



PARENT HANDBOOK



The Tabernacle
Danville, VA

ABOUT Awana

The purpose of the Awana ministry is to help churches and parents worldwide raise children to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. Awana stands for **A**pproved **W**orkman **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed based on 2 Timothy 2:15. The Awana ministry at The Tabernacle works in unison with the other ministries at The Tabernacle to help your child learn about Jesus and to grow in Him.

Awana MEETING TIMES

The Awana Ministry at The Tabernacle is held on Sunday afternoons from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The Awana rooms will be opened for children to arrive at 4:45 pm. Children will not be permitted in the rooms before that time. There is no adult supervision or childcare for children before 4:45 pm. If you arrive early to club, you must provide supervision for your child. Please respect the leaders' time by allowing them to be prayerfully prepared for the Awana club night.

Awana CLUB AGE GROUPS

The Awana Ministry at The Tabernacle has the following clubs:

- Puggles – 2 years old (Parents must remain on Campus)
- Cubbies – 3 & 4-years old (Parents must remain on Campus)
- Sparks – K5 – 2nd grade
- Truth & Training (T&T) 3rd - 6th grade

INFORMATION / REGISTRATION

All children who participate in the Awana ministry at The Tabernacle **MUST** have the following forms digitally signed and registration completed online:

- 1) Discipline Policy
- 2) Awana Liability Policy
- 3) Parent Handbook Understanding and Agreement
- 4) Wellness Policy
- 5) COVID19 Waiver/Release

WHAT TO BRING TO Awana

Your child should bring his/her Bible and club handbook (or entrance booklet) each club night - including special theme nights. Your child should wear his/her designated uniform and tennis shoes/sneakers. Proper shoes are required to participate in Game Time. Flip flops, sandals, and crocs are not considered safe for running and playing.

Your child should not bring other items to club (e.g. – Cell phone, iPod, Gameboy or Video Game Devices, CD players or MP3 players, Air Pods or wireless ear buds, toys, etc.). If your child does bring something which does not pertain to Awana and a leader sees it, your child will be asked to put it away and keep it out of sight. If a leader sees the item again, the leader will safely care for the item until the end of the Awana club night.

There will be some nights when a special theme is being observed and your child will be asked to bring a certain item(s). In this case, your child will bring information home that will provide basic information about what he/she should bring.

SECURITY

Parents/Guardians **MUST NOT** drop their child/children at the curb and leave. You **MUST** walk your clubber(s) to their classroom to ensure there are leaders in their class to take responsibility for the child. Once the clubber has arrived, they must remain in their Awana areas unless given permission by an Awana leader to leave.

At the end of the Awana night:

- Puggles (2-year-old) must be picked up in their classroom by a parent/guardian
- Cubbies (3 & 4-years old) must be picked up in their classroom by a parent/guardian
- Sparks (K5 – 2nd grade) must be picked up in their classroom by a parent/guardian.
- Truth & Training (T & T) (3rd-6th grade) must be picked up in their classroom by a parent/guardian.

- No Awana clubber will be permitted in the hallways, gym, or fellowship hall without leader supervision or permission.

COSTS

The Awana ministry does its best to keep costs to a minimum, however there are a few costs associated when your child participates in Awana as outlined below: The Registration fee is \$20.00 for the entire year per clubber (Maximum \$40.00 per family). This will help defray the costs of books, uniforms, patches, and awards. Clubbers will be given one book and uniform, any items that are lost or damaged must be replaced at the parent's/guardian's expense.

Replacement Supply Fees Are as Follows:

- Cubbies – (3 & 4-year-olds) Handbook - \$10.00 & Uniform Vest - \$10.00
- Sparks - (K5-2nd grade) Handbook - \$10.00 (includes CD) & Uniform Vest - \$10.00
- Truth & Training (T&T) – (3rd-6th grade) Handbook - \$10.00
- All emblems & badges are \$1.00 - \$1.50

Optional Purchase Item:

- Truth & Training (T & T) – Handbook Sling Bag (optional) - \$10.00

Please do not let finances stand in the way of your child participating in Awana. If there is a financial need, please inform the Awana Commander, and he will work with you so your child may continue to participate in the Awana ministry

DRESS CODE

Children attending Awana should wear comfortable clothing, “long” pants/ shorts and “tennis” shoes to participate in the activities held on a typical evening.

COVID-19 Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk

The following policy can be viewed online at:

<https://thetabernaclefamily.org/files/StatementofWaiverandLiabilityandAssumptionofRisk.pdf>

COVID-19 is highly contagious and is known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. By attending The Tabernacle, you agree to abide by the procedures established by the church to protect attendees and staff, and you voluntarily assume the risk that you and/or your family may be exposed to or infected by Covid-19. You agree to assume all the risks of attendance and participation for you and your family, and you waive any liability against the church, and any other parties.

By enrolling in and attending Awana, you are agreeing to the Assumption of Risk above and release the Tabernacle, its volunteers, and all participants of Awana of liability.

Parent/Guardian Health Screening Process: COVID -19

Please ensure child/children does not have any of the following symptoms.

- 1) Runny nose, cough, sneezing, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, vomiting or diarrhea.
- 2) Fever free 24 hours
- 3) Symptom free 72 hours
- 4) Has not been directly exposed to someone who has a confirmed case of COVID –19 within the last 14 days.

WELLNESS POLICY

Please see our policy here <https://thetabernaclefamily.org/files/TabernacleWellnessPolicy.pdf>

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

You can learn if Awana is cancelled through the following means:

- Contact The Tabernacle Church Office (434) 822-6100
- Visit the The Tabernacle website www.thetabernaclefamily.org
- Visit the The Tabernacle Awana Facebook page
- The Tabernacle strives to add cancellations to local news channels also (I.E. WSET-13 and WFMY-2)

Awana STORE

Each child earns Awana Store points by accomplishing the following tasks each week:

- Bringing their Bible
- Wearing their complete uniform
- Bringing their Awana Handbook
- Bringing a friend
- Passing required handbook sections
- Passing extra credit handbook sections (extra points)

Awana Store Points can be used to “purchase” various items.

- Puggles and Cubbies have opportunity to pick a special prize from the Cubbies Store Cart
- Sparks will have opportunity to “order” items from the Sparks Awana Store Catalog two times per year (December, April)
- T & T will have the opportunity to “order” items from the T & T Awana Store Catalog two times per year (December, April)

LIABILITY POLICY

Please see our Club Liability policy here: <https://thetabernaclefamily.org/files/AWANALIABILITYPOLICY.pdf>

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Please see our Club Discipline policy here: <https://thetabernaclefamily.org/files/AWANADISCIPLINEPOLICY.pdf>

The Tabernacle Awana Club Standards

1. Doors open to clubbers at 4:45 pm for check-in. Club starts promptly at 5:00 pm and ends promptly at 6:00 pm.
2. Club Guidelines
 - Clubbers must respect and obey all leaders
 - Clubbers must respect fellow clubbers
 - No Pushing, shoving, hitting, or roughhousing is allowed at any time.
 - Respectful language should always be used. No swearing.
 - Stealing will not be tolerated
3. The leaders will utilize the “three-count” for individuals not following club behavior standards. Refer back to the Discipline Policy for the consequences of the “three-count.”
4. Clubbers will receive their uniforms and handbooks after they have paid their registration fee AND have completed their entrance booklet. Upon receipt of the uniform, clubbers should keep it clean and wear it to every regular Awana meeting.
5. Handbook sections must be passed by clubbers in one session. A maximum of two helps per section is allowed. Normally only three sections may be passed in one club meeting. The restriction on maximum sections in a night is to ensure all clubbers have an opportunity to complete the sections that they worked hard to memorize.
6. Awana clubbers are encouraged to regularly attend club. To receive attendance awards, the following standards must be met:
 - Perfect Attendance- No absences for the entire club year
 - Outstanding Attendance- No more than 5 absences for the entire club year
7. Game Time is a privilege. In cases of extreme disorderliness, it may be revoked for a night by the Commander or Club Director

ABOUT THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and has many ministries to help meet the needs of the community. Our ministries are geared to every age from infants to adults. The Tabernacle is a great place to hear from and learn through God's Word, connect with others and develop new relationships, and grow in your relationship with Christ through Worship, Service, and Missions.

We invite you to attend our worship services Sunday and other discipleship opportunities throughout the week. The schedule is below:

Sundays:

- 8:00 am Worship Service (no childcare)
- 9:00 am Sunday School for ALL Ages - With check in procedures
- 10:15 am Worship Service w/Live Streaming (no childcare until 9/27/2020)
- 4:45 pm Awana
- 4:45 pm WOL Student Ministry
- 5:00 pm Basics with Pastor Danny
 - Men's Class
 - Women's Class

Wednesdays:

- 6:00pm Orchestra practice
- 7:00pm Choir practice
- 7:00pm Prayer meeting and Bible Study