

EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

4:15 – 5:30 PM-Journey only

5:00 – 7:30 PM-Trek only

5:45 - 7:30 PM (3 yrs old-6th grade)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 – June 13, 2010



**CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL**

Sunday School

6:00pm (Saturday)

8:30, 10:30am (Sunday)

Sunday Worship Services

6:00pm (Saturday)

8:30, 10:30am, 6:00pm (Sunday)

Wednesday Midweek Study

7:00pm

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WHAT DOES AWANA MEAN?

This is a very common question asked by all new clubbers. AWANA is taken from the phrase *Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed*. This concept was taught by Paul to Timothy in II Timothy 2:15. It tells us that those who love Jesus Christ should not be afraid or ashamed but that as Christians we should enjoy life and all God has given us. It is AWANA's goal to train children to love and enjoy God's ways rather than become involved in the sins of the world.

At present, AWANA Clubs are a part of a worldwide ministry of more than 17,000 chartered churches. AWANA headquarters are based in Illinois. Each District has an AWANA Missionary. Our AWANA missionary is Gene and Nancy Goertzen who live in Oceanside, CA.

www.awanasandiego.homestead.com Our local AWANA board member is Michael Sims, who resides in Poway. www.maranathachapel.org/ministries/for_family/awana_club you are ever interested in finding out about AWANA clubs in other areas of the US, or internationally, the missionary can provide this information, or you may visit www.AWANA.org

CLUB STRUCTURE

Club Commander	Michael Sims	858-748-3317
Club Administrator	Debra Sims	858-748-3317
<u>Division/Age Group</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Directors</u>
		<u>Phone number</u>
3 & 4 year olds		Marie Barnhart
		760-749-9180
K -2nd grade		Marc Doig
		Jean Doig
		858-486-5507
3rd & 4th grade		
Girls		Patty Ledgerwood
Boys		Todd Thornton
		858-538-5513
		760-471-9117
5th & 6th grade		
Girls		Itziar Haumschilt
Boys		Ben Barnhart
		858-883-2845
		760-749-9180
7 th & 8 th grade		
Coed		Boston Cardiel
		John Carter
		858-271-8230
		760-497-5545
9 th -12 th grade		
Coed		Diane Neubarth
		Ken Prentiss
		858-621-8761
		858-756-1282

AWANA CLUB NIGHT SCHEDULE

<u>CLUB</u>	5:45	6:30	7:00	7:30
Cubbies	Story	Craft	Handbook	Dismiss
Sparks	Handbook	Games	Green Meadow	Dismiss
Truth in Training	Games	Council	Handbook	Dismiss

<u>CLUB</u>	4:15	5:00	5:45	6:45	7:30
Trek		Game Time Fellowship Hall	Large Group	Handbook	Dismiss
Journey	Study		LIT SERVICE.....		Dismiss

DUES

Each clubber is asked to pay dues to help cover some of the costs of the AWANA Club. The dues will be used to help purchase the awards, badges, and pins your child will earn this year. Dues for the year will be paid for during August registration at a rate of: New-\$70.00 Returning-\$50.00 per clubber. **Make checks payable to Maranatha Chapel.**

Special Note

Maranatha AWANA leader to child ratios are 3-6 clubbers per leader depending on the specific club. **AWANA is staffed by volunteers, and if we determine your child requires more help to be effectively ministered to, we reserve the right to ask you to find a more suitable program for your child.**

ATTENDANCE

For regular **attendance awards** each child is allowed **one unexcused** absence per quarter (each 8 weeks) of club. For an absence to be excused, the clubber **must bring with him/her an explanation note** from his/her parent to the following club meeting. Cubbies are an exception since their attendance is divided into two semesters. Cubbies are allowed **two unexcused** absences during the semester. Excused absences are: illness, ministry service, or family emergency. (**This does not include frequent camping trips, sporting events, birthday parties, family nights or numerous vacations.**)

For **Sunday school awards** each child is allowed two absences during a semester (half-year). Regular church service attendance may be substituted for Sunday school. Each Clubber and their family are invited to attend our Sunday school at Maranatha Chapel. Service times are 6:00pm Saturday nights, 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday mornings. However, if a clubber is already attending another Sunday school, he or she is given credit for that also. A mid-week study can also be counted as Sunday school attendance; Maranatha's is Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

ARRIVAL AT CLUB

It is essential that all clubbers **arrive on time** to all AWANA events. It is very disruptive to the entire club program if a child is even five minutes late. Parents, please try to have your clubber at the church **ten minutes early**. Their leader will be waiting for them.

DISMISSAL

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY, CHILDREN WILL NOT BE DISMISSED UNTIL PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS PRESENT. ALL CHILDREN IN SPARKS AND CUBBIES MUST BE SIGNED IN AND OUT BY THE SAME ADULT 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

DRESS CODE

AWANA has standards for the type of clothing worn at **ALL** events. These same standards will be enforced at Maranatha Chapel AWANA Club. Girls-NO spaghetti-strap shirts and shorts must have a 3-4 inch inseam. Boys-NO excessive baggy pants where undergarments are exposed. NO body piercing, or visible tattoo's of any kind. The only exception to that rule, are girls pierced ears in moderation.

UNIFORMS

Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, each clubber is eligible to purchase an official AWANA uniform. The cost of the uniform is listed on page 5, and the total is due before the clubber is presented the uniform. The uniform may be prepaid at registration.

No awards will be issued to a clubber that has not purchased a uniform or is not wearing the uniform on the evening he or she is to receive an award. The uniform is a critical part of the entire program. It shows identity and unity of the club. Should any problems arise in either the purchase of, or questions about the uniform, please ask your director's or club commander, as we will be glad to provide any answers.

UNIFORM COSTS

Below you will find the cost of each clubber's uniform and Handbook. The prices listed are based upon the 2008-2009 AWANA catalog.

CLUB		UNIFORM	HANDBOOK
Cubbies		\$12.00	\$8.00
Sparks		\$12.00	\$9.00
Girls T&T		\$22.00	\$8.00
Boys T&T (includes neckerchief & Slide)	\$28.00	\$8.00	
Trek		\$13.00	\$8.00
Journey 24/7	Women's	\$25.00	AKX \$10.00 -- 2x year
	Men's	\$35.00	
 Leader Uniforms			
	Male (includes tie)	\$35.00	
	Female	\$25.00	

REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR LOST ITEMS

Entrance Test	.50
Club Patch	2.00
Award Badge	3.00
T&T Achievement Seals	.50
Boy's neckerchief	5.00
Boy's Slide	3.00
Spark Wings	2.00
Sparks Jewel	.25
Cubbies Achievement Emblems	1.00
Club Number Patch	3.00
Missing Award Pins	5.00

Make checks payable to:

Maranatha Chapel

Uniforms may be traded in if you child has outgrown a previous uniform. However no cash refunds are available on items, only a \$5.00 credit towards your next purchase. A limited amount of used uniforms are available for those who have need.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

Each child who attends AWANA will be given a starting Booklet/Entrance Exam, the first night of

his/her attendance to club. These booklets include memorization of Scripture, club mottos and AWANA songs. Also included is general information about the club. It usually takes from two to three weeks for most clubbers to finish this work. Upon completion, the clubber may purchase a uniform and a handbook. (If these items have been pre-paid, they will be presented during the award portion of the program.)

HANDBOOK

The handbooks are the means by which the clubber memorizes Scripture and completes crafts to earn uniform awards. Each clubber is **expected to complete one handbook per year**, with additional awards available for those who finish early. Handbook cost is \$8.00-\$10.00 and may be prepaid at registration.

PASSING A HANDBOOK SECTION

CUBBIES

At home the Cubbie learns and recites each section to a parent. The parent's signature indicates that work has been completed. **PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR CUBBIES BOOK BEFORE CLUB.** At club the Cubbie again recites the section to a Cubbie leader. They will get only two helps per section, if they do not pass they will be asked to recite it again at the next club meeting. The leader's signature certifies that the section has been satisfactorily passed.

SPARKS AND OLDER CLUBS

The clubber needs to work at home throughout the week in preparation for club each Sunday night. They must have their handbook at club in order to pass a section. Sections must be passed in their entirety at one sitting. The leader may give only two "helps" per section. A "help" is defined as any clue that the listener gives to the clubber, which assists them in recitation. **The clubber will be given extra points for those sections initialed by parents.** *In the older clubs, each clubber must pass at least one section every week to be eligible to participate in games (for Sparks it is one section every other week).* There will be special incentives throughout the club year to encourage the clubber to say sections. Due to the long waiting list for Maranatha AWANA Clubs, all clubbers must remain on track in passing sections or they will be asked to give their place to a new clubber. **NOTE:** Due to the lengthened books in our T&T club, your child must pass an average of 2 sections a week in order to finish the book on time. Please help monitor your child's progress so they can be successful at club.

CLUB DISCIPLINE

The word "discipline" comes from the same root word as disciple. Discipline means to teach not to punish, although punishment is sometimes involved in discipline. Discipline is to be kept on a positive basis as much as possible. For example: Points are given for achievement in games and handbook time. Rewards are given for good behavior and improper behavior is not rewarded.

The "THREE" warning system is used to bring about cooperation of an individual. It is to be used by the **Club Director or Commander ONLY**. When a clubber has no regard for taking points off

their team score, or does not respond to a warning for bad behavior, he/she is pointed out and given a "ONE" warning. If this "ONE" warning is repeated three times during an evening the Commander will take the clubber to his parents.

Repeated offenses will require a **parent to shadow their child** at club to help monitor the situation. The duration of this will depend on the offending predicament.

The FIVE COUNT is used to quiet the group down. A leader, director or anyone else working with the club begins slowly and by the time they get to "FIVE" everyone **must** be quiet and looking at the person counting. This is a very effective way to quiet a group.

GAME TIME

Sparks, Truth in Training, Trek, Journey 24/7

- ❖ To minimize the risk of injury, game rules are strictly enforced.
- ❖ Clubbers **must** participate in the **entire club program** unless a note is received from the parent/guardian. If the clubber is ill and cannot play the game, they need to notify the leader. (Excessively missing game time is inappropriate and unfair to fellow teammates and the clubber will incur the loss of good sportsmanship points at the end of the year.)
- ❖ Clubbers will not be allowed to participate in the games if they are not dressed properly - shirt, shorts with 3" inseam, soft rubber-soled-shoes. **(NO flip-flops, sandals or clogs.)** Our game squares are in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ Clubbers must complete at least one section every week (Sparks every other week) to be eligible to play games.
- ❖ All clubbers must stand on their team color line during games unless they are directly involved in the game in progress.
- ❖ Clubbers must cooperate and obey their team leader at all times.
- ❖ No talking will be allowed while the Game Director is explaining the games.
- ❖ All clubbers are expected to cheer and encourage the other team members.
- ❖ Unsportsman-like conduct or rude behavior toward any other clubber will not be allowed.
- ❖ The purpose of the games is, to have fun and work as a team, not always to win, or be first.

AWARDS

Your clubber has the opportunity to earn awards throughout the club year. Most awards are earned by passing sections in the handbook, others for attendance at club and attendance at Sunday school.

To be eligible to receive any award, the clubber must be wearing his/her uniform. Completed book awards are presented at the AWANA Award Ceremony in June.

CUBBIES

Rank Insignia - Patch awarded upon completion of Rank Path in handbook.

Stickers and Achievement Emblems - Awarded for passing handbook sections.

1st Book Bear Award - Completion of Current Handbook.

2nd Book Award Ribbon - Completion of 2nd year in Cubbies.

SPARKS

Rank Insignia - Patch awarded upon completion of Rank Path in Handbook.

Wings and Jewels - Awarded for passing handbook sections, Sunday School and Club attendance.

1st Book Award Ribbon - Completion of HangGlider Handbook.

2nd Book Award Ribbon - Completion of WingRunner Handbook.

Sparky Award Plaque - Completion of all three Sparks Handbooks.

Truth in Training

Award Badge - Awarded upon completion of the Start Zone Entrance Booklet.

Achievement Seals - Awarded for completion of handbook requirements.

1st Book Award Ribbon - Completion of first 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

Excellence Trophy - Completion of two 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

3rd Book Award Trophy - Completion of three 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

Timothy Trophy - Completion of four 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

TREK

Award Pins – Awarded for completion of handbook requirements.

Milestone Award – Completion of five 3rd through 8th grade handbooks.

Meritorious Trophy – Completion of six 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

JOURNRY 24/7

Main Study Achievement Pins – Awarded upon completion of one year's Discipleship study and one Journey 24/7 elective.


Yearly Service Pins - Awarded for each new year of service.

CITATION AWARD – Highest Honor! Awarded upon completion of all ten 3rd through 12th grade handbook/manuals.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES


Throughout the club year there are many opportunities for clubbers to be involved in more activities than what is scheduled on a Sunday night.

OCTOBER 16th Chili Cook-Off Our fourth, Stompin'-good-time Chili Cook-off. This year it will be a stand alone event. All proceeds will benefit our Summit Leadership Camp attendees.


OCTOBER 23-24  Kindergarten thru twelfth grade can purchase an uncut car for \$5.00 or a cut car for \$8.00. They fashion their car into a sleek racing machine and compete for trophies. Design trophies are also awarded for those with a unique look.

NOVEMBER 7th Phantazmorama A one day mini-camp event for all Journey and Trek teens. Loads of fun and training tools for teamwork.

JANUARY 30th Trek & Journey 24/7 Bible Quiz hosted by Maranatha Chapel

FEBRUARY  Starting the second Sunday in January, AWANA Games practices are held in preparation for the SPARKS and 3rd-6th grade Games. The SPARKS team host a twelve member team of first and second graders with 6 boys and 6 girls. The 3rd-6th grade teams have 12 members each on the boys and girls team. Keep in mind, in order to have the chance to participate, your child must have completed the first 10 bible sections in their handbooks. (This does not include activity or green jewel sections.) Team selection will be done during Game Time. Excellent athletes and good sportsmanship is the key to having a successful team.

MARCH 13th AWANAGames Beginning in mid February tryouts for Trek and Journey AWANAGames are held.

MARCH 27th  Starting in February, testing and quiz practices are held for those confident in scripture memory. This event is for 3rd-6th grade.

JUNE Teen Leadership Camp A week long event held at Pine Summit Camp in Big Bear. All 6th graders and above, completing one book and meeting behavioral and sportsmanship eligibility will be given an opportunity to join us for CAMP!

COUNCIL AND HANDBOOK TIME

Sparks, Truth in Training

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM POINTS

10 POINTS	Sunday School attendance
10 POINTS	Club attendance
10 POINTS	wearing proper uniform
10 POINTS	bring both handbook and Bible
10 POINTS	participating in theme nights
50 POINTS	bring first time visitor
10 POINTS	each section passed
10 POINTS	<i>each section with parents initials</i>
10 POINTS	wearing uniform to Church or Sunday school the second Sunday of each month (note required from parents)
10-50 POINTS	Awarded during game time for team victories.
50 Points	those earning their semester Sunday School sticker.
25 Points	those earning their quarterly Attendance sticker.

POINT SYSTEM

As stated above, there are many ways a clubber can earn points. All points convert to AWANA Bucks, which are then used at our AWANA store that we have in December and May. Every TEN points equal \$1.00 in AWANA Bucks. The Sparks cumulative points are kept in a bank account and a credit slip is issued on the night of the store. 3rd-6th graders are given AWANA Bucks every month from the previous month's point totals. It is the clubbers responsibility to find a safe place at home in which to store the earned AWANA Bucks. **You, the parent should help them choose this place so they will not be lost.** Lost AWANA Bucks will not be replaced. A flyer will be sent home the week prior to the store night to remind them to bring their Bucks. Store nights are also listed on our Calendar of Events.

IMPORTANT

For the security and desire to abstain from distractions during club, those enrolled in AWANA should NOT bring cell phones to club (This includes I-pods and MP3 players). If a clubber is found using any of these during the club time frame, the club Director has the authority to take the item until the end of the evening. Help your child/student be mature with regards to this issue and refrain from bringing electronic devices to club. Each Director and Commander has access to cell phones should an emergency arise.

HOW YOU CAN BE OF HELP:

Do you have ears to hear?

Many times throughout the club year we may call upon you to help support our club.

Due to the nature of our AWANA staff (volunteer parent-leaders), illnesses do occur and at this time listeners are needed to hear clubbers sections.

Can you help stock our shelves?

Twice a year we host the AWANA store and donations are accepted all year long. New items and cash gifts are the best, but gently used toys and games are acceptable. Please be careful of the content with which you are donating.

Will you be our CHEERLeaders?

We have many opportunities throughout the year where you can come and support our teams.

AWANAGames. Bible Quizzing. Grand Prix Races. The kids are boosted by your personal involvement and encouraged by the parent's willingness to actively take part in their adventures!

Will you stand in the gap and pray?

The most effective way to help our club remain upright and pure is for you to commit to **PRAY** for us. The devil is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour and we know by experience that he would love to wreck havoc in our lives. So pray for your clubbers, their Leaders, Directors and Commanders. This is a work of God and we desire to do our very best, and we hope to help you and your child grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Timothy 2:15