

AWANA MANUAL

2025 - 2026



The Ridge Church

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Welcome to AWANA. We hope you will enjoy our program. Here are some guidelines that will help you understand what AWANA is about and our policies.

AWANA is Fun with a Purpose. The children play games, learn Bible verses and hear Bible Stories. We will lovingly show your child what the Bible says about Jesus and Salvation.

AWANA is a Scripture Memory based program that will help your children learn God's Word and apply it to their lives.

We have four different groups of Classes and below you will find a description of each.

Puggles- (2 years old by July 31, 2025) Puggles will stay in their classroom for the evening. They will have playtime, a Bible Story, Snack Time and Music Time.

Cubbies are 3 & 4 years old. Children must be 3 by July 31, 2025. Please don't ask us to make exceptions. We realize that it is hard to expect very young children to sit still for a structured program if they are not 4 years old. All Cubbies must be able to be separated from their parents for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. It is recommended that a parent, grandparent or guardian remain in the building, or if you go on an errand, please let us know.

Sparks are children entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade. All Sparks must be able to follow directions and be able to be separated from their parents for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. All Sparks will have Book Time, and finish with Game Time.

Truth & Training Children are in 3rd through 5th grade. All Truth and Training children have Book Time and finish with Game Time.

Club starts at 6:30 PM every Wednesday, from August 27, 2025 - April 29, 2026. Our doors open at 6:15 PM and our secretaries will be here to meet them.

ALL CHILDREN MUST CHECK IN WITH THE SECRETARIES. If you are late, do not take them directly to the classroom, they **MUST** check in first.

Also, at the end of the evening, please pick up your child promptly at 8:00 PM (In the Lighthouse Ministry Center). I request that you come into the building and escort your child safely to your car. **Children will not be released to meet you in the parking lot. This is a safety issue, and I ask that you do not ask teachers to make exceptions. If you need to discuss this with someone, please see Mrs. Robyn.**

Puggles and Cubbies are picked up in their classroom (Main church building). Sparks and Truth & Training children need to be picked up in the Lighthouse Ministry Center (Gym).

If your child has any special needs, please let us know, so that we can have any necessary adjustments, in place, to help your child succeed in our program.

UNIFORMS/BIBLE

Puggles- Light blue Puggle shirt, jeans/shorts and tennis shoes.

Cubbies- Blue Cubbies vest, shirt, jeans/shorts and tennis shoes.

Sparks- Red Sparks Vest, shirt, jeans/shorts and tennis shoes.

T&T- Uniforms

3rd, 4th and 5 graders - Blue Jersey-style shirt with T & T logo,
jeans/shorts and tennis shoes

****If your child wears shorts, no short shorts. If your child needs to wear a skirt or dress, please make sure they have shorts underneath. This ensures modesty during game time. Parents, PLEASE DO NOT SEND midriff tops, swimsuits, short shorts etc. Everyone must wear tennis shoes to participate in game time. If your child comes with other footwear on, they will not be allowed to participate in game time. TENNIS SHOES ARE MUST.**

Bringing your BIBLE to AWANA is the most important part of the AWANA program. If your child needs a Bible, please see Mrs. Robyn. The NIV (New International) is recommended to coincide with the AWANA books. Each child in all groups will receive a book bag or backpack to carry their items. The first one is given if lost there is a cost to replace. Your child does receive points for bringing their Bible, Book and tote bag/backpack each night

REGISTRATION FEES:

The Registration fee for AWANA is \$35 per child. We feel that this cost allows everyone to attend, no matter what the financial need is in the family. Please help our AWANA Club continue to run by paying your registration fee. Your child will receive 100 extra points when the enrollment fee has been paid. If there is any financial difficulty in paying the enrollment fee, please see the Commander. No child will ever go without being in AWANA.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

Please help your child prepare for club each week by spending time at home with him/her, reading and reviewing handbook material.

THE POINT SYSTEM

- 10 Pts for attendance
- 50 Pts for bringing Bible, AWANA book and tote bag/backpack
- 100 Pts for paying Registration Fee
- 10 Pts wearing uniforms
- 40 Pts for wearing Tennis Shoes
- 10 Pts for each section said (10 Sections the limit for each night)
- 100 Pts for bringing a friend to AWANA
- 25 Pts for participating in a special event (see Calendar)

NON-PARTICIPATION

It is AWANA'S policy that if a child has not said a section to their leader in 3 weeks, he/she cannot participate during game time. This rule

does not apply if the child has been absent due to illness. This encourages the clubber not to let sections slide. It also helps them realize that this is "Fun with a purpose". The main focus of AWANA is to learn God's Word and to have a personal relationship with Him, while having fun doing so.

BULLYING

AWANA's policy is that "We do not tolerate any child bullying or deliberate harming another child or insulting a parent or leader." Any problem that needs our attention should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Robyn. Please let us know if anything was said or done inappropriately, so we can stop the wrong behavior quickly. I ask that all conversation be done in private, in a loving and Godly manner. We will handle the matter promptly. Also, if we have a problem with your child, we will bring it to your attention in the same manner. We may separate children that don't get along. Please cooperate with us; our goal is to improve behavior problems and not to embarrass your child. We will teach your children to forgive or ask forgiveness, whatever the case may be. All children are welcome, provided that they are respectful of our staff, parents, other clubbers and our church property.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship should always be exhibited at game time by all clubbers and their family members. Any outbursts or disrespectful comments made during game time to other clubbers, staff or visitors could result in no game time during club time.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

We ask that all electronic games, toys, Pokémon Cards, knives, fireworks, firearms, guns of any kind (yes this does mean toy), matches, lighters etc. be left at home. We have no tolerance policy against any dangerous items. Only Bibles, handbooks or other materials that are related to AWANA activities may be brought to church. Toys get lost, broken or mistaken for someone else's- this causes tears for the younger children and causes frustration in the older children, so it is best not to bring them. If your child must bring a cell phone, make sure they know it must stay in their backpack and it is not for playing games and face timing.

AWARDS

Puggle Awards

Puggles will work on lessons throughout the year. At the end of the AWANA year they will receive an award of an age-appropriate gift.

Cubbies Awards- Cubbies only work on one book a year. The entrance book is Apple Acers and Book 1 is HoneyComb. Cubbies will receive the HoneyComb Book Award Ribbon.

Book 2 is the Appleseed. Cubbies will receive the AppleSeed Book Award Ribbon

2025-2026 is Book 2 AppleSeed

Sparks Awards

Kindergarten works on Hand Glider Book 1 - Green Medallion Award

First Grade works on Wing Runner Book 2 - Blue Medallion Award

Second Grade works on Sky Stormer Book 3 - Sparky Sculpture

Truth & Training Awards

Books:

2025-2026 - Evidence of Grace

2026-2027 - Agents of Grace

2027-2028 - Discovery of Grace

2028-2029 - Grace In Action

Awards:

T&T Alpha Award Medallion complete book one

T& T Excellence Award Medallion complete book two

T & T Challenge Award Medallion complete book three

T & T Timothy Award Trophy complete all four books

LEAVING EARLY

If you must take your child home before AWANA is over, you **MUST** advise a leader or secretary that you are leaving with your child. If you see your child in the hall or in the bathroom, don't take him or her without notifying a leader. We are monitoring your child the entire evening, and we take our responsibility very seriously.

INJURIES

Your child's safety is our utmost priority. Occasionally, we have bumps and bruises when the children play the AWANA Games. We need to have your home and cell phone numbers on file in case we need to contact you. **PLEASE** do not send your child that is sick. We will send children home who are ill.

ALLERGIES

We do our best to make sure your child is in a safe environment. If your child has allergies or has any medical restrictions, please provide this information on enrollment form and we will inform the leaders. We try to be a peanut free zone, so parents please do not send anything with peanuts or peanut butter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

CALENDARS

Be watching the event calendars and description of events. Calendars will be available at the check-in table each week. Feel free to pick one up and take home to put on your refrigerator.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parents are invited to join us and listen to Bible Verses and/or help with Game Time. Please see Mrs. Robyn if interested.

Once again welcome to AWANA! We look forward to growing with your children this year.

In HIS Service,
Mrs. Robyn Gerling
AWANA Commander
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AWANA Enrollment Form 2025-2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____

Grade in School for 2025- 2026 _____

Who may pick up your child? (Over 16) _____

Has your child been in AWANA before? _____

If so, what was the last book they completed? _____

Emergency Numbers _____

Any Allergies (if so list) _____

_____ Yes, I have read the AWANA handbook

_____ No, I have not read the AWANA handbook

_____ Enrollment Fee of \$35.00 per child

_____ Need church scholarship