. Oversized or baggy clothes are dangerous on the game circle.
 - b. Behavior rules:
 1. Clubbers are expected to be respectful to others and of other people's property.

2. Clubbers are expected to obey instructions and direction of Awana Leaders.

8. ATTEND ALL MAJOR EVENTS. The Grand Prix and Awana-Games (if held) are exciting times for the clubbers. You will receive invitations to special events that are going on at the church and your child's club from time to time.
9. SIGN AND RETURN EVENT CONSENT FORMS.
10. CALL the church office if you have any problems or questions, or contact your child's director.

Child Safety Check-in/Check-out Procedure

Haddon Heights Baptist Church (HHBC) seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities.

For your child's safety, HHBC has established a security checkin/check out procedure for children below third (3rd) grade. For Awana, this includes all Cubbies and Sparks but not T&T age children.

The child will be signed in by a parent/guardian or other responsible individual who will receive a "child-check" for the child, similar to a claim check. The "child-check" is to be presented in order to sign out the child from our care. In the event that it is not possible to present the "child check," the club director will be contacted. This individual will be responsible for releasing the child to the care of a parent/guardian or other responsible individual after discussing the surrounding circumstance for this event.