



**2016-2017**  
**PARENT GUIDE**

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kids matter to us because kids matter to God

# WELCOME TO AWANA!

## ***A Note from Pastor Bradley***

Thank you so much for participating in our Awana program this year. We hope your child has an amazing year of growing and learning. Our highest priority at First Baptist Donalsonville Kid's Ministry is seeing children become authentic, fruit-bearing disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a parent you have the most important role (aside from God) to play in the salvation of your child. Bringing your child to Awana is a great step. I would also encourage you to have many conversations throughout the week about the verses your child is learning. Memorize verses together, talk about the verses, and demonstrate the importance of God's Word in your own life.

If you feel that your child would benefit from talking to a Pastor about salvation, please don't hesitate to let us know. We love meeting with children and helping them get one step closer to becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

May you have a blessed year,

Bradley Crews  
Youth and Children's Pastor

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## ***A Note About Costs***

It is our desire that every child have the opportunity to participate in Awana. If you have difficulty handling the cost of your child's participation in Awana (uniforms or other), please talk to your Club Director or the Club Commander. We will work with you on payment plans. Third party sponsorships may also be an option. Please ask us for details if this is a problem for your family.



# **CLUB PARTICIPATION AND MATERIAL COSTS**

## ***Cost of Uniforms and Handbooks***

### **Cubbies (3-Pre-K)**

Handbook.....	\$10.00
Vest .....	\$10.00
Handbook Bag (Optional) .....	\$7.00

### **Sparks (K-2nd Grade)**

Handbook.....	\$10.00
Vest .....	\$10.00
Handbook Bag (Optional) .....	\$7.00

### **Truth & Training (3rd - 6th Grade)**

Handbook.....	\$10.00
3rd/4th Grade T-Shirt.....	\$10.00
5th/6th Grade T-Shirt.....	\$10.00
T&T Sling Backpack (Optional).....	\$9.00

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## ***Receiving Handbooks and Uniforms***

Children who participate in Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training must complete special assignments called "Start Zones" prior to receiving their purchased uniforms and handbooks.



# HEART FELT OFFERINGS

Most AWANA Clubs have dues, which is a set amount of money, typically 50¢ per week, paid by the children. This is simply to help provide for the weekly costs of the ministry. It is our desire at FBC Donalsonville to have weekly “Heart Felt Offerings” instead of set dues.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach your child the importance of giving back to God a portion of what He has given us. Through your prayer and teaching, your child will begin to understand the value of tithing. This principle is essential to teach in the early years of life.

Choosing to give “Heart Felt Offerings” teaches your child how to be led by God in his or her giving to Him and it teaches him or her how to financially support the ministry.

Each week as children check in or during the opening ceremony, children will be given the opportunity to give their “Heart Felt Offerings” for that week. Thank you for your participation in this great ministry and for giving us the opportunity to minister to your family!

- So Children May Know Christ,  
The AWANA Leadership Team





## The Nightly Schedule:

<u>TIME:</u>	<u>CUBBIES:</u>	<u>SPARKS:</u>	<u>T&amp;T:</u>
<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Family Night Supper</b> <i>Every Wednesday While School is in Session</i> <i>By Reservation • \$5.00 per person (\$20.00 Family Cap)</i>		
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Go To Cubbies Room	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
<b>6:05 pm</b>	Games	Handbook	Bible Lesson
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Handbook	Games	Handbook
<b>6:55 pm</b>	Lesson	Bible Lesson	Games
<b>7:20 pm</b>	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Pick-Up	Pick-Up	Pick-Up

Opening and Closing Ceremonies will take place in the "Hay House" Building at FBC. This is the house right next to the playground area. We ask that parents/guardians drop off and pick up the children at this building each week.

# AWANA CLUB RULES

1. Do Your Best

2. Be Kind

3. Listen and Follow Directions

4. Be A Helper

5. Walk At All Times

6. Obey The Five Count

7. Keep Your Hands To Yourself

8. Use Polite Words

9. HAVE FUN!!!





# 2016-2017 AWANA CALENDAR



DATE:	EVENT OR THEME NIGHT:
<b>AUGUST</b>	
31	Kick-Off Night!
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
7	Regular Club Night
14	Crazy Socks
21	Regular Club Night
28	Regular Club Night
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
5	AWANA Store Night (Sparks and T&T)
12	Pajama Night
19	Regular Club Night
26	Regular Club Night
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
2	Regular Club Night
9	Super Hero Night (Dress like your favorite super hero)
16	Family Thanksgiving Celebration (Bring the family for a Thanksgiving Meal!)
23	No Church Activities - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
30	AWANA Store Night (Sparks and T&T)
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
7	Tacky Christmas Sweater
14	Children's Bible Study - CHRISTMAS BREAK (No Awana)
21	Children's Bible Study - CHRISTMAS BREAK (No Awana)
28	Children's Bible Study - CHRISTMAS BREAK (No Awana)
<b>JANUARY</b>	
4	Children's Bible Study - CHRISTMAS BREAK (No Awana)
11	Regular Club Night
18	Crazy Hair Night
25	Regular Club Night

DATE:	EVENT OR THEME NIGHT:
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
1	AWANA Store Night (Sparks and T&T)
8	Mustache Night
15	Regular Club Night
22	Regular Club Night
<b>MARCH</b>	
1	Regular Club Night
8	Glasses Night (Silly glasses/sunglasses)
15	Regular Club Night
22	AWANA Store Night (Sparks and T&T)
29	Regular Club Night
<b>APRIL</b>	
5	Regular Club Night
12	Favorite Sports Team
19	Regular Club Night
26	Regular Club Night
<b>MAY</b>	
3	AWANA Store Night (Sparks and T&T)
10	Last Regular Club Night
17	Awards Night
24	No Awana Club; Children's Alternative Activities
31	No Awana Club; Children's Alternative Activities

COLOR:	DESCRIPTION:
BLUE	Theme Night
RED	Special Event
GREEN	Regular Club Night
YELLOW	No Awana Club; Children's Alternative Activities