

AWANA Parent Packet

Dear Parents,

We are so glad to have your child come and join us for our AWANA Club. It is the beginning of another wonderful year and we are looking forward to watching these children grow in God's word. As with all organizations, we need to recap some of our rules and expectations for our club.

When your child comes to club each week, he/she needs to check in so their attendance and dues can be recorded. Following their check in, please take your child to the Encourager's class in the lower level. The children will be asked to stay seated and with their leader during the time before the opening ceremony. Club ends at 7:40 p.m., so please be here on time so everyone can get home to their families for the evening.

Our club has an annual fee of \$12.00 for each child or you can pay \$0.50 a week. Please do not keep from coming to club if you cannot financially afford these dues. Please let Mario or Angie know and this will be kept in strict confidence. These dues help us to have fun activities, pay for awards and for items in the AWANA store. We also ask that you purchase a uniform for your child. Uniforms for the Cubbies and Sparks consist of a vest. Uniforms for the T & T is a shirt. Sometimes parents turn in shirts/vests that their children have outgrown, so you may want to check with us if you would like to use one of these used items. Also if you would like to trade your used vest/shirt into us we will provide your new vest or shirt for half the price of a new one (and we will give you a display for your child's awards).

Your child will complete an entrance booklet in their respective class then move into their handbooks. The church provides all handbooks. However, please remember that if a handbook is lost, any additional book will have to be purchased by the parent. It is very important that your child bring their book to club so they can be participating in class and advancing in their books. We know that our schedules get hectic but **please try to take time to work with your child in their books** so they do not get discouraged. The end of the year is a lot of fun for them to earn book awards and other awards that are only attainable if they are working and progressing in their books.

Each week we have game time as a part of our scheduled activities. **It is very important that your child wears or brings tennis shoes to participate in game time.** We play on a concrete floor where accidents can still happen, but by not wearing tennis shoes it makes it more dangerous.

We will have our AWANA store every other month. Encourage your child to complete their sections, **bring their Bible and book**, wear their uniform, and attend Sunday school and/or Church. They will receive points to use at the store for doing these. They also receive points for bringing a friend and participating in special nights.

Each spring our AWANA club participates in the regional **AWANA Olympics**. We send a Sparks team (K_2nd grade) and a T&T team (3rd_6th grade). Your child can only be eligible to participate in these games if they are attending the club regularly, making progress in their books, and participating in game time. This is an extra reward for their hard work. Your child is not required to participate but we do ask that you let us know if you do not want them to participate or will not be able to. Your child's only expense will be for a team shirt.

If there is inclement weather, please call the church office 816-252-3555, to check and see if church has been cancelled. We will always cancel club if the church cancels services due to inclement weather.

Attached you will find a schedule for the year's activities and dates when we will not have club. We will also send home reminders and a newsletter to try to keep you informed. We encourage any feedback or suggestions you may have to continue to make our club better. If there are any problems that arise with your child or their class, please let Mario or Angie know. We can't improve without knowing if there are issues we need to address. We want your child to enjoy AWANA!

Mario DeGracia and Angie DeGracia

Visit www.bethelbapt.org/awana_home.htm for additional information

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AWANA FUNDRAISER

HyVee Coupon books \$5.00

AWANA CLUB

Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.
August 25, 2010 through May 25, 2011.

MISSION PROJECTS

Pennies for Prayers Answered. We will be adopting a foreign AWANA club this year and each class is asked to bring their pennies to donate to the foreign club. The class who brings the most pennies will get to have a special party.

In November, the children are asked to bring canned goods and paper products to donate to Hillcrest Ministry.

In December we will take the children caroling at the Golden Center.

THEMES / ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 - First day of AWANA

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 – Hat night

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 - AWANA - Genesis Creation Party

Wednesday, November 03, 2010 - Start FOOD DRIVE / Hillcrest Ministry

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 - Caroling at the Golden Center

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 - Valentines Day Party / wear red

Saturday, March 05, 2011 - (AWANA GAMES @ KCK CC or Skating party)

Friday, April 08, 2011 - Movie Night

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 - **AWANA Closing Ceremony**

NO AWANA

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 (Spring break)