

Parent Handbook

2011-2012



Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - 2 Timothy 2:15



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Welcome to AWANA!

As your Program Directors, we welcome each family into the AWANA program at Grace Church of Orange.

It is the goal of every Club Leader to help your Clubber grow in their faith and knowledge of the Bible. This happens through Bible memorization, games and activities.

As a parent, you play an integral part in your child's success in AWANA. We encourage you to spend just ten minutes each day helping your child work his way through his workbook.

We thank you for entrusting your child to our Club and Leaders. We are committed to helping our Clubbers succeed through our leadership, guidance and prayer for each child.

Serving Him,



***Jim and Paula Hughes
Program Directors***

CLUB DIRECTORS

If you have question or concerns regarding a Club or your child's needs, please call your Club Director, the Awana Program Directors or Pastor. Here are their names and phone numbers.

Cubbies	Coed Ages 3&4*	Emily Farrell 714-838-9052 Kristine Scoble 714-267-0089
Sparks	Coed Grades K-2 nd	Jim Hughes 714-538-9307
Truth and Training	Girls Grades 3-6	Melodie Manthorne 714-998-1388
Truth and Training	Boys Grades 3-6	Pete Roberts 714-538-4514 Simon Goodyear 714-538-4340
Program Directors	All Clubs	Jim & Paula Hughes 714-538-9307
Club Secretary		Julie Murillo 714-847-4186
Associate Pastor		Brian Zuniga 714-633-8867x222

***Cubbies Guidelines:** *Children must be scheduled to enter Kindergarten by September 2013 and must be potty-trained.*

Space in Cubbies is limited, and established selection criteria are used if the number of applicants exceeds that limitation.

CLUBBER/PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Clubbers participating in an AWANA Club involves two things:

- 1. Attending the Wednesday night meetings.**
- 2. Working through the handbook.**

As a parent, your enthusiasm and support, as well as your time and guidance, will help your child enjoy the Club and succeed in their book. Each Club handbook contains Bible memory verses; activities and readings that follow a central theme, grouped into sections. Children earn team points and individual awards by completing these sections. Handbook work should be completed outside of Club, and recited on Wednesday evening.

The main goal is to help each child understand the verses and concepts they are covering and not just build memorization skills. It is our goal that the children understand the verses that they memorize and apply them to their lives.

Most children will be prepared for the weekly AWANA Club meeting if they spend an average of 10 minutes a day working in their handbooks. We encourage you, the parent, to help your child develop this 10-minute per day habit. We ask you to review each section with your child prior to the Club night, and to initial (next to the Leader's Signature line) every one that your child is ready to complete. This helps the Leader know what sections your child is prepared to recite, and your initials earn double points for his/her team.

Even though many of us have very busy schedule, we encourage you, the parent, to try to make your child's AWANA Club a priority. Help your child develop the habit of working in his/her book regularly, and to understand the meaning of each verse, (questions and definitions are provided inside the handbook to help).

Your involvement will make a big difference.

CLUBBER STANDARDS

On Time: Clubbers should arrive on Wednesday nights in time to check in and be ready to start by 6:30 p.m. Club begins in the Worship Center with worship and announcements.

Dress Code: Earn and purchase a uniform, and wear it to club every week. Uniform awards can only be presented to Clubbers who are in a uniform. **Wear long pants and shoes you can run in, no slide shoes or sandals.** We play games on the asphalt for K-6th grades. Clubbers in unsafe attire will be asked to sit out games.

Self-Control: Order is very important with so many children in Club. Always be courteous, friendly and show good sportsmanship. Be respectful toward all Leaders, Helpers, and other Clubbers.

Prepared: Bring your Handbook and Bible each week to Club (Bibles are available; ask us if you need one). Spend 10 minutes a day preparing for the following Club night.



CLUB ORDER

As we look forward to growth in numbers as well as spiritually, the need to have and communicate a method of maintaining order is important. Along with lots of encouragement and positive reinforcement, we employ the following techniques:

Respect

The "Respect" sign should be the most common way to maintain order in groups. Children (and adults) are to show respect for God, His Word, others, themselves, and property. An adult holding up the "Respect" sign (fingers crossed as an "R" in sign language) is a cue for children to stop what they are doing, stop talking, and to likewise hold up the "Respect" sign.

3 Count

The 3 Count is for individual children who have not been responding to the Respect sign. If a child has been particularly difficult (this judgment is at the leader's discretion), that child is verbally warned and given a count of 1. If the child continues to misbehave, the child should be told that he has been given a count of 2 and a leader will talk to his parents afterward. If misbehavior continues, it may be necessary to give the child a count of 3. If this happens, the child should be removed from the activity and his parents contacted immediately.

These disciplinary rules are standard throughout all of Children's Ministry at Grace Church or Orange. They will be used Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and at any special events.

AWANA DOLLARS

How to earn AWANA dollars:

1. For each section in your handbook that a Clubber completes and is signed off by a Leader, the Clubber will earn: 1
2. Each Club night, every member of the color team with the most team points will earn: 2
3. For every new friend that a Clubber brings to Club, both the Clubber and their guest will earn: 2
4. If a Clubber brings that same friend back to Club for a second week in a row, both the Clubber and their guest will earn: 5
5. Sparks: For each handbook review sticker a Clubber receives, they will earn: 2

What can a Clubber do with their AWANA dollars?

During the course of the Club year there will be several AWANA Store Nights for the younger clubs. This will give the Clubbers an opportunity to spend their dollars on fun items such as books, puzzles, games and assorted candies

The T&T groups will be having several special outings and events that the Clubbers can look forward to and use their dollars to attend.

Clubbers should spend their Awana dollars at every given opportunity. All dollars earned during this Club year, must be used during this Club year. Dollars earned during any previous year will no longer be honored.

AWANA COSTS

Uniform: Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of uniforms. New Clubbers may wear uniforms after they have completed the entrance book. Uniforms should be ordered and paid for early in anticipation of completion.

Cubbies	\$12.00
Sparks	\$12.00
Truth and Training t-shirt	
3rd & 4th-Green	\$15.00
5th & 6th- Blue	\$16.00

Books: Entrance booklets are free. Handbooks may be purchased before a child has completed the entrance booklet, but they will not receive it until after the entrance booklet is completed.

All Handbooks	\$11.00
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Dues: These cover the cost of awards, materials, and other supplies.

Flat rate per child	\$45.00
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September 7, 2011	First Club Night
September 14, 2011	
September 21, 2011	
September 28, 2011	
October 5, 2011	
October 12, 2011	
October 19, 2011	1st On Target Night
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October 26, 2011	
November 2, 2011	
November 9, 2011	
November 16, 2011	
November 23, 2011	Thanksgiving Break-No Club
November 30, 2011	
December 7, 2011	
December 14, 2011	2nd On Target Night
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December 21, 2011	Christmas/ New Years Break-No Club
December 28, 2011	Christmas/ New Years Break-No Club
January 4, 2012	
January 11, 2012	
January 18, 2012	
January 25, 2012	
February 1, 2012	
February 8, 2012	
February 15, 2012	
February 22, 2012	
February 29, 2012	3rd On Target Night
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March 7, 2012	
March 14, 2012	
March 21, 2012	
March 28, 2012	
April 4, 2012	
April 11, 2012	Easter Break-No Club
April 18, 2012	
April 25, 2012	
May 2, 2012	
May 9, 2012	4th On Target Night
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May 16, 2012	Awards Night