



# Virtual Awana Parent Guide



Thank you for enrolling your child in ACC’s Awana Club ministry. We are pleased to partner with you in the development of your child’s character, values, and moral foundation in Christ.

## Awana Club

Awana is an acronym for “**A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed”, taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Bible. Our goal is to lead boy and girls to Christ, and to train them to serve Him all their lives.

Awana is a four-part program designed to maximize your child’s attention, energy, and time.

### **Part 1: Flag Ceremony**

This is the opening time when all clubbers gather together for the Awana pledge and theme song. It’s also a time to introduce visitors, recognize birthdays and make announcements.

### **Part 2: Handbook Time (Small Group)**

This is a small group experience facilitated by an adult leader. Your child receives individualized attention as she/he works through the handbook.

### **Part 3: Game / Activity Time**

It is not possible to have the traditional Awana game time during Virtual Awana. However, we plan to make time for online activities that are still fun and engaging.

### **Part 4: Council Time (Large Group)**

This is an interactive large group time between a leader and all the kids in your child’s Awana grade group. A biblical text and message will be presented, and clubbers will discover how to apply that message to their daily lives.

## Clubs

### **Cubbies: Ages 3-4**

“Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.”



### **Sparks: Kindergarten to Grade 2**

“Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.”



### **T&T (Truth & Training): Grades 3-6**

“The T&T (Truth & Training) curriculum teaches kids the truth of God’s Word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace.”



## Helping Your Child Succeed

You, the parent, are the most important part of your child’s spiritual development. You have an entire toolbox of methods to help your child grow and mature in their faith. Awana is one of those tools that exists to encourage and empower you to be the primary faith builder of your child. Church life is another tool and we encourage you to be a part of our ACC family if you do not have a church home. Support your child by looking through their Awana handbooks, helping them memorize verses before club, and helping them understand what those verses mean.



## Health and Safety Concerns (for in-person meetings)

**Parents must bring their clubbers into the church for check-in and to their leader for safety reasons. You** must escort them to the front desk for check-in and be sure that an Awana leader knows they have arrived. Please pick your child up PROMPTLY at 9:30 PM; Awana leaders need to pick up their own children as well. Only parents will be allowed to pick up their child unless you tell us otherwise; we will not release children to teens under 16. **Awana clubbers are NOT allowed in the Youth Room for any reason.** Clubbers MUST wear closed-toed shoes such as tennis shoes. Girls should NOT wear metal barrettes in their hair due to previous injuries during game time.

## Courtesy Reminders:

If you log into the Awana Zoom meeting after the Flag Ceremony has started, your child will need to wait in the virtual Waiting Room until they are allowed in after the Flag Ceremony.

## Completion and Other Achievements

- Each child is required to complete at least 1 section each week. However, to fully complete a handbook, each clubber will need to complete more than 2 sections a week to finish before the end of the Awana year. Reciting verses must be made to an Awana leader during the Awana Zoom meeting for credit.
- Extra credit work is assigned AFTER all handbooks and reviews have been completed. Extra credit work is assigned by the Children's Minister and may be different each year.
- Clubber of the Year is chosen for each group by the leaders and requires much more than just merely finishing the book. Attitude, sportsmanship, preparedness, improvement, outreach, and hospitality are all factors that are considered for Clubber of the Year.
- Perfect Attendance is acknowledged for clubbers who did not miss a single club night during the entire Awana year. This excludes club nights that were dismissed due to inclement weather. Previous handbooks must be completed before clubbers can advance to the next handbook.

## End of Year Events

Our annual **Awana Awards Ceremony** will be held in mid-May, 2021. The actual date has not been determined due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. **Please be in attendance.** This is an important event for your child; he/she will have her achievements recognized and other prizes will be awarded as well. We are proud of your child's hard work, but they need to know that **YOU** are proud of them, too. Clubbers must complete all handbooks by the week of May 9, 2021.

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## For Other Awana Information and Club Calendar

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