



Because Kids Matter to God

**Awana Parent Handbook
2008-2009**

"Everything you need to know as an Awana Parent"

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Dear Parents:

We would like to take this time to welcome you to our Awana Club at the Lawndale Baptist Church. The Awana Staff is excited to be working with your children each week. We have a lot of great activities planned this year for your child/ren, and we are looking forward to getting to know your child and you! We will be doing a number of activities including a hayride, Trunk or Treat, family skate night and other exciting activities.

Once again the staff is grateful that you are entrusting us with your child/ren each Friday night, so that we can share God's love and help them grow spiritually as we teach them about the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Because Kids Matter to God,

Ginny Ramsay, Commander

WHAT IS AWANA?

AWANA is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered youth organization providing clubs for three year olds through high school. Here at Lawndale Baptist Church, we have clubs for three year olds through 8th grade. The acrostic AWANA comes from the first letters of **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (II Timothy 2:15). There are over 10,000 AWANA clubs throughout the world.**

Every AWANA club is assigned their own charter number. Our charter number is 5985.

Each club meeting is comprised of three main segments: Handbook time, Council time and Game time.

OPENING EXERCISES

Opening Exercises is a time of pledges to the flags, singing the theme songs as well as other songs, and a time of announcements or information sharing for any of the upcoming activities.

HANDBOOK TIME

Handbook time provides opportunities for children to recite or complete sections from their handbooks. When the clubber recites his/her memorized verses to his/her handbook leader, and the handbook leader feels it is adequate, he/she will sign the book. Each clubber is encouraged to work at home with his/her parents on their sections so they can be ready during Handbook Time.

GAME TIME

Game time offers clubbers the opportunity to participate as team members in physical activities that develop team spirit, good sportsmanship, coordination skills and self-confidence. For Sparks the competition is team-based, unlike the Truth & Training who compete against each other. Because all clubbers are treated like winners (even if their team didn't win) game time provides a non-threatening atmosphere that encourages positive feelings. We encourage parents to have children dress comfortably for play and to wear sneakers. If girls wear dresses or skirts, shorts should be worn underneath.

COUNCIL TIME

Council time is a time of praying and having a Bible lesson covering a variety of topics.

2008-2009 AWANA ORGANIZATION

<u>Pastor:</u>		Rev. Robert Ramsay
<u>Commander:</u>		Ginny Ramsay
<u>Puggles:</u>	(Teacher's Children)	Kim Sloan
<u>Cubbies:</u>	3-4 year olds	Bunny Silvestro, Director
<u>Sparks:</u>	Kindergarten - 2 nd Grade	Jeremy & Laura Ramsay, Directors
<u>Truth & Training:</u>	3 rd -6 th Grade	Beth & Paul Daka, Directors
<u>Trek:</u>	7 th & 8 th Grade	Vincent & Lizette Senatore, Directors
<u>Game Directors:</u>		Cindy Wiltshire (Sparks) Rune Hellerslia (T & T) Ben Brous (Trek)
<u>Secretaries:</u>		Ginny McCarraher (Truth & Training) Hazel Peatman (Cubbies) Cindy Van Reed (Sparks)

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the Philadelphia Public and Parochial Schools are closed or close early due to bad weather, **AWANA will also be Closed that Evening!**

What should Parents do???

- 1) Tune into NBC 10 and watch the school closing system and it will say LAWNDALÉ BAPTIST AWANA CLUB CLOSED.

- or -

- 2) Call the church after 5:00 PM and the answering machine message will be changed if we must cancel Awana for that club night.

- or -

- 3) You can log onto the church's web site at: www.lawndalebaptistchurch.org and it will be posted if club is canceled that night.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Recording Attendance:

All clubbers are required to check-in with the Awana Secretary at each club meeting for attendance, handbooks, uniforms, and dues. If a clubber is absent more than 3 weeks in a row, we will be calling or sending a postcard to follow up on that clubber.

Dues:

Dues are 50¢ per child per night. Dues may be paid nightly or per year. The cost per year would be \$16.50 (optional). If you are having trouble meeting the dues requirements then please speak to the commander so we can make other arrangements.

Uniform:

Each clubber is expected to wear their uniform each week without fail. They should be wearing their uniform upon check-in. Awards and team uniform points can not be issued to a clubber who is not in proper uniform.

Bible & Handbook:

Each clubber is expected to bring their Bible and handbook each week. Missing either disqualifies them for points for their team. If a clubber loses their Entrance Booklet there will be a 50¢ charge for a replacement. Also, if they lose their handbook, they will be required to pay the full price of the handbook.

Visitors:

Clubbers are encouraged to bring visitors. Visitors are asked to check-in with the secretary so we can get an accurate registration card. Please be prepared with the child's address, home & cell phone numbers, birth date, grade, and parent's name. This will help us to obtain all the necessary information that we need on each clubber.

Punctuality:

Club starts promptly at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:00 PM. (Cubbies ends at 8:30 PM) Please make every effort to have you child/ren to club on time. Late clubbers disrupt the start of the club night.

Handbooks and uniforms:

Upon registration your child/ren will be given an entrance booklet at no charge. Upon completion of the entrance booklet, a handbook will be issued. The prices are listed below. Please have the payment, if possible, the next club night.

Upon completion of the entrance booklet, your child is now eligible to wear the official Awana uniform. Once again the prices are listed below. Please take note of the following:

Cubbies workbook - \$7.00

Cubbies Uniform Vest - \$9.00

Sparks Handbook - \$8.00

Sparks Uniform Vest - \$10.00

Truth & Training Handbook - \$7.00

Truth & Training Shirt - \$13.00

Trek Handbook - \$7.00

Trek Shirt - \$15.00

We, at the Lawndale Baptist Church, desire that no child be deprived of participation in our Awana Club due to finances. Should you have a problem with any of the finances please contact the commander and we will reduce the price or waver the fees.

***JUST A REMINDER THAT THE PRICES ABOVE ARE LISTED IN THE AWANA SUPPLY CATALOG. YOU ARE PAYING THE SAME PRICE AS WE DO.**

Clubber Standards

1. Doors open to clubbers at **6:45 PM**. Upon arrival, clubbers should report directly to the Sanctuary, sign-in with the Secretary, and find a seat with their club. Cubbies should go directly to their clubroom. Club starts promptly at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:00 PM. **(Cubbies end at 8:30 PM)**.
2. Clubbers are expected to wear their uniforms each week **without fail**, and bring their handbook as well.
3. Each clubber is expected to bring **50 cents for dues per night**. These dues are used to purchase supplies and treats for each club.
4. Pushing, shoving, and roughhousing are not allowed.
5. Cubbies and Sparkies require an adult or an older brother or sister to pick them up at the end of each club night.
6. Leader supervision is required for all clubbers at all times during the club night.
7. Chewing gum, candy and toys should be left at home.
8. Respectful language is always expected before, during, and after club.
9. After every activity, the Commander or the Director will begin counting from one to five. By the time number five is reached, each clubber is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions for the next activity. In Awana, leaders and clubbers are taught to respect the “five-count.”
10. Commanders and Directors utilize the “three-count” for individuals not following club behavior standards. If a clubber receives three warnings in one meeting, he or she will be sent home for the night. Clubbers who have to be sent home, may return in the future if they agree to abide by the club rules. The Commander will determine whether the clubber will serve a one or two–week suspension from club. When clubbers receive a “three-count” their parents will be contacted and will be required to pick up their child at the time of the call.

11. Address Awana workers respectfully – Mr. Mrs., or Miss or Aunt or Uncle.
12. Awana clubbers are encouraged to regularly attend club, Sunday School and Church.
13. Game time is a privilege. In cases of extreme disorderliness, the Commander or Director may revoke it for a night.
14. Clubbers should come dressed in recreation attire, for example, casual wear and sneakers (**don't' forget the uniform!**)
15. Care and respect should be shown to all church property.

General Information:

Lawndale Baptist Church: (215-342-1211)

Awana Commander:	Ginny Ramsay	215-745-0824
Cubbies Director:	Bunny Silvestro	215-288-9567
Sparks Director:	Jeremy & Ramsay	215-886-0246
Truth & Training Director:	Beth & Paul Daka	215-331-3735
Jr. Varsity Directors:	Vincent & Lizette Senator	610-853-1196

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Lawndale Baptist Church Services

We, at the Lawndale Baptist Church, invite you to any of our following services. Come as a visitor and leave as a friend!

Sunday:

Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 AM
Traditional Worship	11:00 AM
Evening Service	7:00 PM

Wednesday:

Youth Group (7 th -12 th Grades)	6:45 PM
Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM

For more information about Lawndale, please visit us on the web at:
www.lawndalebaptistchurch.org

We hope to see you some time !