



SPARKS and T&T

PARENT HANDBOOK



LAKE OUACHITA BAPTIST CHURCH
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Learning the Bible is Fun at Awana!



AWANA CALENDAR 2024-2025

AUG	21	Open House	JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
	28			8	Buy Grand Prix Cars
				15	Crazy Hat Night
SEPT	4			22	
	11	Patriotic Night		29	
	18				
	25		FEB	5	Grand Prix Race
				12	
OCT	2	School Spirit Night		19	
	9			26	3rd Attendance Award
	16	1st Attendance Award			
	23		MAR	5	Sports Night
	30			12	
				19	
NOV	6	Camo Night		26	SPRING BREAK
	13				
	20	Shoe Box Packing Party	APR	2	
	27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING		9	Crazy Hair Night
				16	Easter Celebration
DEC	4	Light Up Night		23	2nd S.S. Award
	11	Christmas Party			4th Attendance Award
		1st S.S. Award		30	Carnival
		2nd Attendance Award			
	18	MERRY CHRISTMAS			
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS			

NOTE: If Mount Ida schools are closed on Wednesday for holidays or inclement weather, AWANA does not meet that night.

AWANA 2024 - 2025

JENNIFER WOODFIELD, COMMANDER 867-2554

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SPARKS

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AWANA Clubs

All AWANA workers should arrive by 5:45 PM. Check-in time with your club secretary will occur between 5:50 and 6:00PM, so please be on time.

The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00PM.

SPARKS (GRADES K - 2)

6:00 - 6:05 PM	Opening Ceremony
6:05 - 6:10 PM	Award Presentations
6:05 - 6:30 PM	Game Time
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Large Group
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Handbook Time (Bible verses)
7:30 PM	Parents pick up kids

T & T (TRUTH AND TRAINING) CLUB (GRADES 3 - 6)

6:00 - 6:05 PM	Opening Ceremony
6:05 - 6:10 PM	Award Presentations
6:05 - 6:30 PM	Game Time
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Large Group
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Handbook Time (Bible verses)
7:30 PM	Parents pick up kids

PRICE LIST

Below you will find the cost of items that your child may need during the AWANA year. You will receive a letter that is sent home with the child when they are ready for a particular item. These items can be purchased from the AWANA secretary.

We recommend that patches be sewn on the uniform so you will not have to replace lost patches. There is an "Attach My Patch" sheet that can be purchased for use with T&T emblems as an alternative to sewing.

SPARKS K - 2nd GRADES

VEST	\$15.00
HANDBOOKS	\$13.00
FEE TO REPLACE LOST EMBLEMS OR WINGS	\$2.00
HANDBOOK BAG (Optional)	\$8.00
EXTRA CREDIT (Optional)	\$14.00

TRUTH & TRAINING 3rd-6th GRADES

UNIFORM	\$20.00
HANDBOOK	\$13.00
SLING BAG (Optional)	\$16.00
"Attach my Patch" sheet	\$5.00

AWANA PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Please bring your child to AWANA on time.
2. Please be sure your child is in uniform according to AWANA standards: Wear uniform shirt or vest, buttons are buttoned, tennis shoes only, etc.
3. Your child should bring his or her Bible, AWANA handbook, and 50 cents dues each club night. Please make every effort to send your child with his or her dues as this helps offset the expense of awards, snacks, and supplies we give out each AWANA night.
4. Do not allow your child to wear a hat to AWANA club meetings.
5. Encourage your child to leave toys, balls, pets, etc. at home, including cell phones.
6. Spend a minimum of 10 minutes per day studying with your child in his or her handbook.
7. Children will not be allowed outside of the facilities without an AWANA Leader or Parent accompanying them.
8. Please pick your child up on time each AWANA Club night in the Gym. Please do not wait for them to call you when it is over.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE!

AWANA Club Rules

1. BE ON TIME: Arrive at 5:50PM for check-in. AWANA starts promptly at 6:00PM and will end at 7:30 PM. Please pick up your child promptly at 7:30. Do not wait for them to call and tell you it's over.
2. BRING only your Bible, handbook, uniform and dues with you. (No pets or other items unless instructed to do so.)
3. TENNIS SHOES OR CLOSED TOED SHOES ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS. This is for their safety during game time. Shorts for boys and girls are permissible, but please make sure they comply with the school dress code.
4. UNIFORMS: Clubbers are eligible to purchase their uniforms only after the entrance booklet is passed.
5. HANDBOOKS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO EVERY CLUB MEETING, even if the clubber does not have a section to pass. Each section in the handbook must be passed in one setting. A clubber cannot pass a section without his/her handbook. During handbook time, clubbers are to be working in their handbooks. There will be no reading of other books, listening to music, or use of electronic devices during handbook time or large group time.
6. ACTIVITY PERMISSION SLIPS: Slips will be sent home before any special activity and will have to be returned before the clubber will be allowed to participate.
7. DUES: Each clubber should pay 50 cents per week to help provide awards, supplies, and treats. If you wish, you can pay \$15 at one time to cover the entire year. Thank you in advance in this area.
8. AWANA CLUBS MEET DURING A SCHOOL YEAR: They are out for the summer. If school is cancelled for any reason (such as weather), AWANA is also cancelled. Please check the church Facebook page for cancellation updates.
9. DISCIPLINE: If a child presents a discipline problem, he/she will be taken to their director. After counseling with the director, if the child still presents a discipline problem, he/she will be taken to the commander of the AWANA club and then to their parents.
10. CLUB ATTENDANCE AWARDS: There are four awards possible for club attendance, one for each quarter of the 8 months. During each attendance period, one absence will be allowed.
11. CHURCH ATTENDANCE AWARDS: There are two awards possible for Church attendance, one award for every two quarters of the 8 month AWANA year. Two absences will be allowed per period.
12. POINTS: Points are given to clubbers for wearing their uniform; bringing their Bible, dues and handbook; attending Church; bringing a visitor; passing sections in their handbook; and for winning during game time. Additional points may be given for sportsmanship, being quiet, following rules, etc. Teams at the end of each club night with the most points are then given a Reward.

AWANA COVENANT

The following covenant is to be signed by each AWANA club member and parent.

The following guidelines are designed to encourage a smooth running and enjoyable club. Please read the following requirements and help your child abide by them. With your help we are sure to have another super year.

1. Club members should not be in the church facilities prior to 5:00PM unless accompanied by a parent or an adult responsible for the clubber. After 5:00PM AWANA leadership will be at the church to help with supervision of the clubbers. Club ends at 7:30PM. All clubbers will leave with their parents. No clubbers are allowed outside without adult supervision.
2. Club members will not use foul language or gestures before, during, or after club times.
3. All club members will show respect and care for church property.
4. Club members will address all leadership respectfully, using Mr., Mrs., or Miss.
5. Club members should not push, shove, or roughhouse during non-game times.
6. Club members should not bring chewing gum, candy, pets, or toys to club time.
7. AWANA leadership uses the 5 count to bring order before or after an activity. When the Commander, Director, and Leader counts loudly 1-2-3-4-5, each clubber should become quiet and listen to instructions for the next activity.
8. AWANA leadership uses the 3 count as a discipline device. A disorderly clubber will be warned with a count of "1". He/she will be taken to the Commander with a count of "2" and the parent will be notified at the end of the evening if he/she continues to misbehave. If the behavior continues, he/she will receive a "3" and will be removed from club activities for the evening and parents will be called to pick them up. The clubber will not be allowed back at AWANA the following week. He/she can return after the one week off.
9. Visitors are welcome to AWANA at Lake Ouachita Baptist Church. The club member who brings a visitor will receive 5 AWANA bucks.
10. Club members not in uniform do not receive their awards.
11. Each club member will bring 50 cents dues per club meeting.
12. A telephone is available in the church office for a club member to use in case of an emergency. The church phone number is 867-2554. WE REQUEST THAT CLUBBERS NOT BRING CELL PHONES TO AWANA. CELL PHONES WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM CLUBBERS IF THEY CAUSE A DISTRACTION.
13. AWANA encourages regular club attendance and regular Church attendance. To achieve handbook awards, clubbers must attend both faithfully.

Club Member

Parent's Signature