



Dear Parents:

We invite your child to be a part of our Awana Club at Dutchtown Baptist Church.

Our Awana Clubs are as follows:

Cubbies	3 & 4 year old children (must be three by Sept. 30)
Sparks	Kindergarten through second grade
T & T	Third through sixth grade

All clubs meet weekly on Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7:30. The clubs are open to all children from any faith or church. You and your child are not required to attend any other functions of our church, but all of our church services and opportunities are available to your family. Awana teaches children what the Bible says and helps children to apply biblical truths to their own lives. Awana teachings are nondenominational.

All Awana workers and teachers volunteer their time to minister to the children in the Awana club. The weekly club dues are fifty cents a week. The weekly club dues serve two major purposes, first it teaches the children responsibility, and second, it helps to provide funding for the Awana ministry. The weekly dues are not mandatory and your child will not be turned away for not having his or her weekly dues, though they are encouraged.

Enough about the business end, let's talk about the fun side. Awana is a nondenominational, Bible centered youth organization providing weekly clubs and programs for three year olds to sixth graders. The acrostic Awana comes from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15). A weekly Awana club meeting consists of five major events. The first is our opening ceremony. During the opening ceremony we pledge allegiance to the American flag and then to the Awana flag. We also provide announcements of upcoming events, such as crazy hat night or any other event we might think the children will enjoy. The second portion is handbook time. During handbook time, the children are provided opportunities to recite and complete sections from their handbooks. The Awana teachers work one on one with the children providing directions and instructions to the lessons in the handbooks. The third portion is game time. During game time, the children play many fun and exciting new games. The games are designed to test the children's mental and athletic abilities while teaching the children good sportsmanship and fair play. The fourth portion is council time. This time is devoted to singing, praising and providing the children with a biblical message. The younger children have a special designed story time, which continues from week to week. The older children have a more general message designed to teach the children to obey God's word.

The final portion of the weekly meeting is the closing ceremony. This is the time when the events of the club meeting are wrapped up. The Awana program has an extensive award system, which goes along with the handbooks.

New children to the Awana program will bring home an entrance booklet, which is the first step in Awana achievement. We hope you will help your children complete this booklet. After completing the entrance booklet, your child is eligible to earn more awards as a member of our Awana club. We want to work with you in providing balanced physical, social, mental and spiritual activities for your child. Please see the sections entitled "Awana Tips for Parents," for things you can do to help our club run smoothly.

If your family does not have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit our church. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. The Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 8:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday Evening Services begin at 6:30 p.m. Bible Studies are offered throughout the week; to receive more information about the studies that are in progress, contact a member of our staff.

May God Bless Your Home,

Brian Reeves

Awana Commander
Dutchtown Baptist Church



Awana Club Rules

- 1) Follow directions at all time.
- 2) Obey your leader.
- 3) Arrive at 5:15 for check-in. After the Opening Ceremony starts points for check in will not be given.
- 4) You must participate in all activities of the club night unless excused by your Club Director.
- 5) When you hear any leader counting from 1 to 5 be very quiet immediately and listen for instruction.
- 6) Do not leave the building without the permission of your leader.
- 7) No awards will be presented to you if you are not in uniform.

Any child who chooses to break any rule three times during a club night will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of that night's activities. These rules are not meant to be restrictive, but to ensure a safe and fun atmosphere where everyone has a sense of security.

Awana Tips for Parents

- 1) Children should arrive on time. We have the program set up on a tight schedule. If your child is not on time, it will disrupt the entire schedule.
- 2) All children must be brought by an adult to the designated area.
- 3) Children must have their handbook. If your child shows up without his or her handbook, they will be unable to complete their work during handbook time.
- 4) Children must wear their uniform and bring the handbook to club each week once they have been earned. No awards will be presented when the child has not worn their uniform.
- 5) Tennis shoes and jeans or shorts should be worn for safety during games time. No sandals are allowed to be worn due to safety.
- 6) Points are given for arriving on time, bringing dues, bringing their handbook, wearing their uniforms, bringing their Bible, bringing friends, attending Sunday School and each section recited in Handbook time.
- 7) All Awana children must be picked up inside the building by an authorized adult in the designated area. This is for your child's safety.
- 8) The family must replace any lost uniforms, handbooks or awards.
- 9) Encourage your child to reach club achievements. Praise and reward them when they achieve certain club "milestones." Help your child as needed.
- 10) Check your child's handbook. Your signature is required in several sections before your child can receive a particular award. Your signature means you have worked with your child and understand what your child has accomplished.

**Medical Release
Statement of Consent**

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #'s	Home	_____	Work	_____
	Cell	_____	Other	_____

List all known Medical conditions, including food allergies and/or drug allergies. In additional, include any and all over-the-counter and/or prescription drugs taken regularly.

In an emergency, please contact: _____

Relationship to child _____

Phone #'s	Home	_____	Work	_____
	Cell	_____	Other	_____

Physician's Name _____

Address _____

Phone #'s _____

Primary Insurance Company _____

Phone #s _____

Billing Address _____

Policy Holder's Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to child _____

ID # _____ Group/Policy# _____

In the event of an emergency or non-emergency situation requiring medical treatment, I, _____, hereby grant permission for any and all medical and/or dental attention to be administered to my child in the event of an accidental injury or illness, until such time as I can be contacted. This permission includes, but is not limited so, the administration of first aid, and the use of an ambulance, and the administration of anesthesia and/or surgery, under the recommendation of qualified medical personnel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____