**2025-26**

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**HANDBOOK**

Horizon Christian Fellowship

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**\*PARENTS/LEADERS PLEASE READ THROUGH THOROUGHLY!!**

**THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN AWANA!**

**CALENDAR-** there will be Awana each Wednesday unless listed here or inclement weather

Sept 3rd- **1ST NIGHT OF AWANA!**

Oct 29th- Crazy hair/hat night

Nov 26th- **NO AWANA**

Dec 17th-Wiseman night( dress like a wiseman or women or a star)

Dec 24th -**NO AWANA, Christmas Eve service**

Dec 31st- **NO AWANA**

Jan 14th- STORE NIGHT!

Feb 11th- Island/tropical night

March 25th- Pastor/leader appreciation-bring a note to tell your pastor or favorite leader how much you appreciate all they do!

April 22nd- Dot your leader night!!

May 27th- **LAST NIGHT OF AWANA!**

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**All Clubs will begin check-in at 6:20 with club starting at 6:30-8pm.**

* **Please inform us at check-in if someone else will be picking up your child**

**What to Bring to AWANA**

* AWANA Club handbook(lost books will be replaced at a cost)
* **Bible** (Sparks and T&T)- we will have one available if you don’t have one ,but you get points each time you bring your own!
* Comfortable clothes and shoes to play games
* **A good attitude!!**

**What to leave at home**

-Toys( we will have plenty to do!)

-Cell phones/electronics

**Meeting Night and Time:**

* Club will meet every Wednesday night unless stated in the calendar or announced ahead of time early Sept-mid May
* Club meeting time is 6:20(check-in)-8pm
* **Club Time:**

-Club time will be split into 30 minute increments

 -Large group

 -Small group

 -Game time

Each segment is as follows:

 - Large group teaching: Age appropriate Bible story/worship

 - Small group Time: Work on handbooks and verse memorization

 - Game Time: Fun games and crafts!

**\* Children earn points each week for attendance, bringing Bibles/handbooks, and memorizing verses. The points will be tallied and used toward prizes for store nights in January and May.**

**PUGGLES**

-nursery program 1 and 2 year olds

-God made everything, God is Great, God loves us and we give thanks!

**CUBBIES**

* Two year preschool program
* Ages 3 & 4 (must be 3 by September 1 2025 and/or the 2 years before Kindergarten)
* The goal of Cubbies is to teach children about Jesus and that God loves them!

**SPARKS**

-Three Year Program

-Kindergarten (Must be 5 by September 1, 2025), Grade 1 and Grade 2

-Sparks learn about Bible and scripture memorization. Club members hear the Gospel and learn to honor the Lord by being obedient.

**TRUTH & TRAINING**

Three Year Program

Grade 3 (Must be 8 by September 1, 2025), Grade 4, and Grade 5(optional Grade 6th)

T&T club continues to teach the Gospel. Scripture memorization is taken to a more challenging level. Club members learn to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord by learning to apply scripture.

**Illness Policy**

**Children should not attend AWANA if they have the following symptoms:**

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**-Fever- 100 degrees or higher within the last 24hrs**

**-Vomiting within the last 24 hrs**

**-Diarrhea within the last 24hrs**

**-Rash suspected to be contagious**

**-If child was prescribed antibiotics they should be on them for a minimum of 24hrs prior to attending club.**

**-conjunctivitis(pink eye)-can return 24hrs after treatment or symptoms subside**

**-lice/ringworm- can return after treatment**

**-consistent yellow/green nasal discharge**

**-any possibly contagious symptoms**

**BAD WEATHER/CLUB CANCELLATION POLICY**

 In the event that we have to cancel club, we will send an e-mail and put this information on Facebook and the Horizon App. Please provide your email address when registering your child.

**\*PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT & AWANA\***

**You are VERY important to your child’s success at AWANA!**

* Please drop them off and pick them up on time!

- **You are your child’s most important teacher.** Your child will achieve far more at AWANA if you take the time to pray for, pray with, recite verses, discuss stories and handbook materials, and engage with your child.

-Your child will be working through a handbook. This book is different for each level. Please help your child find a place to keep their book. **They are expected to bring it each week** and receive points toward prizes when they do**.** Help them learn to take responsibility, work through their books, and to come to Club prepared each week.

**Suggestions for Verse memorization:**

 - Repeat the verse over and over to your child(some use mealtimes to do this). Break the verse into short phrases.

-Sing the verse or put it to a beat.

 **check out** [**awanaplus.com**](http://awanaplus.com) **for verse music!**

-Explain what the verse means so they are able to explain it in their own words.

-Show them how the verse relates to their life.

-Use verses as part of prayers in your home.

**RULES and DISCIPLINE**

\*\*Please review with your child

General Rules:

1.) Listen and don’t talk when a leader is talking.

2.) Always raise your hand and wait to be called on when you have something to say or you want to answer a question.

3.) Be respectful of others' space. Always keep your hands and feet to yourself, no hitting, kicking or wrestling.

4.) Keep a respectful attitude towards leaders and other children

5.) No food/drink is to be brought back to the classrooms by children

6.) Clubbers are not allowed to bring cell phones, tablets, or other electronic devices to AWANA.

**AWANA uses a 5-count and a 3-count system for club discipline:**

The 5-count is for the entire group. The leader will count down from 5 and all clubbers are to be quiet by the time/or before the number 1 is said.

The 3-count is for individuals. In AWANA, a system of rewards encourages children in their handbook achievements and good behavior. The emphasis is on positive discipline, where children see Godly role models in their teachers and leaders. We love “catching kids being good!” However, if a child struggles with disruptive, disrespectful or dangerous behavior, the following protocol will be used.

The child’s leader, after determining that the behavior/discipline issue cannot be resolved by simple methods(changing seating arrangements, etc.) we will give the misbehaving child a “one” count- a warning that the next offense will bring greater consequences. If a second offense occurs that evening, the child is given a “two” and taken out for private counseling by a leader. (You as a parent will be notified that night if your child should get to this point.) If the child demonstrates continued willful defiance in attitude or action, they are given a “three” count and you as a parent will be called to take the child home early or to sit with you in the middle area(at which time the problem will be discussed with you).

**We look forward to a great year of pouring God’s Word into His children’s hearts! Thank you for being a part of Horizon Christian Fellowship’s AWANA program!!**

*Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

*Psalm 119:11*