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at



Because Kids Matter to God!

2023-2024

MY LEADER:

Club: _____

Name: _____

WELCOME TO



We would like to welcome you to our Awana Club. Thank you for entrusting us with your child to teach and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. We are excited to see how God will use our club this year to His glory!

The word AWANA stands for **A**pproved **W**orkman **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed and comes from 2 Timothy 2:15. The Awana program is a unique and effective way to expose clubbers to the gospel of Christ & help children grow in their relationship with God by hiding His Word in their heart in a fun and exciting atmosphere. All of the workers involved with this club know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and it is our sincere desire to help everyone involved, grow in the Lord.

Our club groups meet on Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:45

Cubbies	Ages 3 - 4	Boys and Girls
Sparks	Grades K - 2 nd	Boys and Girls
T & T	Grades 3 rd - 6 th	Boys and Girls

We look forward to serving you and your child through the Awana ministry. Your involvement with your clubber is essential to their success. Please help your clubber learn their verses at home so they will be prepared to recite them on club night. If you have any questions or concerns, we would love to hear from You.



See you at AWANA!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite your clubber to our Sunday School classes.

AGE/GRADE	TIME(S)
Nursery/Preschool	9:00am 10:30am
Grades K - 4 th	9:00am 10:30am
5th & 6th Grade (Pier 56)	9:00am
<i>5th & 6th Grade meet in Pier 56 during our 9am service only. For 10:30 service 5th & 6th grade meet in The Harbor room 206/208.</i>	
Junior High/High School	9:00am

Sunday school attendance is a requirement for Awana achievement. You may attend ANY Sunday School, not just RiverLakes Community Church.

WORSHIP SERVICES

First Service	9:00am
Second Service	10:30am

The Awana Message



AM I A SINNER?

Sin is something in me (bad thoughts, lying, stealing, disobedience, pride, cheating, etc.). God hates sin. We can't hide it from Him. Sin leads to eternal separation from God in hell.

Gods Word says: ... all have sinned ... Romans 3:23; For the wages of sin is death ... Romans 6:23

WHAT SHALL I DO ABOUT MY SIN?



Can I give God something nice to make Him forget it? How about going to Sunday School, church, or Awana, or praying, or getting baptized, or other good deeds? NO!

God says: *Not by [good works] which we have done ...* Titus 3:5

GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING



God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sin in my place.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

IT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood, and rising from the grave and going back to heaven.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ... 1 Peter 3:18

GOD ASKS ME TO BELIEVE (trust) HIM TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN

Believing is trusting what God did for me. When I believe that His death was for me, He gives me eternal life. Will you believe (trust) now that Jesus died in your place? Will you accept Him as your Savior? If you have, tell Him what you have done.

... But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ... John 1:12

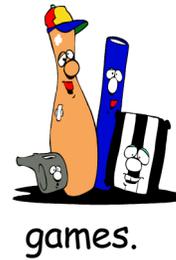
I KNOW THIS GIFT IS MINE ...

I want to thank Him for it now.

God says: *I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...* John 10:28

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life

John 3:16



WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

6:15 - 7:45 All clubs meet in half hour segments for council, handbook, and games.

COUNCIL TIME: HEARING GOD'S WORD

Clubbers will participate in a time of worship that includes an exciting time of songs, prayer, a Bible lesson, awards and announcements.

HANDBOOK TIME: SAYING GOD'S WORD

All clubbers recite verses that they have learned. The verses are grouped together and are called sections. Leaders sign off these sections after the clubbers successfully complete them. Our goal is to have the clubbers understand the meaning of the verses they are learning.

GAME TIME: APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Clubbers learn good sportsmanship and have lots of fun by participating in exciting game activities. Please have your clubber wear athletic shoes and please no dresses or skirts for the young ladies. Everyone will have more fun if they are dressed appropriately.

*** IMPORTANT ***

PICKING UP CLUBBERS

We ask that you pick up your clubber promptly at 7:45. It is the policy of our Awana Club that Cubbies and Sparks will only be released to their parents. We will allow another adult to pick up your child if you fill out a permission form designating another person to do so.

SOME RULES...

- Please plan to take part in the entire club night. If you are unable to participate in the games because of an injury, please bring a note from home.
- Please come early for check in so that we may start club on time.
All clubbers are to bring their club handbook and Bible. If you do not have a Bible, please ask your leader and we will get you one.
- **Please wear proper attire to our Awana Club meetings:**
 1. Wear athletic shoes to participate in games.
 2. All clubbers should be in their Awana uniform, if it has been earned.
 3. Girls should wear pants or shorts - No dresses or skirts. All clubbers are to be respectful to the leadership. The leaders are here for you.
- Come to attention and stop talking when the Commander, Director, or a leader is giving a 5 count. They have something important to tell you about!
- A clubber who disrupts the club meeting with inappropriate behavior will be given a one count by the Leader and is told that the behavior needs to stop. If the clubber continues to be disruptive, he is given a two count and taken to the Director. If the behavior continues, the clubber is given a three count and is sent home by the Commander.

UNIFORMS

A uniform reinforces the club program, helps to promote pride in the club, and gives clubbers a place to display their awards. Their uniform will be purchased when they register online.

Cost of Uniforms & Handbooks:

Cubbies	\$ 20.00
Sparks	\$ 20.00
T & T	\$ 20.00
Cubbie—T&T Books	\$ 10.00

***Note: It is highly recommended that your Clubber wear tennis shoes for club night activities.**



DUES:

There are 30 weeks of Awana this year. In order for us to operate our club efficiently, we need to collect club dues. These are to be paid at the time of registration and they help to defray the cost of awards, book keeping materials, teaching materials, etc. THANK YOU for your support of this ministry.

All Clubs except for Puggles: 1 year dues-\$35.00

Puggles: 1 year dues—\$17.50



MAJOR AWARDS



• **First Handbook**

Ribbons are awarded for the completion of the first handbook.

• **Second Handbook**

Sparks receive a large ribbon for the completion of two consecutive handbooks.

• **Excellence Award**

Excellence trophy is awarded upon completion of two 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

• **Third Book Award**

Third Book trophy is awarded to 3rd through 12th grade boys and girls completing three consecutive books.

• **Sparky Award**

All Sparks who complete all three club handbooks receive a plaque and a pin to wear on their uniform. This pin may also be worn on their uniform when they graduate to the next Awana Club.

• **Timothy Award**

The Timothy trophy is awarded upon completion of four 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.



A Note To Parents

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in RiverLakes Community Church Awana Club. Our goal is to present the Gospel of Christ to our Clubbers in a fun, easy to understand manner so they may walk in a close relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope your child becomes an active part of our club. Please consider volunteering your time to the Awana Club. Your active involvement with the ministry insures our success. If you have any

questions or suggestions concerning the club, feel free to contact any of the Awana staff.

Awana presents an opportunity for each child to grow in self-worth as well as his or her relationship with God and with others. You can help your child grow in these areas through Awana if you:

- Encourage your child to come each week
- **Help your child learn the sections at home**
- Show interest in your child's achievements
- Communicate with us any special needs

SECTIONS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THREE WEEKS

Awana is a learning environment in a fun-filled evening with an opportunity for each boy or girl to achieve awards, both now and in the future.

Our club has an expectation that each clubber is to do a section from their book at least once a week. We realize that some clubbers need extra help and if a section is not complete in three club nights, the clubber will sit during game time with a leader for help in completing a section.

A NOTE FOR CUBBIES

We expect Cubbies to be working in the book with Mom and Dad. If your Clubber comes for three weeks with no work completed, the Leader and/or Director will ask that at least one of the parents attend the club meeting the next week and help their child in their handbook. This will allow both the clubber and parent to obtain help from the Leader if needed.

August

- 8/20 Director's Meeting
- 8/12– 9/12 Online Registration

September

- 9/6 Leader Training (Room 206/208 @6:15)
- 9/13 **FIRST NIGHT** (MANDATORY PARENT MEETING Rm. 206/208 @6:15)
- 9/20 **BROOM HOCKEY NIGHT/Cubbies Noodle Hockey**
- 9/27 **BEACH NIGHT**

October

- 10/4 **PRAYER NIGHT**
- 10/11 **CREAM YOUR LEADER**
- 10/18 **PASTOR APPERCIATION** (STORE NIGHT)
- 10/25 **80'S NIGHT**

November

- 11/1 **CRAZY HAIR NIGHT** (Inside games begin)
- 11/8 **CRAZY HAT NIGHT**
- 11/15 **CAREER DRESS-UP NIGHT**
- 11/ 22 No Club—Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/29 **JESUS BIRTHDAY** (Bring an unwrapped gift)

December

- 12/6 **CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL & UGLY SWEATER** (STORE NIGHT)
- 12/13 **DECORATE YOUR LEADER**
- 12/20 NO CLUB (Christmas Break)
- 12/27 NO CLUB (Christmas Break)

January

- 1/3 NO CLUB (Christmas Break)
- 1/10 **POPCORN NIGHT**
- 1/17 **PAJAMA NIGHT**
- 1/24 **LAYER NIGHT** (STORE NIGHT)
- 1/31 **SOUPER BOWL** (Bring canned food)

February

- 2/7 **MISSIONARY NIGHT/ADOPT-A-CLUB*PENNIES**
- 2/14 **ADOPT-A-CLUB *NICKELS** (AWANA Grand Prix cars on sale)
- 2/21 **ADOPT-A-CLUB *DIMES**
- 2/28 **ADOPT-A-CLUB * QUARTERS** (STORE NIGHT & Outside games begin)

March

- 3/6 **SOCK PUPPET NIGHT** (Bring a package of socks for The Mission)
- 3/2 & 3/9 Saturday, Car cut-out days (8am-noon)
- 3/13 **GRAND PRIX**
- 3/20 **SPORTS NIGHT**
- 3/27 No Club-Happy Resurrection Day

April

- 4/3 **BIBLE ANSWER MAN**
- 4/10 **FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT**
- 4/17 **LEADER APPRECIATION** (STORE NIGHT)
- 4/24 **DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**

May

- 5/1 **AWARDS** (Main Auditorium)