

October 2nd, 2015

Dear Parent,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the new AWANA club at Faith Bible Chapel. During their time at AWANA, your children will participate in fun and exciting games and activities, meet new friends and learn about God. Carefully tailored curriculum for each age group will lead children on an exciting journey through the Bible. Weekly memory verses and Bible stories show children how the Bible applies to everyday life.

AWANA will meet the first three Fridays of each month of the school year. If there are five Fridays in a particular month, we will meet the first four. We will begin the night promptly at 6pm and end at 7:30. Each night has a special theme, such as Crazy Hair Night and Mismatch Night, so encourage your child to dress the part; it makes the overall atmosphere more fun and exciting! Please refer to the calendar you received to find the exact date of every meeting for the year and what each night's theme is. If there is inclement weather, we will follow the Westerly School District's closing schedule, so if Westerly schools were closed, we will not meet that night.

At the start of each night, we will have a quick opening time and then each child will be dismissed into their age-appropriate groups. We have Cubbies (3-5 year old pre-schoolers), Sparks (K-2nd graders) and T&T (3rd-6th graders). In their groups, kids will rotate participating in the following three activities. 1. **Large Group**-an interactive time where kids meet together to sing and hear a Bible story. 2. **Handbook time**-in which children will work with leaders on their handbook activities and memorizing and reciting Scripture and 3. **Game time**-in which children participate in thrilling and cooperative activities regardless of their skill level.

On the first night of AWANA, children were given Entrance Booklets to work through. Once your child has completed their Entrance Booklet, he/she will be awarded his/her uniform, which will be a vest or shirt specific to their group. Kids earn awards, which are distinct patches worn on their uniform vest/shirt, by completing sections in their handbooks. Awards are given out during the closing time of each night and we make a big deal out of them, so congratulate your child when they receive one!

Parent participation is most welcome. You can help your child have the most fun at AWANA by encouraging regular, prompt attendance and making sure he/she brings their Bible (if they are of a reading-age) and handbook and wears their uniform (once they receive it). If you need a Bible, let us know and we will provide your child with one.

You are also welcome to observe club-time, especially the end of the night where awards are given out. Most importantly, we encourage parents to work with their children a few minutes each day on their Scripture memorization activities, which you can find in their handbook.

AWANA bucks will be given out to children for showing up, bringing their Bible, wearing their uniform, bringing a friend, participating in a theme night and for each Scripture verse they successfully complete. We will keep track of everyone's bucks and then your children may spend it on prizes during our two Store Nights (in December and May). Cubbies do not participate in AWANA bucks.

This is just a brief overview of the program, so if you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to the attention of either Amber Landeck (#860-449-4378) or Brianne Phillips (#860-639-9313). Thank you for allowing your child to visit our Awana club. It is our hope and prayer that this year will be a time of fun, growth and discovery for every child involved.

Sincerely,

Amber Landeck and Brianne Phillips, AWANA Organizational Directors