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# WELCOME TO OUR AWANA CLUBS

We are glad that you have come to our AWANA Club. We hope you will make new friends, play exciting games, enjoy challenging contests, earn awards and learn important things. The following is a list to tell you what clubs we offer. If you have other family members or friends please invite them to come also.

<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>AGE / GRADE</u>
Puggles (Must be 2yrs old by August 31 <sup>st</sup> )	2 year olds
Cubbies (Must be 3yrs old by August 31 <sup>st</sup> )	3-4 year olds
AWANA	
Sparks	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
T&T	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
24/7 Ministries	
Trek	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Journey	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade

This manual will help you and your parents to get acquainted with our clubs. You will soon see that our leaders really care about you and want to help you in any way they can. Most importantly, we want to share with you the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to train you to serve Him.

***We will pray for you and hope to see you at every club meeting this year!!***

## ***UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK***

The AWANA uniform lets others know you are a member of AWANA Clubs. The uniform helps to bring unity to our clubs so you as a clubber will have an enjoyable time each night, and provides a place to display awards earned. You will be able to purchase your uniform when you have completed the requirements for your club. It is a requirement of the club that you wear your complete uniform at every club meeting. Your handbook will be issued to you as needed as you progress in handbook time. Your handbook will be provided for you at no cost, but if you lose it you have to purchase the replacement book.

Puggles shirt.....	\$10.00
Cubbies Vest.....	\$10.00
Cubbies Handbook.....	\$9.00
Sparks Vest.....	\$10.00
Sparks Handbook.....	\$10.00
T&T Shirt.....	\$14.00
T&T Handbook.....	\$9.00

When purchasing a vest for Sparks, please consider the fact that they will be wearing this vest through the second grade. They will need growing room.

# OUR NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

24/7 Ministries Trek and Journey meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Check-in time between 6:25 and 6:30.

Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T clubs meet on Sunday evenings at 5:15 pm. Club starts with check in time between 5:15 and 5:25. Everyone will be on his or her color line for flag ceremony by 5:25.

**Note:** Puggles and Cubbies go directly to their room to begin. The other clubbers will meet in the fellowship hall for check in time and flag ceremony.

Our club night is broken down into three segments. We use a 5-count in some segments to get started. The director/leader who is in charge may begin to count aloud, slowly to 5, when the clubbers here this count begin, they should immediately be quiet and give their full attention to the one in charge.

## DESCRIPTION OF CLUB SEGMENTS

There are 3 different segments for each club. Each segment runs approximately 30 minutes.

**GAME TIME** is the fun time for all clubbers. They participate in games just for their age level for fun, to develop good sportsmanship, and to encourage clubbers to work as a team.

**HANDBOOK TIME** is when the clubber recites the sections they have learned to their leaders and for leaders to challenge the clubbers to accept Christ and grow spiritually.

**COUNCIL TIME** is the most important time in which we present the gospel to the clubbers.

After the Flag Ceremony, which is how we bring the club to order to begin the night, the clubs will split up as follows.

**SPARKS**  
Game time  
Handbook time  
Council time

**T&T**  
Handbook time  
Council time  
Game time

# NOTES TO PARENTS

This manual is designed to introduce you and your child to AWANA Clubs here at Hopewell Baptist Church. AWANA Clubs was founded in 1940, by pastor Lance Latham of Northside Gospel Center, Chicago, IL. It originally began as a small program for boys, but is now a non-denominational, international organization for all children. AWANA is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” taken from II Timothy 2:15. The program is designed for family, at-home involvement.

We would like to thank you for sending your child to our club. AWANA presents an opportunity for each child to grow in self-worth as well as in his/her relationship with Christ and others. You can help your child grow in these areas through AWANA if you:

- Encourage him/her to come each week and wear their uniforms!**
- Help your child to learn their sections in their handbooks!**
- Show an interest in his/her achievements!**
- Communicate with us for any special needs!**

Please! Ask your child for an AWANA NEWSLETTER every month. Read and encourage your child to participate in special events.

Please! Visit our club meetings any night and as often as you wish. If you have any questions, we will gladly discuss them with you.

## WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Hopewell Baptist Church, our pastor, Rev Sammy Pierce leads us in Sunday morning worship at 8:30am and again at 11:00am. He also leads us in Sunday evening worship at 6:00pm. We would like to invite you to stay for the evening worship service after you drop your child off for AWANA. We meet from 9:45am – 10:40am for Sunday school each Sunday morning. If you are not presently attending Sunday school, we would like to invite you to attend ours. Clubbers earn awards for attending church. They may earn this award by attending our church or their own.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Rev Sammy Pierce also leads us on Wednesday night with special prayer time for our prayer list and other areas of concern, and then a bible study. It all begins at 6:30pm, and we would encourage everyone who can attend to please come and bring someone with you. We need prayer back in our lives.

## CLUB RULES

1. You must respect, cooperate with and obey your leaders and other staff members.
2. You must take part in the entire club program unless you brought a note from your parents or you are excused by your club director.
3. You must walk to and in all rooms, concrete areas and parking lot except at game time when instructed by the games coach.
4. You must remain with your leader at all times during club.
5. You must remain in the church building at all times. If you need to leave early your club director must know when you leave.
6. You are to remain with your leaders until your parents come to the room to get you. It is our desire that no clubbers are at risk of being injured in the parking lot.

**PARENTS** For their safety, **you** must come to the designated area to pick up your child.

7. For safety reasons we cannot permit sandals, flip flops, boots, jellies, crocs, or heelys. You must have Tennis shoes to play the games.
8. If you disobey the rules we will enforce our one-two-three count.

**The one-count:** a warning that you are disobeying one of the rules.

**The two-count:** you must go to your club director for a talk.

**The three-count:** Your parents will be called immediately to talk to the commander and you may be sent home. You may not return to club unless parents have assured that you will behave.

## **AWANA STORE**

The AWANA store is a great place to learn about responsibility. You earn shares so that you may purchase items in the store. Check schedule for dates when the AWANA store will be open.

### **AWANA SHARES PROGRAM CUBBIES**

Giving by Secretaries:

- Attendance = 1 Share
- Mission of the month = 1 Share
- Participating in Theme night = 1 Share

Giving by Leaders:

- Bear hugs = 1 Share

Giving by Commanders, Directors, and Leaders:

- Showing exceptional behavior = (up to staff discretion)

### **SPARKS and T&T**

Giving by Secretaries:

- Attendance = 1 Share
- Mission of the month = 1 Share
- Participating in Theme night = 1 Share

Giving by Leaders:

- Saying sections-1section = 1 Share
- Being on a winning team at game time = 1 share

Giving by Commanders, Directors, and Leaders:

- Showing exceptional behavior = (up to staff discretion)

### **SHARE -A- SHARE PROGRAM**

This program is to teach our children about tithing. If they would like to, they can give back some of their shares. We have a bucket for this at check in time. The children are not made to do this but we do encourage them to share what they get. These shares are given to visiting kids on store night.

## **POINTS SYSTEM**

**Points will be given to clubbers at check-in time and will be used at the end of the year to help us decide on Clubber of the Year. So make sure you look at the following list and earn those points.**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>On Time</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Church/Sunday school attendance</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Uniform</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Bible</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Handbook</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Mission of month</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Visitor</b>	<b>100</b>

## WHAT IF ?

### **You are late ?**

You must go to the office and check in with the secretary and then go to class.

### **You lose your handbook ?**

Tell your Leader and if all attempts to find it fail and it can't be found, you must buy another one.

### **You bring a friend ?**

Be sure to come a little early so you both have time to check in with the secretaries, and then go to game area.

### **You lose your shares ?**

Let your Leader know as soon as possible, then it will be determined by your club Director how they will be returned to you.

### **If I get hurt ?**

You need to let an AWANA staff person know as soon as possible, don't try to hide an injury, no one will be mad at you.