



South Holly Church

AWANA Club

Handbook

Club Year 2021-2022

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2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)



Welcome to AWANA

Thank you for your interest in AWANA. We believe that there is no greater calling than being the hands and feet of Jesus to children. At AWANA, clubbers will learn God’s Word and grow in their knowledge of Him while developing meaningful relationships with others. This handbook is intended to keep parents and guardians informed by communicating the most important aspects and details of the AWANA ministry. Last year, we differently learned a new way of doing things but are very excited to be back in person this year. Now that we have done things with zoom we can use it if necessary.

About South Holly

South Holly Church is built around the idea of practicing the way of Jesus, together, in our city. We believe that to be an apprentice of Jesus is to order your life around three goals:

Be with Jesus, **Become** like Jesus, and **Do** what Jesus did.

Our dream is that as we live this way, our lives, our communities, and our city, will be transformed by the power of Jesus in and through His people.

We believe the Church is not another sub-culture, but the making of a new humanity. It's not a building or a weekend activity, but a people. We strive to live out the Gospel in our city throughout the week, then gather each weekend as a collection of Communities. We want to partner with God in his relentless pursuit of people. Our prayer is as Jesus prayed, that God's will would be done in our city as it is in Heaven, and that as the Church becomes One as the Father, Son and Spirit are One, the Truth of salvation will spread in and through God's people.

AWANA Principles

AWANA has been around since 1950 and has grown from a ministry in one church to a ministry that now takes place in over 30,000 churches in 100 countries worldwide reaching over 3 million students each week. AWANA exists to reach children everywhere with the gospel of Jesus Christ and engage them in lifelong discipleship. The AWANA prayer is that children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

2021-2022 AWANA Theme



Awana

August: Join the Journey
September: What is the Journey?
October: Everyone has a Journey
November: The Journey will be Hard
December: The Journey will be Inspiring
January: The Journey will be Different for Everyone
February: You are not Alone on the Journey (Holy Spirit)
March: You will Meet People on the Journey
April: Is the Journey Worth it?
May: The King's Journey-Return of the King!

Club Details

AWANA club will meet each Sunday evening beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021 through Sunday, May 22, 2022 in person from 4:00-5:30 PM. Clubs are available for children ages 3-12th grade.

Club Structure



Preschool (ages 3-4)



Kindergarten-2nd Grade



3rd – 6th Grade



7th – 8th Grade



9th - 12th Grade

SECURITY & CHILD PROTECTION

At South Holly Church, the safety and security of children is of utmost importance to us. Some of our procedures may seem inconvenient, but our priority is taking care of each precious child entrusted to our care.

For safety reasons, we encourage parents to drop off and pick up their own child(ren) inside each week. If a different person other than a parent is picking up the child(ren), please let your child(ren)'s leader or director know. Certain doors will not be accessible during club night, so be sure that you are early (or on time) for drop-off and pick up.

Our trained volunteer leaders and directors have been screened, including background and reference checks to ensure the safety of your child(ren). For further information about our policies, please speak with Sean, Jaime or Pastor Shannon Popp.

Parent Expectations

Parents should understand what is required each week and encourage their child(ren) to complete sections and study scripture on an ongoing basis. The more involved a parent is, the more likely a child is to succeed and enjoy handbook time. Challenge yourself to memorize scripture also. By memorizing scripture along with your child(ren), you are providing encouragement as you work toward the same goal!

Parents should notify the AWANA leadership of any special needs, allergies, or physical restrictions that your child(ren) may have.

We encourage parents to attend all special events to celebrate and acknowledge the clubbers' hard work and accomplishments!

Student (Clubbers) Expectations

Clubbers should be respectful of leaders, peers, and church property.

Clubbers are expected to be on time and make sure to check-in with the AWANA Secretary. Failing to do so could result in losing perfect attendance.

Clubbers are expected to stay with their assigned class.

Clubbers are expected to wear a clean, tidy uniform each week.

Clubbers are expected to bring their handbook, Bible, and a pen/pencil each week.

Clubbers are expected to keep their earned AWANA bucks in a safe place. Lost AWANA bucks will not be replaced. The AWANA Secretary will keep AWANA bucks for all Cubbies and Sparks.

Annual Cost

As a member of the AWANA club, each student will receive a handbook and uniform upon completion of their two week introduction booklet. Students also receive awards for their accomplishments through the year. These items have a cost associated with them and will be offset by a \$60/year (including uniform) or \$47 (for clubbers who have a uniform). This is an annual cost and should be paid at the time the student receives their uniform and handbook. If initial handbooks or uniforms are lost, parents will be responsible for purchasing replacements.

Families experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay the annual fee, should discuss this with the club Director or Secretary. We never want to turn away a student due to financial reasons.

Cubbies Club

Cubbies Handbook	\$12.00
Cubbies T-shirt	\$14.00
Cubbies Bag	\$ 7.50

Sparks Club

Sparks Handbook	\$12.00
Sparks T-shirt	\$14.00
Sparks Bag	\$ 7.50
Sparks Extra Credit Frequent Flyer Handbook	\$11.00

Truth & Training Club

T & T Handbook	\$12.00
T & T Uniform Shirt	\$14.00
T & T Sling Bag	\$13.50

Trek Club

Trek Bible Study	\$12.00
Trek T shirt	\$16.00
Trek Sling Bag	\$13.50

Journey Club

Journey Bible Study	\$20.00
Journey T shirt	\$16.00
Journey Sling Bag	\$13.50

Uniform Guidelines

Clubbers receive a uniform after he/she completes the Entrance booklet. Clubbers are expected to wear their uniforms to club each week as well as any special AWANA events. Awards will be placed on an AWANA sash that will remain at club until the end of year.

Clubbers should wear closed toe shoes each week to ensure safety at game time. No flip flops or sandals. Girls wearing skirts are encouraged to have leggings or shorts on underneath their skirt.

AWANA Schedule

Reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him is our two-fold purpose. We strive to accomplish our purpose through three main elements:

Large Group Time: Begins each Sunday night at 4:00 PM with pledges, AWANA theme song, club verse, opening prayer, and announcements. The students will say the pledge to the United States and AWANA flags. Students will sit on the AWANA game square by assigned clubs.

Pledge to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America;
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the AWANA Flag

I pledge allegiance to the AWANA flag
which stands for the AWANA clubs
whose goal it is to reach boys and girls
with the Gospel of Christ
and train them to serve Him.

AWANA Theme Song

Firmly AWANA stands, led by the Lord's Commands,
"Approved workmen are not ashamed,"
Boys and girls for His service claimed!

Hail! AWANA! On the march for youth;
Hail! AWANA! Holding fourth the truth.
Building lives on the Word of God AWANA stands!
Our Savior following with steps unfaltering,
And love unaltering, His praise we sing.
His banner over us, in service glorious,
We'll fight victorious for Christ our King!
YOUTH ON THE MARCH!

Club Scripture

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Small Group Time: Clubbers work in a group or one-on-one with a trained leader to complete sections in their handbook. Some sections have items that need to be completed at home. AWANA emphasizes the memorization and understanding of key Bible verses that show how to know God and walk with Him. A series of awards and trophies are given for achievements at every level as clubbers progress. The clubbers will hear a message from God’s Word presented by their leader. Depending on the age group, crafts may also be completed.

Game Time: Individual and team competition takes place through games via Zoom or the AWANA circle.

AWANA Section Standards

Our ultimate goal at AWANA is to have clubbers memorize God's Word, allow it to shape their minds and hearts, and cause them to live their lives differently as a result. To ensure kids are learning the scriptures and providing consistency for all clubbers, the following standards will be followed when signing off on handbook sections. The handbooks provide spaces for parents to sign off on sections. By doing this, it will allow your child(ren) to earn extra AWANA bucks.

Clubbers move through their handbooks together as a group. Handbooks are designed to be finished in the AWANA club year. Each handbook typically has 32 sections to complete. Children should work on sections during breaks (fall, winter and spring) so that they can stay on track. Extra credit material is available for those who want an additional challenge!

Scripture should be memorized using the English Standard Version (ESV) in the student handbook.

All parts of the section should be completed in one sitting including verses, questions, and activities.

No more than two helps will be given per section. Helps can be verbal, hand motions, or facial gestures.

Clubbers must recite the Bible reference before saying the verse and then again after the verse. (Example: Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23). It is so important to know the reference so they can locate it in the Bible.

Sections should be completed in order, unless otherwise noted.

Parents should explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that your child(ren) will memorize more quickly if they understand what they are memorizing. If you want to confirm the meaning, there are

“help” sections in the handbook or a digital download which comes with each book. Your child(ren)’s leader is also available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Sections are passed when recited to an AWANA leader during club or when special arrangements are made by the leader. Leaders should not listen and sign off on sections for their own child(ren).

AWANA Bucks

In addition to awards that clubbers can earn for their uniforms, Cubbies, Sparks and T&T students can earn AWANA bucks to spend at the AWANA store. AWANA Store nights for the 2021-2022 calendar year will be: October 10th, December 19th, March 6th, and May 15th.

AWANA bucks must be used within the club year. T&T clubbers will receive physical paper bucks. The AWANA Secretary will keep AWANA bucks for the Cubbies and Sparks. Lost AWANA bucks will not be replaced. We will try to figure out something for the Trek and Journey groups instead of AWANA Bucks.

Club Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather or forecasted inclement weather, club cancellation will be announced via email, text, or phone call. We love AWANA and DISLIKE cancelling. As ALWAYS, parents should make the final decision about whether or not they can safely make it to club.

Other South Holly Church Programs & Services

If you do not have a home church, we would love for you to join us at South Holly. For more information, please visit our website at:

<https://southholly.org>

Thank you for reviewing this handbook. If you have any questions during the year, please feel free to contact:

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Theme Nights

Theme nights add fun, competition, and provide a way for clubbers to earn extra AWANA bucks. Some nights involve participation from home (dressing up, bringing a friend, etc.) while others are fun themes that will be integrated into the club night. Our club Secretary will send an email each week to remind parents and clubbers of the weekly theme. Theme night participation is optional; but strongly encouraged. Theme nights will not be made up in the event of club cancellation. Below is a list of all 2021-2022 theme nights.

8/15/21

Fellowship Night

- 8/22/21 **Water Night**
Bring clothes to get wet in as well as a towel, flip flops,
Water proof bag, water gun, or other water toys.
- 8/29/21 **Giant Night/Start Collecting for Missions Month**
- 9/5/21 **No AWANA Club-Labor Day**
- 9/12/21 **Baby Picture Night**
Clubbers will provide Miss Jaime with a picture to be used
during game time.
- 9/19/21 **Zoo Night:**
Bring your favorite stuffed animal or dress like one.
- 9/26/21 **Missionary Night**
Joe and Jill Cook our AWANA Missionaries will come and speak
to us during club night.
- 10/03/21 **Pastor Popcorn Night**
Pastor Shannon will be our guest speaker. Popcorn for all.
- 10/10/21 **Backwards Night & AWANA Store**
Wear your clothes backwards. Club will be ran in reverse!
- 10/17/21 **No AWANA Club-Fall Break**
- 10/24/21 **National Color Night**
How many colors can you wear at one time?
- 10/31/21 **Trunk or Treat**
Come out to SHC's Trunk or Treat. Say a verse and get a treat.
- 11/07/21 **Operation Christmas Child & Boot Camp Night?**
Pack a shoe box for a child.
- 11/14/21 **Chocolate Night**

A sweet treat will be enjoyed by all as we talk about God's love.

- 11/21/21 **Pumpkin Patch Night**
How much orange can you put on your body?
Winners from each club will receive a prize.
- 11/28/21 **No AWANA Club-Thanksgiving Break**
- 12/05/21 **Hero Night**
Dress as your favorite Bible or Super hero.
- 12/12/21 **Silent Night**
- 12/19/21 **Happy Birthday Jesus & AWANA Store**
Cupcakes for everyone.
- 12/26/21 **No AWANA Club-Winter Break**
- 01/02/22 **No AWANA Club-Winter Break**
- 01/09/22 **Black Out Night**
Come dressed in all black & bring a flashlight.
- 01/16/22 **Layer Night**
Put on as many layers of clothes as you can. Winners from each club will receive a prize. .
- 01/23/22 **Storybook Night**
Come dressed as your favorite storybook character.
- 01/30/22 **Movie Night**
Bring your favorite sleeping bag or blanket as we enjoy an indoor movie.
- 02/06/22 **Sports Night**

Wear your favorite team jersey, uniform, hat, or colors.

02/13/22

No AWANA Club-Super Bowl

02/20/22

Grand Prix Night

02/27/22

Fashion Disaster Night

Wear your most ridiculous outfit and walk the runway.

03/06/22

What I Want to be Night & AWANA Store

What is your dream job when you grow up? Come dressed and let us take a guess.

03/13/22

No AWANA Spring Break

03/20/22

Camp Night

03/27/22

Show and Tell Night

Bring your most favorite or unusual item to share

04/03/22

Mad Hatter Night

Design and wear your craziest hat. Winners from each club will receive a prize. .

04/10/22

Egg-Stravaganza Night

04/17/22

No AWANA-Easter

04/24/22

Bubble Night

Bubbles Everywhere!!! Bubbles will be provided to everyone.

05/01/22

Aloha Night

Wear your favorite aloha attire or beachwear. Winners from each club will receive a prize. .

05/08/22

Verse-A-Thon Night/ Measles Night

Gather those pledges and learn those verses to help support AWANA ministries abroad. Clubbers will collect dots for each verse said.

05/15/22

Let's Make a Deal Night/AWANA Store

Come dressed in your favorite costume to play Let's Make a Deal during game time.

05/22/22

AWANA Awards Ceremony-Final Assembly Time

Let's come together to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2021-2022 AWANA year!