

Dear AWANA Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for allowing us to serve your children through Faith Chapel's AWANA Clubs. We want to help your children develop a confident love for God and others. We aim to provide a fun time of good learning through games, singing, Bible study and memorization, worship and service with group and individual awards and prizes.

Club Meetings:

All clubs meet from 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesday evenings when the Burlington Public Schools are open. If school is cancelled for bad weather we will not have club. On the rare occasion bad weather begins after school and we need to cancel club we will call the number listed on your registration form.

SPARKS Club is for 5K-2nd Grade students.

T&T (Truth and Training) Club is for 3rd-5th Grade Students

Unfortunately, we have no clubs for preschool or 4-year-old Kindergarten at this time.

Drop-Off:

Doors open to clubbers at 6:20 for sign-in in the lobby. Clubbers should check-in at the table in the foyer. Then wait in their area in the sanctuary. Visiting with friends and leaders is encouraged. Club starts at 6:30. (Please do not arrive too early. Leaders are not available to supervise children.) *T&T clubbers who want to have sections signed will have the opportunity from 6:20-6:40 in the sanctuary.

Pick-Up:

It is our goal to have your children waiting in the lobby by the front doors at 8. We ask that children do not go outside until they are with their adult or the adult waves them out the door.

Entrance Booklet:

If your child is new to AWANA or moving up to a new club within our program he or she should be bringing home an Entrance Booklet with sections to learn and memorize. The entrance booklet must be complete before the students can buy a book or uniform.

New Books and Uniforms:

After passing the entrance booklet, a note will be sent home with a new book inviting your child to purchase the book and a Club Uniform (Vest for K-2nd and T-Shirt for 3rd-5th). Books and uniforms cost \$10 each for SPARKS and T&T. Generous people in the church family have donated money to help pay for books and uniforms. Please let us know if you would like help. We will order uniforms October 12th. (T&T will have a new uniform option this year.)

Be prepared:

Wear tennis shoes and clothes for activity.

Bring your book and Bible each night.

Have handbook sections prepared at home.

Dues:

NO DUES THIS YEAR! Please pay for a book when and if your child needs one.

Awards:

We like to encourage great behavior and hard work. Small pieces of candy or sugar free gum are little prizes given almost weekly. Clubbers completing sections in their handbooks will earn awards, which will be passed out several times during the year. In addition, T&T Clubbers (3rd-6th grade) will earn AWANA bucks to spend at our AWANA store.

Theme Nights:

A calendar for September through December will be available before AWANA begins. Participation in theme nights is optional and meant to be fun. A January 2017-May 2017 will be available in December.

*New for 3rd – 5th Grades:

AWANA has a wonderful new curriculum for T&T. We are so excited because it allows us to focus on relationships and discipleships or creating greater connections. We'd like all the children to participate. The Large Group Lesson will be followed by a small group time with the same leader each week. The whole group will work together to complete the section and/or memorize the verse. Then children can finish/practice at home during the week. The next week from 6:20-6:40 we'll have some leaders available to sign if their sections are completed. Because of this we'll encourage all 3rd-5th graders to start a new book. If your child would like to finish a different book they began last year, they will be able to. They will still participate with everyone else. They can prepare that at home and bring it in to be signed.

Family Involvement:

Your help and/or encouragement in your child's learning and doing handbook sections is much appreciated but not required. It will help your child get more out of our AWANA Clubs if they read their handbooks and practice verses at home. There's a lot of great stuff in the books. SPARKS have CDs that will read the great Bible Biographies to the children. Our goal is for each clubber to pass at least one section each time we meet and ultimately finish a whole book each year. Please ask Ms. Considine or other volunteers for more ideas about how to support your child's growth at home.

Volunteers:

Our church is blessed to have so many generous people who are willing to help. If your child has a special memory with a volunteer, encourage them to let our AWANA volunteer know by writing them a note or telling them. Their goal is to help your child know they are a loved, child of God. Please contact Charissa Considine if you are interested in volunteering. Occasionally we also have volunteers join us from other churches too.

If you need something or have a question feel free to send a note, email, text or call Ms. Considine or the Faith Chapel Office. Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Wishing you a great, growing year,

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