

Evergreen Baptist Church



Awana Club Parent's Handbook 2011-2012

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Welcome to Evergreen Baptist Church AWANA Club!

It is our privilege for your child to attend AWANA Club with us. We sincerely desire that this experience is a fun time of learning and growth for your child.

The word AWANA is an acronym for the words "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed". This comes from the Bible in 2 Timothy 2:15 which states,

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (NIV)

Each weekly club meeting is composed of three main elements.

GAME TIME: Your child will enjoy active, safe, AWANA games. These are uniquely created around an AWANA game circle. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

HANDBOOK TIME: A trained adult leader works with a small group of clubbers, helping them in working through their handbooks. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

COUNCIL TIME: A time of singing, sharing together, and listening to Bible stories and devotional messages prepared and presented by exemplary speakers. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

POINTS are awarded to clubbers for preparing for club night in advance and for good behavior and sportsmanship throughout each club night. These points are converted to AWANA Bucks for Store Nights and will enable your child to "purchase" items from our Awana Store. Points are awarded for bringing their handbook and Bible, wearing their uniform and appropriate shoes for game time, and a variety of other things. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT IN AWANA: You play a critical role in your child's experience with AWANA. For your child to get the most out of the AWANA program, your partnership with us is essential. Please support your child's interest in the program by helping with scripture memorization and encouraging enthusiasm.

We ask that one parent from each family assist with club activities at least once a month. We always have a need for listeners during Handbook Time and occasionally there is a need for additional help during Game Time. Volunteering your time provides you an opportunity to express your commitment to AWANA and provides a "lead by example" model for the kids to follow. Orientation Night (September 11th, 2011) will include information for parents and clubbers who are new to AWANA. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

AN OPEN INVITATION: We encourage all parents to visit our club to observe or to help in your child's club. Feel free to call your child's Club Director or the Commander with any questions or concerns you have about our AWANA club. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

ATTENDANCE: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

AWANA club meetings are held on **Sunday evenings** from **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. **Check-in begins at 4:45 pm**.

Please arrive on time, but not before 4:45 pm, to ensure adequate supervision of your child.

The club year is divided into quarters for the purpose of attendance awards. Each clubber can earn one award for each quarter if no more than two nights are missed during that quarter.

Clubbers can also receive awards for Sunday School attendance. The club year is divided in half for the Sunday School attendance award. Each clubber can earn one award each half if they have not missed Sunday School more than three times during that half.

WINTER WEATHER: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

AWANA may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Your AWANA Leadership will attempt to call all clubbers' parents to let them know as far in advance as possible. If you feel it is unsafe to transport your child to AWANA, keep your child home and let your Club Director know.

SAFETY: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

You can help us maintain a safe and orderly program by doing the following:

- Drop-off and pick-up of your Clubbers must be done by an approved adult. (18 or older) Clubbers will not be released to minors.
- Drive carefully in the parking lot as you come and go. Be aware that children may be present around you.

COST: Annual registration cost is \$30.00 for each clubber or \$75.00 per family for families with 3 or more children. This registration fee helps pay for the cost of game equipment, booklets, awards, and covers the cost of your clubber's first handbook. Uniforms and additional handbooks must be purchased separately. However, no child is excluded from Awana due to financial need. If you are in need of financial assistance to help defray the cost of signing your child up for AWANA club, don't hesitate to contact the Awana Commander. Such information is considered private, privileged information and will be kept confidential. ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

CLUB RULES & DISCIPLINE: ([Return to Table of Contents](#))

To ensure a safe and orderly club meeting, the following rules have been established:

1. Clubbers must remain with their Leaders at all times.
2. Clubbers are not to bring valuables to club.
3. Chewing gum and eating candy are not allowed without permission.
4. Clubbers will walk through hallways and common areas at all times.
5. Climbing on furniture is not permitted.
6. As a matter of common courtesy, clubbers will show respect for adult staff and for one another.
7. Pets may not be brought to Club.
8. Clubbers shall dress in appropriate, modest clothing, suitable for a learning environment.
9. With the exception of Puggles and Cubbies, if a clubber is consistently misbehaving, or being disrespectful or disruptive, the "3-count" will be used. (See page 7)

THE "3-COUNT": [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

AWANA Club is a ministry that must remain free of distractions/disruptions for everyone involved.

If a clubber becomes disruptive during club and cannot be easily managed, a Leader will invoke the "3-count" and give the clubber "one" for disruptive behavior.

If disruptive behavior continues, the Leader may give the clubber "two". If a "two" is issued, the Club Director intervenes to allow the clubber an opportunity to explain his/her actions and to remind the clubber of the consequences of receiving a "three". The clubber is separated from the rest of the group for the remainder of the club meeting. He/She receives individual attention from a Leader, working together on the clubber's next handbook section.

In the event a clubber receives a "three" for continued disruptive behavior, his/her parents will be asked to pick up their child immediately. If the parent cannot be reached, the Club Director will speak to them after club or by phone as soon as possible.

Any Clubber dismissed from club with a 3-Count will not be allowed to return to club until the second meeting after the dismissal.

Any clubber dismissed from club for the second time will not be allowed to return to club until the third meeting after the dismissal.

Any clubber with a third dismissal will be dismissed from club for the remainder of the year.

YOUR CLUBBER'S HANDBOOK: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

The handbook is a vital tool for your child's success in AWANA. It helps the clubber learn about God and reinforces positive moral standards. As you work with your child in his/her handbook, keep these things in mind:

1. Clubbers must have their handbooks at club to pass sections.
2. We desire that clubbers come **prepared** to recite scripture for book sections each week. This will take more than club time alone. We suggest **10-15 minutes each day** to work on their handbook at home.
3. Sections are to be said to a qualified AWANA Leader or Listener. Only two 'helps' are permitted to pass a section.
4. Do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that they memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you are unsure or want to confirm anything in the handbook, please contact your child's Leader, the Club Director, the Commander, or the Pastor. **We WANT to help!**
5. **Parents of Cubbies** must initial the sections they feel the clubbers are ready to recite to the AWANA Leader/Listener. Cubbies work at a group pace instead of an individual pace and follow an outline that will enable them to finish their book in one year.

Encourage your child to work on two or three sections per week. This is more than enough for most children to memorize with understanding and the handbooks are designed to be completed in one year by completing an average of two to three sections each week.

OUR AWANA STAFF: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

Evergreen Baptist Church AWANA staff is here to support your efforts, and your child's efforts, to make this the best AWANA year yet. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call on us to help you understand things better.

- Pastor** **Casey Rogers**
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- Commander** **Frank Torresin**
(360) 876-5634
- Secretary** **Lynn Harvey**
(360) 813-5897
- Puggles/Cubbies Director** **Angala Torresin**
(360) 876-5634
- Sparks Director** **Zandra Williamson**
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- Truth & Training Director (Girls)** **Rebekah LaVair**
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- Truth & Training Director (Boys)** **Avery LaVair**
(360) 769-8100

ABOUT OUR CHURCH: [\(Return to Table of Contents\)](#)

If you do not have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit our church and join us in worship.

We offer a variety of Sunday school classes for all age groups, pre-school through adult. There is also a nursery provided for those with babies.

Pastor: Casey Rogers

Church Phone: (360) 871-6364

Home Phone: (360) 871-4746

Sunday Morning Bible Study: **9:30 am - 10:30 am**

Sunday Morning Worship Service: **10:50 am - 12:00 pm**

Tuesday Evening Youth Group: **5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

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