

Dear Parents,

AWANA will start on Sunday, August 21, 2011. We are so excited to have your child in AWANA this year! Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child! Below is some information that may help you get better acquainted with the Awana program and answer any questions you may have.

What is Awana?

Awana is an international, nondenominational, Bible-centered youth organization .At Bannockburn, we offer Awana for Kindergarten (5yrs old) through 6th grade. Awana exists to reach children and youth with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. **Sparks** is for Kindergartners through second-graders and **Truth and Training (T&T)** is for third through six-graders. Both clubs emphasize Bible memorization and Bible centered activities and achievements.

What does my child do from 4:30-6:00PM?

We begin with a check-in process at 4:15pm that awards the children with points for their Color Team. Your child may earn points for the following:

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| Coming to Awana | Bringing their Bible |
| Being on Time (in the door by 4:30p) | Bringing a friend |
| Bringing their Handbook | Participating in Theme Nights (See Calendar) |
| Wearing their uniform (See Awana Fees) | |

The children then participate in our weekly Flag Ceremony that involves the Awana Pledge, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Awana Song. After that, it's on to Game Time. This is the chance for the children to get a little wild and crazy as they compete for Color Team points.

We follow Game Time up with Handbook Time. The children work on memorizing sections of their Handbook each week at home and then recite them to their leader during this time for Color Team points and individual awards. There is then a brief large group Council Time for Sparks and T&T. Then Awards Time concludes the evening. We have separate Award Times this year.

Your child may earn Awana bucks by:

(NOTE: Children are required to keep up with their own Awana Bucks this year.)

Attendance at Awana = 1 buck

Bringing a friend who has never been to Awana at BBC=5 bucks

Attendance in Sunday school = 2 bucks

Participating in Theme Nights (see Awana Calendar) = 5 bucks

Completing a section of the Handbook = 1 buck for Sparks, 2 for T&T

Completing handbook = 10 bucks for Sparks, 20 bucks for T&T

Awana Dues

Club dues are \$30 this year.

Awana Bag

All clubbers are asked to bring their Awana handbook, Bible, and other supplies in a bag or backpack. The children are required to keep up with their own Awana Bucks this year; therefore, a bag or backpack will be necessary to help them keep up with all of their supplies.

Awana Fees

Each clubber is expected to wear their Awana uniform to each Awana meeting. Each clubber will be able to purchase their uniform once they have completed their entrance booklet. **The cost for a Sparks (K-2nd graders) uniform is \$13.** Sparks will be wearing the traditional red vests. **The cost for a Truth & Training uniform (3rd – 6th graders) is \$16.** ***PLEASE NOTE: ALL UNIFORMS RUN EXTREMELY SMALL!!*** Please order a bigger size for your child. (Most children normally wearing size small are fitting well into Awana Size Large.) Parents will be notified when each child is eligible to order their Awana uniform and once payment has been received, the uniform will be ordered and presented at the next Awana meeting. If you would like to go ahead and pay for your child's uniform, we will order it and hold it until they have earned it.

Another fee you might have this year is a replacement cost if your child loses his/her handbook, awards, or uniform. We highly recommend keeping all Awana materials in a designated bag or backpack!

Picking up your child from Awana

In order to provide the safest environment possible for your child, **we will only release children at 6:00pm to you from their color lines on the Family Center/GYM floor. We will NOT release children to meet you on campus or in the parking lot.** We also request that you come in person to get your child – please do not send an older sibling. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we seek to provide the safest environment possible for your children.

Got room for me?

We sure do! **We have had such a great response from the children, we are looking for more Leaders.** ***

Awana Handbook Leaders

An Awana Handbook Leader is essentially a team listener. This job does not involve any preparation – just the two hour commitment to Awana each Sunday. A Leader is assigned 5 or 6 children from one particular grade level who listens to them say their memory work each week. You can become an Awana Leader in our club if you are a BBC member who completes our next Awana Leadership Training course. If you are interested in becoming an Awana Leader, please call Carla Dillard at 892-2703 ext. 227.

We sincerely hope that your child is enjoying their time with us each Sunday evening and we look forward to getting to know your family better.

Blessings,

Carla Dillard, Children's Minister

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Carol Hennebach, Your AWANA Commander

The yellow shirts (Awana staff)

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