

Grace Bible Church

**AWANA**

Parent's Handbook

2016-2017

## **AWANA CLUBS AT GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

**STARTS: September 7, 2016**

### **What is Awana?**

- Awana is a church ministry used to train the youth in the truth of God's Word.
- It is our mission to teach the clear Gospel of Jesus Christ and train believers to serve Him.

### **When and Where Does Awana Meet?**

- Starts Wednesday, September 7
- We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.
- Grace Bible Church, 8820 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28227

### **What do they do at Awana?**

- Awana is a time of learning, fun, and memorizing God's Word.
- The night is broken up into 3 segments:
  - \* Game Time
  - \* Handbook time
  - \* Council Time

### **What Ages Can Participate in Awana?**

Cubbies:                      Ages: 3 - 4 years  
Sparks:                        Grades K - 2  
Truth and Training:      Grades 3 - 6

**Note:** Grace Bible continues the Awana ministry for Middle School and High School. We meet on Sundays 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning August 28, 2016.

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Dear Parents,

We at Grace Bible Church are so excited about the opportunity and privilege to help train your kids in the Word of God. Grace Bible Church is committed to sharing the clear Gospel message. The Gospel states a person is saved by grace alone in Christ alone apart from works in order to receive the gift of eternal salvation. Once someone has trusted in Christ for salvation God desires we be trained to serve Him.

We use the Awana curriculum because of the emphasis it places on God's Word and hiding that Word in our heart. The priority of God's Word in training up believers to maturity and service is our utmost commitment.

Grace Bible Church offers Awana to kids of all ages. We want to extend a sincere and warm invitation of welcome to you, your child, and any friends to come join us on Wednesday nights and/or Sunday afternoons. Please come join us as we study God's Word, enjoy exciting games, and build lifelong friendships.

- Wednesday night we offer the Awana clubs to kids starting at age 3 up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Club begins Wednesday, September 7 from 6:45-8:05.
- The Jr. and Sr. High Awana meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-5:30pm starting on August 28th.
  - Registration for JV and Varsity is on August 28th @ 3:30 at Grace Bible Church.
- For more information please email Jonathan Preslar at [jpp2313@yahoo.com](mailto:jpp2313@yahoo.com).

Below are some of the guidelines Grace Bible is implementing to ensure the safety and protection of your children.

Grace Bible Church is very excited about the upcoming Awana year. We want to inform you on some of the new things that are being implemented to insure safety for your child while at Awana and any youth activity at Grace Bible Church.

**We have added windows in all of our classroom doors to insure accountability and supervision for all of all leaders and children.**

In addition, we have implemented new policies for the supervision, screening, and behavior of all volunteer youth workers at Grace Bible Church. Below is a sample of some of the additions that are being made.

**Application and Screening for Volunteers**

- All Volunteers regardless of age must fill out an application, provide references, and submit to background checks (Background checks only apply to those who are 18 years and older).
- All volunteers must have attended Grace Bible Church for at least 6 months.
  - The 6 month rule also applies youths who are part of JV or Varsity but have another home church. Must be part of JV and Varsity for 6 months to be considered a candidate to serve as any youth volunteer.

**Guidelines to Observe When Serving youth from babies through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Grace Bible Church**

**2 Leader Rule: Leaders supervise children in pairs:**

- Do not have one leader and one child in a room alone.
- Must have two leaders present in a room if there is only one child.
  - At least one leader must be as adult 18 or older.
- Must have two or more children in a room together if only one adult is present.
- We will have designated areas for children to go under supervision until time to go into classrooms or just stand in hallway with the child until more children arrive.

**Non-Adult Volunteers (17 and younger):**

- Do not be in a room alone with children, an adult must be present.
- You may go out in the hall with the children if necessary until an adult leader is present.
  - May not assist children in the restroom unless an adult is present.

**Open Door Rule:**

- Doors to rooms are to be open at all times if only one leader is present in a room with children.

**Restroom Rule:**

- Same guidelines as the two leaders or two children rule apply.
- Never be alone with a child in the restroom.

**Supervision:**

- In order to provide accountability, there will be appointed supervision at times of ministry to ensure these guidelines are observed.

## **AWANA Awards for your Child**

We want to help your child succeed in his AWANA adventure and have many awards to encourage him along the way.

### **Jewels, pins, emblems**

Your clubber can earn pins, jewels (for Sparks), emblems (for T&T) for his/her uniform each time a Flight, Discovery or Challenge is completed. This is received on the day the Flight, Discovery or Challenge is completed. There have been some changes made by AWANA to the awards system so, you may see some children with different awards. Be assured they are for the same thing but as we make the adjustment to these changes some children will have different-looking awards.

### **Clubber of the Month:**

Your clubber in the T&T program has an opportunity to win a special awards each month he/she completes a Discovery or Challenge in his/her handbook. The idea is to keep him/her on track so that he/she can receive a bigger reward at the end of the club year. At the end of the evening on "Clubber of the Month" nights, he/she is presented his/her award and is applauded by his/her fellow clubbers at the closing ceremonies.

### **Commander's Party:**

Each week your child is awarded points for several things such as: attending AWANA, wearing his/her uniform, if he or she brought his/her Bible and handbook, and for each section completed in his/her handbook. Totals are carried over from week to week for 12 weeks. All clubbers are welcome.

### **Annual Awards:**

At the end of our AWANA year we have a special recognition ceremony for all the clubbers and their parents. Each clubber receives a reward from a ribbon to a plaque depending on what he/she has accomplished and participated in that year.

## **Wednesday Night Schedule**

6:30-6:40	Leader's Prayer Time
6:45-6:50	Opening Ceremonies
6:50-7:10	Sparks/Cubbies-Games T&T Girls & Boys-Counsel Time Sparks/Cubbies-Counsel Time
7:10-7:30	T&T Girls-Games T&T Boys-Handbooks Sparks-Handbooks
7:30-7:55	T&T Girls-Handbooks T&T Boys-Games
8:00-8:05	Closing Ceremonies

## Awana Schedule 2016-2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September 7	<b>Opening Night/Registration</b>
September 14	Regular Meeting
September 21	<i>Crazy Hair Night</i>
September 28	Regular Meeting
October 5	<i>Bring a Friend Night</i>
October 12	Clubber of the Month
October 19	<i>Western Round-Up</i>
October 26	Regular Meeting
November 2	Regular Meeting
November 9	Clubber of the Month
November 16	<i>I Love America</i>
<b><u>November 23</u></b>	<b><u>No Club -Thanksgiving</u></b>
November 30	Regular Meeting
December 7	Store Night
December 14	Commander's Party/Clubber's of the Year
<b><u>December 21</u></b>	<b><u>No Club-Christmas</u></b>
<b><u>December 28</u></b>	<b><u>No Club-New Year</u></b>
January 4	Regular Meeting
January 11	<i>Awana Appreciation Night</i>
January 18	Regular Meeting
January 25	Clubber of the Month
February 1	<i>Bring a Friend Night</i>
February 8	<i>Backwards/Upside Down Night</i>
February 15	Regular Meeting
<b><u>February 22</u></b>	<b><u>No Club - Spring Break</u></b>
March 1	Clubber of the Month
March 8	<i>March Madness</i>
March 15	Regular Meeting
March 22	Regular Meeting
<b><u>March 29</u></b>	<b><u>No Club - Summit Trip</u></b>
April 5	Clubber of the Month
April 12	<i>When I Grow Up Night</i>
April 19	Store Night
April 26	Commander's Party/Clubber's of the Year
<b><u>May 3</u></b>	<b><u>Recognition Night</u></b>

## **Theme Nights**

<b>September 21</b>	<b>Crazy Hair/ Crazy Hat Night</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares with your crazy hair or crazy hat.</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Bring a Friend Night</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares for every friend you bring.</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Western Roundup</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares by wearing your boots, hats, vests, bandanas.</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>I Love America Night</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares by dressing patriotically.</b>
<b>January 11</b>	<b>AWANA Appreciation Night</b>	<b>Wear as much of your team color as possible.</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Bring a Friend Night</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares for every friend you bring.</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>sdrawkcaB thgiN</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares by wearing everything SDRAWKCAB.</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>March Madness Night</b>	<b>Earn 5 extra shares by showing your college team spirit!</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>When I Grow Up Night</b>	<b>Wear something from a profession you are interested in becoming.</b>

# AWANA REGISTRATION/ORDER FORM 2016-2017

**Parent's Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform leader if child has special needs(diet restrictions, allergies, learning disabilities, disciplinary needs, et

CUBBIES-Ages 3&4 (3 years old by Oct 15 and potty train)				SPARKS-Grades K-2			
Name _____	Age _____	DOB _____		Name _____	GR _____	DOB _____	
Name _____	Age _____	DOB _____		Name _____	GR _____	DOB _____	
		Gave Entrance Test	Y N			Gave Entrance Test	Y N
Uniform - \$14.00		Handbook - \$9.00		Uniform - \$14.00		Handbook - \$9.00	
(5) Medium <input type="checkbox"/>		Jumper <input type="checkbox"/>		(8) Medium <input type="checkbox"/>		Hang Glider <input type="checkbox"/>	
(6) Large <input type="checkbox"/>		Hopper <input type="checkbox"/>		(10) Large <input type="checkbox"/>		Wing Runner <input type="checkbox"/>	
(8) XLarge <input type="checkbox"/>				(12) XLarge <input type="checkbox"/>		Sky Stormer <input type="checkbox"/>	
				(14) XXLg <input type="checkbox"/>			
Dues per child per year	# x \$10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	Dues per child per year	# x \$10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>

TRUTH & TRAINING-Grades 3-6			
Name _____	Grade _____	DOB _____	
Name _____	Grade _____	DOB _____	
	Start Zone	Y N	
Handbook - \$8.00			
Adventure Book One	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Adventure Book Two	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Challenge Book Three	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Challenge Book Four	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dues per child per year	# x \$10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Uniform: WILL BE WORN FOR 4 YEARS</b>	
Size 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20	
Size 14	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20	
Size 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20	
Adult Sm	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	
Adult Med	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	
Adult Lg	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>

Miscellaneous	
T-shirts	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**GRAND TOTAL:**   
  
**DATE PAID:**  
**AMOUNT PAID:**  
**CHECK #/CASH:**  
**BALANCE DUE:**  
  
**DATE PAID:**  
**AMOUNT PAID:**  
**CHECK #/CASH:**  
**BALANCE DUE:**



**Grace Bible Church Medical Release and Consent  
For all Child and Youth Meetings and Activities Associated with Grace Bible  
Church**

**Year 2016-2017**

Name of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

This release will be in effect for the Year 2016-2017

I, the undersigned, being the parent or legal guardian of the youth named above, do hereby consent to the participation of my youth in all the scheduled youth activities of Grace Bible Church, and any other supervised activities customarily associated with its youth group and children's activities including Awana.

As a parent and/or guardian, I do herewith authorize the treatment by qualified and licensed medical doctor of the following person in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his\her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

My signature also serves to indicate my willingness to take full financial responsibility for any and all medical services rendered for the above named participant. My signature also serves to indicate my willingness for my insurance company to be billed for any and all medical fees and services should they be needed and to release Grace Bible Church, its employees, and its volunteers from this liability. I understand that Grace Bible Church will not be responsible for medical expenses incurred solely on the basis of this authorization.

Signature (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle: (Home / Cell Phone)

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation To Clubber: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific medical allergies, chronic illnesses or other conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Last Tetanus Shot: \_\_\_\_\_

# REMINDERS

Parents : Please come in to pick up your children at the end of club. The parking lot is dark and children are hard to see when cars are backing up. Once you pick up your children, please make sure you know where they are even if you are talking. Again, we don't want any children hurt in the dark parking lot because they couldn't be seen.

Also, if you have uniform you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the club for use by clubbers who have a financial need. We want everyone who wants to participate in AWANA to be able.

If you have borrowed a uniform and your child no longer needs it, please return it for someone else to use.

Thank you.