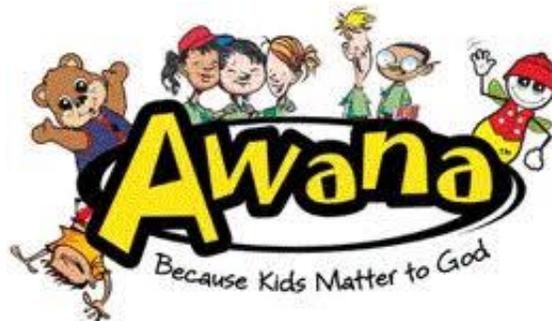


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Parents,

Welcome to AWANA at Northside Baptist Church! AWANA is a time where children can learn about God and grow their faith through games, missions, and Bible study. We will work together, with you, to help develop spiritually-strong children who will faithfully follow Jesus Christ all of their life.

Our AWANA program use AWANA Curriculum, in addition to a missions curriculum created specifically for Northside Baptist Church. AWANA is an international, non-denominational Bible-centered children's and youth ministry, centered on the gospel, using scripture-memory as a key element in their exciting and fun program. AWANA is an acronym for "Approved workmen are not ashamed." (2 Timothy 2:15)

We are so glad that you have decided to allow your child(ren) to be a part of our AWANA ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We are looking forward to an exciting year of glorifying God through fun-filled and purposeful activities.

Sincerely,

Annie Morgan
Awana Coordinator
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Stuff to know about AWANA...

Northside's AWANA has four groups:

Cubbies (3-4 year olds)

A multi-sensory missions lesson teaches children how they can be involved in Christ's work here on earth. Games build excitement and reinforce Story-Time lesson themes.

****Special Note for Cubbies: At this age, a parent is asked to attend a Bible Study on campus, or help with the AWANA program.****



Sparks (K-2nd grade) and Truth & Training (3rd – 5th grade)

Sparks and T&T rotate through three segments each week:

- A FUN Game Time promotes healthy competition and teamwork.
- During Handbook Time children work through AWANA Handbooks, which include Scripture-memory and other activities, designed to deepen your child's knowledge about God.
- A Missions Time exposes children to missionaries around the world, and also teaches them how they can be involved in God's work here in Victoria, TX.



Trek (6th – 8th grade)

For children wanting to continue the AWANA program into their junior high years, Northside provides Trek. Trek will meet 6:00-7:00, during Youth Hangtime. Trek challenges students to wrestle with the three most important questions they're asking in middle school:

- Who am I?
- Why am I here?
- Who's with me?

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Weekly Schedule

6:00-7:30 Wednesday Evenings

Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop off your child in the following areas:

Cubbies – Building A, Room 112

Sparks – Building C

T&T – Building C

Trek – Building C

Pick up your children in the following areas:

Cubbies – Building A, Room 112

Sparks – Building C

T&T – Building C

Trek – Youth

You must have your child's Pick-up Sticker/Tag in order for your child to be released to you. If you do not have the Pick-up Sticker, you must be listed as an authorized pick-up on the child's AWANA Registration Form.

Fees

Parents are asked to purchase Handbooks for their child. **Handbooks cost \$15.00 each.** Northside will provide a uniform (T-shirt), book bag, and awards for each Awana participant.

Parental Participation

To assist your child in getting the most out of the AWANA program, it is suggested that parents participate in the following ways:

- Pray for your child and their AWANA leaders
- Encourage and help your child in Scripture memorization.
- Cubbies and Sparks parents should assist their child with reading their Handbook lessons.
- Drop off and pick up your child promptly for all AWANA meetings.
- Help your child understand that AWANA rules and guidelines are there for their safety.
- Encourage and help your child to attend each weekly AWANA Plus meeting.
- Encourage your children to attend church and Sunday School.



Awards and Incentives in AWANA Plus

Awards are a key feature of Awana. Our goal is to award children in recognition of achievement that is *intrinsicly* motivated. We are God's workmanship and therefore, are created to be motivated by obedience to His Word. There are two types of Awards in our Awana ministry.

1) Each Awana group has specific rewards for completion of Handbook sections and attendance.

2) In addition to these Handbook awards, our Awana ministry will incentivize and reward children using Awana-bucks. Awana-bucks will be awarded weekly in the following amounts:

- \$1 Bring Bible
- \$1 Wear Awana shirt
- \$10 Bring a friend
- \$1 Bring a donation
- \$1 per Scripture verse memorized
- \$1 Dressing up for a Theme Night
- \$5 Participate in an Awana special activity

These Awana-bucks will be awarded weekly, accumulated, and used at our Awana Store. Your child can decide to use his/her Awana-bucks at each Awana Store, or the Awana-bucks can be saved-up until our final Store of the year. Awana-bucks will be kept at the Church for safekeeping.

Awana Rules

Children should follow the following rules:

- Behave appropriately and obey Awana Leaders
- Please be on time. Group meetings will start **promptly at 6:00 p.m.**
- Bring your **Bible** and **Handbook** every week, and wear your **Uniform** as well. Children will earn rewards for wearing and bringing necessary materials.
- Do not bring any toys, games (Nintendo DS, PSP, iTouch, etc.), iPods/MP3 players, trading cards, or sports equipment (footballs, etc.) We are not responsible for lost or stolen equipment.
- Keep cell phones silenced and out of sight during AWANA. We are not responsible for lost or stolen phones.
- Wear **tennis shoes** during Game Time.



Handbook Requirements

Handbooks are an essential part of the Awana program. Every age group has its own set of Handbooks. Every child should have the goal of completing their Handbook before the end of the year. Any time a child enters into a new group, they must first complete an Entrance Booklet. The Entrance Booklet normally takes 1 to 3 weeks to complete. Upon completion, the child is given an Awana T-shirt (their uniform), a Handbook (which we ask the parent to purchase), and a book bag. All handbooks (even the entrance booklets) are divided into sections. Children should study their sections at home during the week, and at their next Awana meeting a leader will sit with them and review their sections. When a child completes a section, the leader signs-off on that section. Most sections involve memorizing Bible verses. Children should be memorizing these verses at home, and must recite these verses from memory when reviewing sections with a leader. The leader is allowed to give the child two "helps" per section (not per verse). Children are required to recite verses word for word. All verses in a section must be recited in a single sitting in order to complete that section.

Cubbies

The entrance booklet for Cubbies is called the *Bear Hug Brochure*. Once this entrance booklet is completed, a Cubby can begin working in the *Appleseed* book. The sections in the *Appleseed* book are referred to as "Bear Hugs." Cubbies all progress at the same rate, one "Bear Hug" per week. Each week parents need to read the "Bear Hug" material to their children, help them memorize the verse at the end of the section, and sign-off the section when they've learned it.

Sparks

The entrance booklet for Sparks is called *Flight 3:16*. Following the completion of the entrance booklet, Sparkies work, in order, through three books: *HangGlider*, *WingRunner*, and *SkyStormer*. A Sparky cannot start the *WingRunner* book unless they are in 1st grade, and cannot start the *SkyStormer* book unless they are in 2nd grade. Extra credit work is available for Sparkies who finish their books early. Children progress at their own pace in Sparks, but in order to complete one book in a year they must complete **40-49** sections, so their goal should be to complete **2 sections per week**. Sections in the Sparks books are grouped into a **Rank Path**, four **Red Jewels** and four **Green Jewels**. All sections in the book must be completed in order.

T&T

The entrance booklet for T&T is called the *Start Zone*. (There are two Start Zones, one for 3rd and 4th graders, and one for 5th and 6th graders.) From there, children work through either the two *Ultimate Adventure* books for 3rd and 4th grades, or the two *Ultimate Challenge* books for 5th and 6th grades. A child cannot start *Ultimate Adventure: Book 2* until they enter 4th grade. Children progress at their own speed in T&T, but in order to complete one book in a year they must complete **56** sections, so they should be working on at least **2 or 3 sections per week**. Gold and Silver sections are extra credit. Sections in the T&T books are grouped into eight **Discoveries** for *Ultimate Adventure*, and eight **Challenges** for *Ultimate Challenge*.