



FIVE FORKS
Kids

Five Forks Baptist Church

Awana Leader's Manual

Greetings Awana Leaders,

We are excited you have chosen to be a part of our Awana ministry team here at Five Forks Baptist Church. Awana provides a great time of fun, fellowship, evangelizing, and discipleship for children as well as for our team of adult and student Leaders. Awana is all about reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him. What an awesome privilege and responsibility God has given us in this ministry!

This manual provides a brief overview of the Awana program at Five Forks- what we believe what we do, expectations of our Leaders and general information. It will help you be better equipped to serve our children. Thank you for choosing to serve in Awana with us and may God richly bless your efforts in His service.

Because Kids Matter to God,

Jordan Manley
FFBC Director of Children's Ministries

AWANA BASICS

The Name

"Awana" is an acrostic for:

Approved
Workmen
Are
Not
Ashamed

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one **approved** a **worker** who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Awana Pledge

The pledge to the Awana flag best describes the core purpose of Awana: "I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for the Awana clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him."

Awana Core Principles

The Awana Ministry embraces six principles:

1. An Awana ministry is centered on the gospel.
2. It has high scriptural content.
3. It is fun and exciting for young people.
4. It is built on strong leadership.
5. It trains children and youth to serve.
6. It strengthens the church/ parent partnership.

Awana Prayer

"Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world come to **know**, **love**, and **serve** the Lord Jesus Christ."

Know: our desire is that every child and youth will know Jesus personally and know that he/she has eternal life because he/she trusts in Jesus.

Philippians 3:10 "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death"

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Love: the Lord desires intimacy with His children. We want to discipline children and youth to grow in their love towards God and others.

Ephesians 3:19 "and know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

1 John 2:5-6 "but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked"

Serve: serving Christ is a supernatural by-product of loving Him. We want all believers to experience the joy of serving.

Colossians 1:10 "so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

2 Timothy 3:17 "that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

Ephesians 2:10 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Awana Values

We will glorify God and serve the body of Christ by committing ourselves to these values:

- We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity and urgency.
- We commit to God's Word as our guide and standard.
- We treat all people as created and loved by God.
- We maintain a servant heart in all we do.
- We manage God's resources with faithfulness and integrity.
- We pursue excellence as unto the Lord.

Awana Ministry Philosophy

Awana's ministry places the primary ministry focus on being highly scriptural and highly relational. This enables Leaders to engage with children around the Bible, in the context of deepening relationships. Our goal is to help children come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus-Christ-to become His disciples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47y1NWMS6OE&t=63s>

Policies, Procedures and Expectations

A Positive Attitude

An important factor in making this program a success is your attitude. It will make a profound difference to the kids and families we are serving.

Timeliness

You are exception to arrive each week by 5:10. Please be on time! We want you there to be able to welcome the and greet the kids. If for some reason you are unable to make it please let me know ASAP.

Phones

Please do not be on your phones during Awana. It is a distraction and takes away from the children. Keep your focus on the kids and not your phones. Please only use the phone in case of emergency or to take pictures.

Participate

Please participate! Do not just hang back and talk with the other leaders during game time, handbook time, the Bible lesson or the opening or closing ceremony. Be actively involved with the evening's activities.

Be Intentional and Build Relationships

Be intentional in your conversations with the kids. Get to know your kids and build relationships with them. This will give you a better opportunity to share the Gospel with the kids.

Drop-Off/ Pick-Up

Parent or guardian must come to the sanctuary to drop off their child(ren). Leaders should be at each end of the row in the sanctuary. The parents must come up to the leader to pick up their child(ren). DO NOT let a child go without seeing/ talking to their parent. DO NOT leave before all of your children are picked up.

Bathroom

DO NOT go into the bathroom alone with a child. You are to escort your children to the restroom and wait outside the door. If they need help have someone else go in there with you.

Allergies

If a child in your class has an allergy we will let you know and put a sign up in your classroom so that you can be reminded.

Unruly Children

You'll need a blend of discipline, instruction and praise. If you are having problems with one of your children and you are having trouble resolving it yourself, please let me know.

Emergency

If there is any kind of medical emergency please call 911 first and then let me know. If there is any kind of emergency please let me know so I can be aware of it. You can contact me on my cell phone at 210-900-5424.

Uniforms

We are ordering some new Awana shirts. Please wear your shirt each week. If we have some theme-night feel free to participate and dress up.

Sharing the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel—noun. good news. The message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*

Description of the Four Clubs

CUBBIES

Cubbies is a two-year preschool program which celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers (3 to 5 year-olds) by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.



Apple Acres Entrance Booklet

Newcomers to Cubbies are taken through an introductory booklet that gives parents and children a brief overview of the program and presents God's plan of salvation at a preschooler's level. After completion of the sections, they receive a handbook and vest.

Handbooks

The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks, AppleSeed and HoneyComb, which are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers. These handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple Biblical truths. Each Cubbies handbook contains a helpful review CD to use at home. Each week a section is assigned and clubbers work at the same pace through the same handbook. One handbook is completed in a club year.

Vest and Awards

Trail Emblems: Cubbies receive the AppleSeed Trail emblem for completing the sections.

Green and Red Apple Achievement Emblems: Cubbies earn four green apple emblems and four red apple emblems during the year.

Schedule:

5:20-5:30	Check-In
5:30-5:45	Opening Ceremony
5:50-6:00	Snack
6:00-6:15	Playground
6:20-6:40	Handbook
6:40-6:50	Puppet Show
6:50-7:00	Closing Ceremony

SPARKS



Sparks is a three-year program for K, 1st, and 2nd graders. The Sparks curriculum consists of three handbooks. Each handbook communicates spiritual truths through verse memorization, review of key doctrine, and Bible facts, building a foundation of **wisdom** for knowing Christ.

Flight 3:16 Entrance booklet

Sparkies new to the program always start with the Flight 3:16 booklet regardless of when they start. After completion, clubbers receive a red Sparks vest.

Handbooks and Awards

1. HangGlider- Kindergarten
2. WingRunner- 1st Grade
3. SkyStormer- 2nd grade

Sparks Emblems

Sparkies earn a Sparks emblem by completing the first portion in their handbooks: HangGlider, WingRunner or SkyStormer.

Pilot Wings

Sparkies receive a pilot wing when they earn their first achievement jewel in a particular handbook. Pilot wings are green for HangGlider, blue for WingRunner and red for SkyStormer.

Jewels

There are 12 achievement jewels for each handbook with 4 of each color.

- Red- Awarded for completing Bible Drill sections.
- Green- Awarded for completing activity sections.
- Blue- awarded for club attendance, if Sparks have no more than one unexcused absence during the quarter.

Year-End Handbook Completion Awards

1st Book: Green Ribbon

2nd Book: Blue Ribbon

3rd Book: Sparky Award Plaque

TRUTH AND TRAINING (T&T)



T&T is a 3 year program for 3rd-5th graders.

Start Zone

T&T new to the program are to complete Start Zone before they begin their handbooks. After completion, clobbers will receive their T&T uniform.

Handbooks and Awards

1. Grace in Action- 3rd Grade
2. Agents of Grace- 4th Grade
3. Discovery of Grace- 5th Grade

Emblems

Clubbers will receive a Red, Yellow, Blue, or Green Emblem for the different sections they complete in their handbooks.

Extra Credit

Within each handbook section, there are “silver” and “gold” extra-credit activities for the clubbers who want to dig deeper into God’s Word. The silver excesses provide additional Bible study exercises and the gold exercises typically provide four additional Bible verses for memorization. The silver and gold exercises can be completed in any order. A clubber will receive a silver emblem or gold emblem depending on the completion of all required sections.

Year-End Handbook Completion Awards

One book: Alpha Award

Two Books: Excellence Award

Three Books: Calling Award

Trek

Trek is a three program for 6th-8th graders.



Handbook

The trek kids will all work on the Bible Study “His Story” together. This Trek Bible Study helps middle school students understand God’s story and answer the question, “Who are you?” Features clarified structure, consistent layouts, engaging lesson and daily devotional prompts. This study is easier to navigate, includes daily devotional and features one verse per week to allow for deeper group discussions.

2023-2024 Calendar

Date	Theme Night/Event
August 20th	AWANA Begins (Birthday Night)
August 27th	AWANA Club (Wacky Hat Night)
Monthly Mission for September – Donate items for Operation Christmas Child. (Balls, jump ropes, stickers, crayons, markers, cars, yo-yos, etc.) Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item they donate. Group with the most items for the month wins a prize.	
September 3rd	No AWANA (Labor Day)
September 10th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Crazy Socks Night)
September 17th	AWANA Club (Water Night- Wear Swimsuit under clothes and bring towel. We will play water games during Awana.)
September 24th	AWANA Club (Bring a Friend Night)
Monthly Mission for October – Donate items for Operation Christmas Child. (Balls, jump ropes, stickers, crayons, markers, cars, yo-yos, etc.) Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item they donate. Group with the most items for the month wins a prize.	
October 1st	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Pumpkin Night- Wear Orange)
October 8th	AWANA Club (AWANA Store)
October 15th	No AWANA (Fall Break)
October 22nd	AWANA Club (Costume Night- no scary costumes)
October 29th	No AWANA Club (Trunk or Treat)
Monthly Mission for November- Kids bring in cans of soup that will be donated to the Miracle Hill Food Pantry. Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item donated. Group with the most items for the month wins a prize.	
November 5th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Neon Night)
November 12th	AWANA Club (Camo Night)
November 19th	AWANA Christmas (Crazy Hair Night)
November 26th	No AWANA (Thanksgiving)
Monthly Mission for December and January – We will raising money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (All money collected will be donated to the IMB (International Mission Board) and used for missionaries and their various ministries.) Class who raises the most money will win a prize.	
December 3rd	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Christmas PJs Night)
December 10th	AWANA Club (Ugly Christmas Sweater Night)
December 17th	AWANA Club (AWANA Store)
December 24th	NO AWANA (Christmas Break)
December 31st	NO AWANA (Christmas Break)

2023-2024 Calendar

Date	Theme Night/Event
January 7th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (College Football Night)
January 14th	NO AWANA (MLK Weekend)
January 21st	AWANA Club (Bring a Friend Night)
January 28th	AWANA Club (Animal Kingdom Night- Bring a Stuffed Animal)
Monthly Mission for February – Kids bring in Baby items to be donated to Piedmont Women’s Center. (Baby Lotion, Baby Towels/Washcloths, Bibs, Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Baby Socks/Booties, Newborn Outfits, Onesies, Pacifiers, Newborn Diapers, Baby Wipes, etc) Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item. Group with most items collected will win a prize.	
February 4th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Wear Red and Pink or hearts)
February 11th	NO AWANA (Super Bowl Party/Family Night at Church)
February 18th	No AWANA (Presidents Day Weekend)
February 25th	AWANA Club (Super Hero Night)
Monthly Mission for March- Kids bring in jars of Peanut-butter and Jelly that will be donated to the Miracle Hill Food Pantry. Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item donated. Group with the most items for the month wins a prize.	
March 4th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Shamrock Night- Wear Green)
March 10th	AWANA Club (AWANA Store)
March 17th	No AWANA Meeting (Spring Break)
March 24th	AWANA Club (Easter Egg Hunt)
March 31st	NO AWANA (Easter)
Monthly Mission for April – Kids bring in Baby items to be donated to Piedmont Women’s Center. (Baby Lotion, Baby Towels/Washcloths, Bibs, Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Baby Socks/Booties, Newborn Outfits, Onesies, Pacifiers, Newborn Diapers, Baby Wipes, etc) Kids will receive AWANA Bucks for each item. Group with most items collected will win a prize.	
April 7th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Tie-Dye Night)
April 14th	AWANA Club (Crazy Glasses or Sunglasses Night)
April 21st	AWANA Club (Fashion Disaster Night)
April 28th	AWANA Derby
May 5th	AWANA Club (Birthday Night) (Water Night- wear swimsuit under clothes and bring a towel. We will play water games at Awana.)
May 12th	NO AWANA (Mother’s Day)
May 19th	Closing Ceremony (Parents Invited)

AWANA Weekly Schedule

Sparks

K-1st Grade:

5:20-5:30	Check-In (Sanctuary)
5:30-5:45	Opening
5:50-6:10	Games (Gym)
6:15-6:20	Snack
6:20-6:40	Handbook
6:40-6:50	Lesson
6:50-7:00	Closing
7:00	Pick-Up (Sanctuary)

2nd Grade:

5:20-5:30	Check-In (Sanctuary)
5:30-5:45	Opening
5:50-6:10	Games (Gym)
6:15-6:20	Snack
6:20-6:30	Lesson
6:30-6:50	Handbook
6:50-7:00	Closing
7:00	Pick-Up (Sanctuary)

T&T

3rd Grade:

5:20-5:30	Check-In (Sanctuary)
5:30-5:45	Opening
5:50-6:00	Lesson
6:00-6:20	Handbook
6:20-6:25	Snack
6:30-6:50	Games (Gym)
6:50-7:00	Closing
7:00	Pick-Up (Sanctuary)

4th-5th Grade:

5:20-5:30	Check-In (Sanctuary)
5:30-5:45	Opening
5:50-5:55	Snack
5:55-6:05	Handbook
6:05-6:15	Lesson
6:15-6:25	Handbook
6:30-6:50	Games (Gym)
6:50-7:00	Closing
7:00	Pick-Up (Sanctuary)

Trek – 6th -8th Grade:

5:20-5:30	Check-In (Sanctuary)
5:30-5:45	Opening
5:50-6:05	Lesson
6:10-6:30	Games
6:30-6:40	Snack
6:40-7:00	Handbook
7:00	Pick-Up (Gym)

Lesson, Snack & Handbook times will take place in their Grade Room.
For exact locations of the rooms mentioned above see page 7.