



## **Club Manual**

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Dear Parents:

We are excited to welcome you and your child to the AWANA Club at Lynn Haven United Methodist. We feel that children are very important, and we strive to create a program that will benefit your home life on a weekly basis.

This handbook has been provided to answer questions that you may have in regard to AWANA. It will help you become acquainted with the specific procedures you and your child should know. Please read this handbook carefully and completely, sharing any information you feel is necessary with your child.

We encourage you as a parent to be involved with the ongoing activities of your child's club. Successful ministry always involves working together. We will work hand in hand with you sharing the common goal of reaching your child with the gospel of Jesus Christ and training them to serve Him. The benefits will be immediate and eternal.

Thank you for the opportunity of ministering to your child in what we believe will be a life-changing year of fun-filled learning. We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the year.

Building lives together,

**Jennifer Rollins**

Children's Ministry Director



### The World of AWANA

AWANA is an international Bible-centered youth ministry providing local churches with weekly clubs and programs for pre-school through high school. Our goal is to reach boys and girls, and their families with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The acronym AWANA comes from the first letters of "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed." (2nd Timothy 2:15)

AWANA began in 1950 as a youth program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago, Illinois. Lance Latham, the church pastor, worked with Art Rorheim to develop a program that would appeal to young people, reach them with the gospel of Christ, and train them in the Lord's work. Other churches heard about the success of the AWANA program and asked if they could use it. By 1960, AWANA had chartered 900 clubs.

Today, there are more than 8,000 churches in the United States that have AWANA clubs. There are clubs in all 50 states. AWANA can also be found in over 1,900 churches in more than 90 other countries, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, from Iceland to Australia.

### THE 5 COUNT

*In order to keep order in Club, we use a method called the 5 Count.*

When a Leader holds his/her hand up and begins to count, by the time the count has come to 5, the room should be quiet with everyone's attention on the Leader.

*If a Clubber does not abide by this rule, they will be put on a 3 Count.*

#1. Warning lets the Clubber know that are now on a 3 Count.

#2. Warning results in the Clubber being taken to the Director for counseling.

#3. Warning results in the Clubber being taken out of the Club and sent to their parents or being sent to sit the rest of the club night with a Leader.

We hope these steps will never have to be taken; however, we must implement them if necessary.

Parents will be notified if their child is taken out of Club because of misbehavior. Please be sure your child understands these procedures.

## **OUR MISSION:**

"The purpose of AWANA Club International is to evangelize, challenge, and train youth of the world through the local church by providing Bible-based, Christ-centered weekly club programs and training leadership."

## **OUR VALUES:**

We place the highest value on:

1. Glorifying God.
2. Commitment to God's Word.
3. The importance of God's people.
4. The excellence of products and services.

## **GOD'S ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN:**

**"Am I a sinner?"**

Romans 3:23 - "All have sinned."

**"What shall I do about my sin?"**

Titus 3:5 - God says, "not by (good works) which we have done..."

**"God has done everything for me"**

Romans 5:8 - God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sins in my place.

**"It happened at the cross"**

I Peter 3:18 - Jesus paid for all my sins by dying, shedding His blood, and then rising from the grave and going back to Heaven.

**"God asks me to believe (trust) Him to take away my sin"**

John 1:12 - Believing is trusting in what God did for me. When we believe that His death was for us, He gives us eternal life.

**"I know this gift is mine"**

John 10:28 - God says, "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish."

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

All Club Meetings will begin promptly at 6:00!

**Opening Ceremony** - brief call to order in which all Clubbers line up in attention at the AWANA Circle

**Handbook Time** - interaction time between Leaders and Clubbers in which Clubber recites their memory work and discusses Bible reading assignments for comprehension. Clubbers are awarded as Leaders "sign off" on each child's handbook.

**Game Time** - high-energy time Clubbers compete together as team members using unique AWANA games. The enthusiastic time develops good sportsmanship, team spirit, coordination skills, as well as self-confidence.

**Council Time** - time that the club gathers for singing and creative Bible lesson relevant to children.

**Closing Ceremony** - presentation of awards for handbook progress and other competition, along with a reminder of upcoming events

## HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Moms and Dads are always the most important influence in the development of their children.

1. Please help your child to attend AWANA Club meeting every week.
2. Be sure that your child arrives on time between 5:50 and 6:00 p.m.
3. Make sure your child wears their uniform and tennis shoes to every club meeting.
4. Help your child to complete 1-2 sections each week. This will ensure that they will finish their handbook and receive their awards.
5. Attend all special major events. Parents are welcome to visit club meetings. You will be made aware of special family events throughout the year.
6. Be an encourager. Your child will have more fun and learn more if you are supportive and show an interest in their achievements.
7. Please feel free to call the AWANA Director if you have any questions or comments.
8. Please pick up your child promptly at 7:30 p.m.

## CLUBBER GUIDELINES:

In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly environment, our Club has established these guidelines. All Clubbers are expected to follow them to ensure a FUN night for all.

1. Respect your fellow Clubbers - treat them as you wish to be treated.
2. Everyone should participate - whether playing games, listening, studying, or singing - all are expected to take part and BE INVOLVED.
3. Leave all food, drinks, and candies at home.
4. Respect your Leaders at all times.
5. Come to attention whenever a Leader begins a Count to 5.
6. Please respect all church property and club equipment.
7. Bring your AWANA handbook every week.
8. Remain with your group at all times. No child should leave his assigned area.
9. Wear clothing suitable for active games, along with tennis shoes.
10. Wear a smile and have a good time with lots of FUN!

## AWANA CLUB NAMES BY DIVISION:

### **Sparks:**

Kindergarten—2nd Grades



### **Truth & Training:**

3rd—6th Grades (6th graders have the option of AWANA or Youth Group)



## ENTRANCE BOOKLETS:

Each Clubber will be given an Entrance Booklet containing general information and material to be memorized.

## HANDBOOKS:

The Club Handbooks contain the Scripture that is to be memorized and the lessons to be learned for earning awards. It is essential that each Clubber has their own Handbook and that the Handbook is brought each week to AWANA Clubs, along with their Bible.

Each Clubber should attempt to complete one Handbook per year with additional sections and workbooks available to those who finish early.

Please make sure your child's name is written in their Handbook as soon as they receive it.

## CLUB DUES:

Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, Clubbers are eligible to join AWANAS. Club Dues \$25 for the entire year (not to exceed \$75 a year per family). These funds help with the purchase of awards, uniform, and handbooks.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO child will be deprived of participation because of cost!**

Lynn Haven United Methodist Church  
AWANA Clubs  
Registration Form

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_
- CELL PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_
- AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_
- PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS OF WHO CAN BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHURCH YOUR FAMILY ATTENDS: \_\_\_\_\_

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY ALLERGIES or HEALTH RELATED PROBLEMS or CUSTODY ISSUES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?  
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Has your child ever been involved with AWANA clubs before? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, where and what was the last handbook they completed?  
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T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$25 cash or check made to LHUMC in the attached envelope and drop in the Awana basket located at the Sign-up Center.

