



## **Parents Handbook**

For Boys and Girls Ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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*A ministry of First Baptist Church-Oxford  
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## Dear Parents, Welcome to AWANA Clubs

### *General Information*

AWANA is an acronym and stands for **A**pproved **W**orkman **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed which comes from 2 Timothy 2:15 which says “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. To accomplish this goal we have four age-graded clubs.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be holding Awana on campus for the foreseeable future. We will supply all registered parents with the tools to listen to your kids recite verses at home and there will be an online Handbook Time option for Sparks and T&T clubbers. We will publish on the [gotofirst.org](http://gotofirst.org) website weekly Opening Ceremonies and Council Times/Story Times. Please let us know as your child completes Sections and watches these online resources. We will record their progress and give them points for Section completion and watching the weekly resources. You can let us know by sending an email with your child's name to [awana@gotofirst.org](mailto:awana@gotofirst.org). We hope to be able to revise this procedure as soon as possible.

Puggles is for 2 years olds. Cubbies is for ages 3-4 years old and Pre-K 5 year olds, Sparks is the club for kids in K through 2nd grade, and Truth and Training (T&Ts) is for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade with the girls and boys having separate clubs. We will only have **Council Time/Story Time** and **Handbook time**. Council Time /Story Time is a time for a Biblical message designed for kids and with a frequent emphasis on the Gospel. Handbook Time is the opportunity to learn spiritual truths through memorizing Bible verses, understanding scriptures. We will try to arrange Zoom calls for the parents of Sparks and T&Ts who would like to try an online Handbook Time. Parents who want to listen to their own kids at home on their own schedule may do this as well. As clubbers complete their Handbooks they earn various awards, such as patches and pins for their uniforms.

Our registration event will be online through September 9, and beyond. We will post our first files on September 9. That night we will also have the materials you need in bags labelled for each child and you can pick them up between 5:00 and 7:00 in front of the CLC at FBC.

Your bag will contain the right book for your child, the starting booklet if he or she needs to complete it, a uniform if they are a new clubber and enough awards for the first semester. Clubbers who are new to the club begin with the short entrance pamphlet, with an emphasis on the fundamentals of salvation. Once the child completes the entrance booklet they qualify to join their part of the AWANA club at which point they start in a handbook and receive their uniform.

### *Costs*

First Baptist Church-Oxford members will only have to cover the cost of handbooks for each child and the uniform for their oldest child enrolled. Uniforms for additional children of FBC members enrolled will be covered by donations. FBC members and non-members need to let the Church or AWANA leaders know if additional assistance is needed. We never want cost to prohibit anyone from participating.

	Puggles	Cubbies	Sparks	T&Ts
Handbooks	N/A	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Uniform	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$16.00
Total	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$24.00

### ***Awards and recognition***

Awards are used to motivate the clubbers and recognize their accomplishments. Children earn awards for completing sections in their handbooks. These awards go on their uniform. Most patches will be affixed on uniforms by parents with special adhesive bases. We will provide the awards to you at the beginning of the semester. If your child progresses rapidly, please just let us know and we will provide additional awards.

***Opening Ceremony:*** 100 points for watching the Opening Ceremony

***Council Time:*** 100 points for watching the Council Time or Story Time weekly resource

***Handbook Time:*** 100 points for each section completed that night.

### ***Tips for Parents***

1. Help your child learn weekly handbook sections. Five minutes a night is often enough.
2. If you want to listen to your child at home, establish a regular time to work with your child in their handbook for about 30 minutes, morning or evening are likely best.
3. If you opt for an online Handbook Time, be sure your child is ready and eliminate whatever distractions you can for that half hour period.
3. Read the next few sections to your child, looking at the special notes in the margins that define phrases and terminology using words young children understand. Go over them with your child, making sure they understand what they are learning.
4. Listen to your child practice and recite the verse. Be encouraging!
5. Have your child recite the first portion of the verse out loud, then recite this portion and add a next portion, then recite both portion and add the next until the whole verse is recited.
6. Have your child always say the first few words in the same breath as the reference. This will help cement the reference to the scripture.

### **AWANA Leader's Job Description**

1. A saved person-one who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Eph.2:8-9
2. True to the standards in God's Word. Christ-like and living above reproach.
3. Consistent in your walk with the Lord. Eph. 5:1-2
4. Burdened to reach boys, girls, and their families for Christ and to establish them in the Christian faith.
5. Excited about your personal leadership ministry. Regard your service as a personal ministry for the Lord! Be enthusiastic!
6. Patient and gentle, yet firm in your standards. 2 Tim. 2:24
7. Sensitive to the needs of others. Listen to them. Pray for them.
8. Serious about improving yourself in your ministry. Have a teachable, approachable spirit. Memorize scripture and spend time daily in Bible study. Avail yourself of training opportunities.

### **Annual AWANA Leadership Selection and Approval**

1. The Pastor is the Head of the AWANA program.
2. The Pastor selects the AWANA Commander.

3. Following counseling with the Pastor, the AWANA Commander selects the Director for each club and following their agreeing to serve, gains approval from the Pastor for their appointment.
4. Following counseling with the AWANA Commander, each club Director selects the leaders for their club. Following their agreeing to serve, the Director submits these names to the Commander who gets approval from the Pastor for their appointment.

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