



South Holly Church AWANA Club Handbook Club Year 2023-2024

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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.

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.

2023-2024 AWANA Theme

I See the Light

John 8:12: Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Club Details

AWANA club will meet each Sunday evening beginning on Sunday, August 20, 2023, through Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 4:00-5:30 PM at South Holly Church. 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 or Jaime Larson 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 the \$70/year dues (including uniform) or \$55/year dues (for clubbers who may not need a uniform). This is an annual cost and should be paid during initial registration. 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	\$13.00
Cubbies T-shirt	\$17.00
Cubbies Canvas Bag	\$13.00

Sparks Club

Sparks Handbook	\$13.00
Sparks T-shirt	\$17.00
Sparks Canvas Bag	\$13.00
Sparks Extra Credit Frequent Flyer Handbook	\$13.00

Truth & Training Club

T & T Handbook	\$13.00
T & T Uniform Shirt	\$17.00
T & T Canvas Bag	\$13.00

Trek Club

Trek Bible Study	\$13.00
Trek T shirt	\$17.00
Trek Canvas Bag	\$13.00

Journey Club

Journey Bible Study	\$19.00
Journey T shirt	\$17.00
Journey Canvas Bag	\$13.00

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 the AWANA circle, inside, or outside areas.

AWANA Section Standards

Our 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 2022-2023 calendar year will be: October 9th, January 8th, February 26th, and April 20th.

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 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 2023-2024 theme nights:

- 08.20.23: **Wet n Wild Night**
Wear something to get wet in as well as a change of clothes, towel, flip flops, waterproof bag, water gun, or other water toys for outside play.
- 08.26.23 **See the Light Camp Out**
Let's enjoy the great outdoors in our first AWANA sleepover: tents, campfire, hotdogs, smores, movies and more. What Fun!
- 08.27.23 **No AWANA-Due to Camp Out on 08.26.23**
- 09.03.23: **No AWANA – Labor Day**
- 09.10.23: **AWANA Olympics Night**
Come ready to compete for the gold in individual and team competitions. Clubbers should come dressed in shorts, AWANA shirt, and closed toe shoes.

- 09.17.23: **Rain Gutter Regatta Night**
Build a boat to race in this year's Rain Gutter Regatta. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated and fastest boats.
- 09.24.23: **Wild, Wild West Night**
Come dressed in western style attire. Let's see those boots, cowboy hats, bandanas, and blue jeans.
- 10.01.23: **Pastor Popcorn Night**
Enjoy an exciting night with Pastor Shannon as he "pops" through our club time. There will be plenty of popcorn to eat and play with during game time.
- 10.08.23: **Mr. or Miss Potato Head Night**
Design your own Mr. or Miss Potato head at home and bring to club to compete for a chance to hit the AWANA leaders with mashed potatoes!
- 10.15.23: **No AWANA-Fall Break**
- 10.22.23: **Goofy Glasses Night & AWANA Store**
Find or create your craziest pair of glasses to wear to club. Participants will be entered into a prize drawing.
- 10.29.23: **Great Pumpkin Night**
No need to wait until Halloween to wear your costume. No costume, no problem...see how much orange you can wear. Let's have a spooktacular time!
- 11.05.23: **Red, White, & Blue Night**
Come dressed in red, white, and blue to show your spirit and appreciation for our military. There will be a very special guest speaker joining us for club as we thank the Lord for our freedom!
- 11.12.23: **Bubble Night**
Come ready for a "popping" good time and leave "bubbling" over with excitement!
- 11.19.23: **Thankfulness Night**

As we give thanks to God for all our blessings, the kids will make ministry bags to pass out to our homeless population as a service project. What a great way for our kids to learn to share and be an extension of God's love.

11.26.23: **No AWANA: Thanksgiving**

12.03.23: **Jingle Jangle Night – Make a Joyful Noise**
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! Wear your Christmas bells as we make a joyful noise and sing Christmas carols together. Who will be able to find/collect the most jingle bells during the night?

12.10.23: **Missions Night**
Joe and Jill Cook, AWANA Missionaries, will be our guest speakers for the evening. The mission's collection in November will be presented to the Cook's during club.

12.17.23: **Happy Birthday Jesus**
Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas attire or ugly Christmas sweater. Miss Dee will lead a special game time with minute to win it Christmas games.

12.24.23: **No AWANA: Christmas – Winter Break**

12:31.23: **No AWANA: New Year – Winter Break**

01.07.24: **Maze Runner & AWANA Store**
It will be a race against the clock as clubbers race through the first ever SHC AWANA maze course. Who will be the ultimate maze runner?

01.14.24: **Festival of Lights Night**
Clubbers will "see" and "follow" the lights to club. Wear your brightest neon or fluorescent colors and bring a flashlight as we conduct our club in the dark.

01.21.24: **Winter Luau Night**
Time to break away from winter. Come dressed in your

favorite island or summer attire and get ready to enjoy the island life.

- 01.28.24: **Winter Wonderland Night**
Our summer retreat is over and it's time to return to the heart of winter. Let's see how many layers you can wear to our AWANA Winter Wonderland. It's all about the cold and a chance to hit the AWANA leaders with shaving cream.
- 02.04.24: **Sports Night – Spirit Night**
Time to change your uniform. Do you play a sport or have a favorite sports team? Show your team/sport spirit by wearing your own sporting gear or team jersey.
- 02.11.24: **No AWANA: Super Bowl**
- 02.18.24: **Banana Split Night**
Come dressed in yellow and enjoy your own personalized banana split during club time.
- 02.25.24: **Crazy Clubber Night**
Come dressed in your craziest, wildest, mismatched ensemble and take a walk down the AWANA runway.
- 03.03.24: **Movie Night & AWANA Store**
Lights, Camera, Action: bring your favorite sleeping bag or blanket and come dressed in your pajamas as we enjoy an indoor movie and treats.
- 03.10.24: **Giant Night**
LET'S GO LARGE! Bring the biggest thing you can carry on your own. Prizes will be awarded per club for the most unique item. Game time will be enormous.
- 03.17.24: **No AWANA-Spring Break**

- 03.24.24: **He is Risen Night**
Celebrating our Risen Savior by presenting the Easter story. There will be plenty of Easter excitement through the night.
- 03.31.24: **No AWANA: Easter Break**
- 04.07.24: **Escape the Tower Night**
Calling all detectives and clue seekers to test your skills as you work together to break out of our first AWANA escape room.
- 04.14.24: **Verse-a-Thon Night**
Gather those pledges and learn those verses to help support AWANA ministries abroad. As an extra perk, clubbers will earn a can of silly string to spray the AWANA leaders.
- 04.21.24: **Let's Make a Deal Night**
Back by popular demand. Come dressed in your favorite costume to play Let's Make a Deal during game time.
- 04.28.24: **Tangled Night & AWANA STORE**
Join us for our final AWANA night for the 2023-2024 season.
- 05.05.24: **AWANA Awards**
Parents and friends, join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of each of our children.