

AWANA

**Central Baptist
Church**

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Welcome to AWANA

Dear Parents:

Thank you for allowing your child to come to AWANA! We hope that he/she had a great time on their first visit. If you have other children 3 years of age by August 31st through eighth grade, they are also invited to attend one of our AWANA clubs.

This will be the 10th year Central Baptist Church has offered the AWANA program. There are more than 18,000 AWANA clubs in the world. The international headquarters is located in Streamwood, Illinois. These clubs are open to all boys and girls from any faith and church. While not required, your family is always welcome to attend one of our other church functions. We offer parents the opportunity to worship simultaneously with the AWANA schedule. Our evening worship service runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The weekly AWANA club consists of three parts: Game Time, Handbook Time (memorizing and understanding Bible scriptures), and Council Time (singing and Bible stories). Central Baptist Church provides the facilities and game equipment for AWANA, but we ask that each clubber pay a \$20.00 registration fee to help offset the cost of treats, awards and supplies.

If this is your child's first night at AWANA, he/she has brought home an entrance booklet, which is the first step in AWANA achievement. This booklet can usually be completed within the first three weeks. After the entrance booklet is completed, a clubber is eligible to purchase an AWANA uniform and handbook and begin earning more achievement awards.

We look forward to serving our Lord and helping you provide a balanced physical, social, mental and spiritual life for you child. Please feel free to visit our club meetings or call if you have any questions.

Serving HIM,

Dartan and Betty Cochran (636-257-7737)
Commanders

AWANA SCHEDULE 2006-2007

September 23 – Opening Night
September 30 – AWANA
October 6th – AWANA Ministry Conference at First Evangelical Free
Church in Manchester MO
October 7 – NO AWANA Church Picnic
October 14 – AWANA – Kickoff for Adopt-A-Club
October 20 – Parent’s Night-Out – SATURDAY NIGHT DUE TO
REALITY HOUSE SET UP
October 28 – NO AWANA Reality House Clean up
November 4 – Backwards Night
November 11 – Measles’ Night
November 18 – Crazy Hair Night
November 25 – Pajama Night
December 2 – AWANA
December 9 – Store Night
December 16 – AWANA (tentative church Christmas program/AWANA
will let out a half hour early at 6:45pm)
December 23 – NO AWANA- Merry Christmas!!
December 30 – NO AWANA – Happy New Year!!
January 6 – AWANA
January 13 – Cowboy & Indian Night
January 20 – Talent Night
January 27 – Hawaiian Night
February 3 – Fashion Disaster Night
February 10 – AWANA
February 17 – Measles’ Night
February 23 – Bible Quizzing – T&T
February 24 – AWANA
March 2 – Cubbies/Sparks Grand Prix
March 9 – Truth & Training Grand Prix
March 16 – Funny Face Night
March 23 – AWANA
March 30 – Awards Night/Final Night

** The schedule may be updated with special events, etc. as the year progresses. All families will be notified of any changes in the monthly newsletter.

WHAT IS AWANA?

AWANA – Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed II Timothy 2:15

AWANA Clubs International is a Bible centered children's program that began 40 years ago as a way to help kids in downtown Chicago, and is now used in churches throughout the world. Its purpose is to teach children about Jesus Christ and to train them in Bible principles so they can enjoy the blessing of a life pleasing to God.

There are 3 parts to the unique and exciting AWANA children's ministry.

1. **GAME TIME** – Children are taught sportsmanship and values in team competition.
2. **HANDBOOK TIME** – Bible verses and principles are presented in short sections that each child may complete at his/her own pace. Each week the child is offered an opportunity to share his/her knowledge from the Handbook. Awards are given for the child's successful achievements of sections.
3. **COUNCIL TIME** – Each club meeting has a fast paced, large group rally, where Clubbers enjoy music, skits, puppets as well as Bible messages on their level.

OUR AWANA PROGRAMS

Cubbies	3-5 year olds (3 by August 31 st) (co-ed)
Sparks	Kindergarten, 1 st and 2 nd grade (co-ed)
T&T 3 & 4	3 rd & 4 th grade girls
T&T 3 & 4	3 rd & 4 th grade boys
T&T 5 & 6	5 th & 6 th grade girls
T&T 5 & 6	5 th & 6 th grade boys
TREK	7 th & 8 th grade (co-ed)

MATERIAL COSTS

Each child is expected to pay a registration fee as well as pay for their uniform and handbook.

REGISTRATION FEE

In order to help pay for the many costs of running a club like this, we are asking for each clubber to contribute toward the expenses by paying a one time annual fee of \$20.00. This may be paid when you register at the beginning of the club year in September.

HANDBOOK

Each clubber will receive an AWANA handbook upon completion of their entrance booklet. The cost of each handbook is outlined below depending upon which club your child is in.

AWANA UNIFORM

The AWANA uniform is a vital part of the club program. It helps all clubbers to feel part of the club and it is the place where all awards are displayed. Uniforms may be purchased after your child has finished their entrance booklet. This usually takes 3-4 weeks of club attendance to complete. The privilege of wearing a uniform then becomes an award for completing this short beginning booklet. No awards will be given until the club member has a uniform on which to display them. Each club has a different uniform, but it is worn for the two to four years of that club. Each child should wear their uniform to each club meeting.

TOTAL COSTS FOR EACH CLUB

Club	Registration Fee	Uniform	Handbook
Cubbies	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Sparks	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
T&T girls	\$20.00	\$17.00/21.00*	\$9.00
T&T boys	\$20.00	\$17.00/21.00*	\$9.00
JV (Trek)	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$9.00

- The polo shirts for T&T groups above are \$17.00 if ordering children sizes (10-16) or \$21.00 if ordering adult sizes (small-large).

Our church would desire that no child be denied the opportunity to participate in AWANA because of the cost. Should expenses be too high for your family, please talk to your commanders, Dartan and Betty Cochran (636-257-7737). We will take care of working this out for your family.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Moms and Dads are essential helpers in a child getting the most enjoyment from participation in AWANA. Please use the following checklist as a guideline.

- Help children attend every week. Consistency will build friendships and achievements.
- Make sure they wear their uniform and tennis shoes and bring their handbook and Bible each week.
- Please have them dress modestly as they are in God's house and also will be playing games during game time.
- Be sure to arrive on time. AWANA starts at 5:00 p.m. with our opening ceremony. Promptness helps us to maintain good discipline and stay on schedule with each segment of the night. **DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF EARLIER THAN 4:50 p.m.** Thank you.
- You will drop off your children in the church foyer and pick up your child from their assigned class room at 7:15 p.m.
- Help your child try to complete a section of their handbook each week. Of course, some will be able to do a little more or some a little less. Leaders will be sensitive to the individual needs of each child.
- Always encourage your child. Children have more fun when Moms and Dads show interest in their accomplishments.
- Call the AWANA Commanders or your child's leaders if you have any questions.

AWARDS

Each child will have the opportunity to receive achievement awards throughout the year. They will receive awards at various stages throughout their handbook for memorizing verses and doing activities. They may also receive awards for club attendance and Sunday School attendance.

WELL CHILD POLICY FOR AWANA CLUBBERS

We want to provide a healthy environment in our church and AWANA program, so for your child's sake and in consideration of the other children and adults working with your children, we ask that you follow these guidelines.

Any child attending AWANA must have been free from the following symptoms for 24 hours or more:

FEVER
COLD/FLU
GREEN OR YELLOW RUNNY NOSE
PERSISTENT COUGH
DIARRHEA
VOMITING
DISCHARGE IN OR AROUND THE EYES
(Conjunctivitis/pinkeye)
RASHES & SKIN ERUPTIONS
ANY CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

If your child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the antibiotic for at least 24 hours before coming to church.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. This will help insure a healthy environment for all of our children. Remember, we want all of our clubbers to remain healthy and happy.