



Parent's Guide
2019-20
Galilee Baptist
Church

Helping Kids

KNOW

LOVE

& SERVE

JESUS

Mark 10:13-16

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them



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Welcome to Awana

Awana is a non-denominational youth ministry committed to “reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him.” The heartbeat of Awana is reaching children around the world with the good news that Jesus Christ loves them so they will know, love and serve Him.

Each week, more than one million boys and girls in over 110 countries attend Awana clubs. From preschool to high school, children and youth have fun while learning the Word of God. Awana is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed”, which is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

*2 Timothy 2:15 (King James Version)
Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Awana Clubs



PreK*	K-2 nd grade	3 rd -6 th grade	7 th & 8 th grade	9 th -12 th grade
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*Children must be fully potty trained and must be 3 years old before the start of the Awana year

Registration

Registration 2019-2020 is Aug. 14th 2019

Children may join Awana any time throughout the school year. Parents are expected to come to registration to update and submit registration information, make payment, and meet their club Commander and Leaders. It is beneficial for families to take advantage of Registration Night so that your children can start earning their awards right away. Throughout the year, registration takes place with the Awana Secretary at the Awana Office, which is located past the double doors leaving the Game Room into the Christian Education wing of the church. During club nights, the Awana Office is open for purchase and making payments from 6:15-6:45 and again at the end of the evening 8:05 -8:30pm.

Awana Handbooks and Uniforms

Handbook inventory is ordered primarily in New King James Version (NKJV) since Galilee has chosen that translation to keep consistency across the club. New International Version 1984 (NIV 1984). King James Version (KJV) and English Standard Version (ESV) are available to order if preferred, but they require a three week wait and an additional charge (the exception to this, is those that pre-registered at the end of the year, there is no wait). Questions or concerns may be addressed with your club Director.

Cubbies and T and T complete an entrance pamphlet that is distributed at time of registration to receive their uniform and handbook. Handbooks and uniforms are distributed by their leaders as part of the built-in reward system for hiding God's Word in their hearts. All other clubbers receive their uniforms and handbooks at time of registration if we have them in stock. We highly encourage the clubbers to begin work on their first lesson.

Handbooks are made up of “sections” -- groups of one or more Bible verses and some questions to be answered. Clubbers are expected to study and memorize these at home during the week. In addition, Trek and Journey have Bible Summaries they must complete. At club during handbook/small group time clubbers recite their verses and answers they've worked on through the week with no more than two helps. Unless otherwise noted, clubbers should work through their book in order. Clubbers are always encouraged to do their best and go above and beyond whenever possible. Questions about lesson schedule should be directed to club Directors.

Clubbers receive Awana points for being present, being prepared for club, and showing hard work learning their lessons. They earn completion awards regularly as they finish portions of their books, to be received the week following completion. Additionally, cumulative awards are issued at the end of the year. Clubbers must be in uniform or themed attire to receive awards. The back of your clubber's handbook has suggestions of award placement on the uniform.

Costs

In addition to handbook and uniform, each clubber pays yearly dues. Families with multiple children enrolled will receive a discount. Payment plans and scholarships are available. If there is financial restraint please speak with the Awana Secretary or Commander, we will happily work with you so your child may participate in Awana. The Awana ministries work hard to keep costs minimal, however we urge that you do not allow cost to interfere with your child's participation. If you feel lead to sponsor another family or have a few extra dollars you would be able to contribute to help another clubber attend, please see the secretary or commander. You can also add your contribution to your order form.

Parent Participation--A Critical Part of Awana

Every parent has a role in the Awana program. We know you invest a lot in your children, and we're thrilled you've chosen to invest in their eternity through Awana. It is such a privilege as a parent to walk with our children spiritually. Awana wants to equip you and come alongside you in this endeavor. In order for your child to get the most out of their year, you must help them make Awana a priority. Here are a few suggestions:

- Work with your clubber in their handbook. Spend a few minutes periodically throughout the week to guide them to success.
- Pray for God's work in and through your children. Pray for the leaders, Directors, and Commander as we yearn to make God known.
- With your clubber, read and discuss club expectations.
- Be prompt and on time for check-in and pick-up.
- Volunteer to help. Please see the section “Specific needs this year” or speak with our Volunteer Coordinator or Commander. (their contact information is on the last page.)



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Specific needs this year:

T and T Girls and Boys Leader: (3rd through 6th grade): We need godly men and women to help our T&T leadership in large group time lessons, listening, and mentoring. This is a critical time in clubbers' lives and having strong leadership is essential.

Listeners (Kindergarten through 12th grade): Faithful volunteers are needed to assist our leadership team. Listeners will work with clubbers to complete their memory verses and help them understand the material. This commitment may be weekly, bi-weekly, or even a once a month.

Store Helpers: Four club nights during the year are designated Store Nights. Store helpers are present on these nights to help clubbers shop with their Awana Points. They may also help with store night set up prior to club.

Store Donations: Gently used, kid-friendly items for the store are always welcome. Charitable contribution receipts for tax purposes can be provided for those willing to solicit donations from third parties (ie. Jumpin', Chilson Center, Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery, restaurants, or garage sales).

Games Leaders (Helpers): This is a great place for parents to be involved in an exciting and fun way without any weekly preparation. The volunteer will assist the current leader and lead games when he is out of town.

Fundraising Leader or Team: This person will organize fundraising for Awana or for the Cafe 4:12 Rocky Mountain Honors Camp. This helps clubbers go to camp that may not have been able to go otherwise.

Club Night Outline

Check-In:

With the exception of Cubbies, clubbers check in at their appropriate club table and meet their peers in the Worship Center. Cubbies are checked in by a parent or guardian in the Cubbies' classroom. Sparks and Truth & Training (T&T) check-in is inside the sanctuary. Trek & Journey's (Café 4:12) check-in is right inside the front doors.

Cubbies Club Night:

The Cubbies program utilizes "Total Time Teaching," i.e.—everything is planned and done for the purpose of reinforcing the Bible story/concept being taught that week. For this reason Cubbies typically will not attend Opening or Closing Ceremonies.

Club Night Segments

For clubbers in K- 12th grade, check-in and early listening begins at 6:15 pm. Club night starts with Opening Ceremony in the Worship Center at 6:30 pm. Along with the presentation of the flags, all members recite the pledge to the American Flag, the Awana Flag, and the Bible. This is followed by special announcements, and concludes with prayer.

Typical club nights are divided into three segments: Game Time, Handbook/Small Group Time, and Large Group Time. A generalized schedule is provided below, please note nightly schedule is subject to change.

	Sparks	T&T Girls	T&T Boys	Café 4:12
6:15	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in
6:30	Opening Ceremony in the Worship Center			
6:40	Large Group Time	Handbook Time	Large Group Time	Game Time
7:05	Handbook Time	Game Time	Game Time	Small Groups
7:30	Game Time	Large Group Time	Handbook Time	Large Groups
7:55	Closing Ceremony in the Worship Center			
8:05	Club Dismissed	Club Dismissed	Club Dismissed	Club Dismissed
8:30	Doors Close	Doors Close	Doors Close	Doors Close

During Game Time, clubbers are divided into 3 or 4 teams to play unique games like Tug-Of-War, Marathon Race, and Balloon Relay. Clubbers are expected to dress appropriately for games, **pants and closed toed shoes are required**. Those who are not dressed accordingly might not be allowed to participate. Teams acquire hash marks by respecting their Game's Directors, good behavior and sportsmanship, as well as successful wins. At the conclusion of game time, hash marks are totaled, and teams are awarded points based on placement.



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In Handbook Time clubbers have the opportunity to recite and review verses or lessons that were previously assigned. Ideally they have been working on the assigned work throughout the week. Children benefit from the one-on-one help provided at club, however parents are greatly encouraged to prepare their children at home. Younger clubbers can also utilize their handbook's downloadable content throughout the week.

Large Group or Council Time, is when leaders or guest speakers lead a biblical message or lesson prepared for the evening. The message is age-appropriate and includes an invitation to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Children may also participate in Bible enrichment activities, hear announcements, receive current assignments, and sing songs at this time.

Closing Ceremony is held in the Worship Center. At this time clubbers receive awards earned the previous week, hear additional reminders, and are then dismissed at approximately 8:10. Parents are greatly encouraged to attend Closing Ceremony at 7:55pm for news of upcoming events and to applaud their children's efforts.

Regarding dismissal, no child is allowed to exit the building without accompaniment by an adult. All clubbers are expected to remain with their leaders in the Worship Center until retrieved by their parent or guardian. Café 4:12 clubbers may group together with younger siblings, but are still required to remain in the Worship Center until a parent's arrival.

Security

Parents of Cubbies check-in and out their child in the Cubbies classroom on the Cubbies' attendance sheet. Older siblings may not sign out Cubbies. Please understand that your children's safety is our concern.

All youth (clubbers and non-enrolled youth) are not allowed to loiter around the building—participation is expected—either in age-appropriate club or service to other clubs with approval by the Commander.

If your clubber becomes ill or injured during club, they will sit with the Awana Secretary in the Awana Office until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.

No clubbers are allowed to leave the building without an accompanying parent or guardian unless they have driven themselves. Clubbers should remain within the Worship Center until retrieved by their pick-up adult.

As a security measure the front doors will be locked at 6:45 pm and unlocked at 7:50 pm. Please be on time to pick up your clubbers, so we may go through the lock up process in a timely manner.

Galilee Baptist Awana Policies

What to Bring to Awana

- All children should wear their designated uniform and shoes good for running. Pants and tennis shoes are most encouraged
 - Attire such as skirts, heels, sandals, boots, etc. are not appropriate
- Awana handbook and Bible (please communicate with Awana Secretary if a Bible is needed).
- Missions offering during designated weeks of club calendar or when it is part of a handbook lesson
- On themed nights, all clubbers are encouraged to dress or bring certain items fitting the theme. These nights are indicated on the calendar and are considered the night's uniform. A reminder will be given the week prior.
- In your child's handbook there is a section requiring your clubber to bring a friend. Children are encouraged to bring their friend early in the club year, giving the friend an opportunity to get involved with Awana all year long

To minimize distractions, clubbers should not bring additional items to club. If your child has something that does not pertain to Awana, a leader will instruct them to put it away. If it is seen again, it has become an issue and will be confiscated until the end of the night.

- **Lost and found is located by the north entrance coat rack, please check it often.**

PLEASE! Review ALL guidelines with your clubber to ensure their understanding!

Guidelines:

In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly environment, all clubbers are expected to know and respect the following guidelines:

- Apply the golden rule - treat others as you wish to be treated.
 - Keep your hands to yourself
 - Speak with respect using kind words
 - Respect all club members including leaders and all adults
- Wear your Awana uniform each week. Wearing your uniform (or theme) is mandatory in order to receive awards.
- Bring only your Awana Handbook and Bible each week, unless requested otherwise. Cubbies need only bring their Handbook.
- Participate in all activities at all times.
- Understand and observe an Awana 5- count from leaders. When a leader begins the Awana 5-count:

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- Respect the property of Galilee Baptist Church and the facility.
- Refrain from running or horseplay anywhere in the facility outside of appropriate Game Time.
- Remain inside the building, actively participating in your age- appropriate club at all times, or observing another club (as approved by the Commander).
- Remain in the Worship Center until picked up prior to door lock at 8:30pm

Communication:

To receive reminders and updates please sign up or download the Iremind app by texting @8b32ab to the number 81010.

In the event of inclement weather, the Commander will decide to cancel club no later than 3:30 pm., Registered families will be notified via IREMIND and/or phone call. Closures are posted on the website at www.galileebaptist.org and www.facebook.com/GalileeLoveland on Galilee Awana Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/awanagalilee/> .

Please also check your email for updates from your clubber's director.

- The year's calendar including vacation dates is on the last page.

Discipline:

In any large group of kids there will be issues with discipline. Awana has two separate discipline methods to handle either the group or individual needs.

The Awana 5-count is used to get the group's attention and give instructions . A Leader begins counting to 5 in a loud enough voice to be heard, also indicating the count with one hand in the air. As soon as the leader begins, clubbers become quiet and focus on the leader counting.

The 3-count is used for individuals causing a disruption.

First offense: The leader will quietly inform clubber they are receiving a warning to stop their behavior.

Second offense: The clubber will be removed from the group for a conversation with their Director or club Commander.

Third offense: The clubber's parents or guardian will be called, and the clubber sent home.

Wellness & Absences

Sickness spreads easily among children, affecting all other Awana members and their families. Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms within 24 hours of club: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, discolored nasal mucus, bad cough, or rash.

Leaders and volunteers who are ill are asked to stay home as well. Please notify your director or commander of your anticipated absence.

If your child is absent due to illness or emergency, please communicate with Awana Secretary the returning club night in person or in writing. Some awards are based on attendance and excused absences are permissible toward those awards

Special Activities

Many club nights there are special events at Awana. The club calendar provided is a necessary tool for you and your clubber to be involved. Please familiarize yourself with the calendar and inquire with your leaders, Awana Secretary or Commander with any questions so you may take full advantage of all your Awana club has to offer.

Awana Store

Awana Store gives clubbers an opportunity to spend their points on small gifts or treats. Store happens almost quarterly, and is listed on the club calendar. All items are screened for content and safety. Understandably every family has "shopping" preferences, so a parent or guardian is welcome to accompany their clubber through Store if you would like. Donations of store items are always welcome.

Fundraising

Cafe 4:12 sponsors fundraising events throughout the year. All funds raised MUST remain within Awana. Funds will not be utilized for outside camps, church activities, or personal purposes. At the end of each club year, unused funds are consolidated to pay for special events the following club year. For fundraisers that are done by a group, ie. Bake sale, Pizza Ranch, the sales will be divided evenly between the Cafe 412 students who work it.

Please plan to support our students when these opportunities arise. You may be providing for an individual to go to camp who couldn't afford it otherwise!

There will also be a few opportunities for the younger clubbers to be able to raise funds to help our Awana club.

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Missionary Offerings

In your clubber's handbook there are lessons teaching about missionaries. Twice each year clubbers have the opportunity to fulfill their project of bringing "missionary money." The calendar at the end has these dates so your children can collect ahead of time. The offerings are shared in the following ways:

A missionary offering is given to Joseph and Jill Cook who are our local Awana missionaries. Their vision is to work with local churches to ensure all children are given exposure to God's Word and discipleship. Their team provides training for Awana leaders.

A second fund raising project is pursued to raise funds for global awareness. Donations may be given to visiting missionaries or to aid an Awana Club in a foreign country or to Galilee's Haiti Project. Awana is intentional in its mission to reach kids with the Gospel around the world. You can learn more at www.awana.org/go.

Local and Regional Competitions

Awana Grand Prix

The Awana Grand Prix is a Pinewood Derby-style racing event popular among Awana Clubs nationwide. All clubbers are invited to participate. Clubbers purchase car kits containing: 1 pine wood block, 4 plastic wheels, and 2 axles for constructing their car. The Pit Party is scheduled several weeks prior to the race for clubbers who need access to equipment, supplies, or experienced help to shape their car.

Clubbers compete within their age group for 1st– 3rd place trophies in speed and design. Age groups are Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Trek, Journey, and Open Class for adults. Parents, Grandparents, other siblings and friends or family not enrolled in Awana are invited to participate also. Detailed information will be dispersed as the event approaches. See your calendar at the back for dates.

Regional Events 2019-20

All clubbers entering 6th grade in 2019 and older have the opportunity to attend Rocky Mountain Honors camp if they meet the requirement to complete their handbook and summaries during the year. Monies earned from fundraising participation will help pay for camp costs.

Dates for camp this year will be announced. If you are interested PLEASE let the Church Secretary, Kimberly Mills know. 970-669-3274

Date (2019)	Fall Themes	Date (2020)	Winter Themes
WED, AUG 14	REGISTRATION NIGHT	WED, JAN 01	NEW YEAR BREAK
WED, AUG 28	1ST CLUB NIGHT / CRAZY NAME TAG NIGHT	WED, JAN 08	DOUBLE BUCKS! / WINTER HAT NIGHT
WED, SEP 04	CRAZY HAIR NIGHT	WED, JAN 15	START OF WINTER CONTEST / MISMATCHED SHOES AND SOCKS NIGHT
WED, SEP 11	FAMILY NIGHT - PARENTS LEARN A VERSE EARN POINTS FOR CHILD!	WED, JAN 22	WINTER CONTEST / YIPPEE YELLOW NIGHT
WED, SEP 18	START OF FALL CONTEST / SILLY SOCK NIGHT	WED, JAN 29	WINTER CONTEST / DRESS AS A BIBLE CHARACTER NIGHT
WED, SEP 25	FALL CONTEST / GREGARIOUSLY GREEN NIGHT	WED, FEB 05	WINTER CONTEST / THGIN SDRAWKCAB
WED, OCT 02	FALL CONTEST / START OF MISSIONS GIVING CONTEST / GOOFY GLASSES	WED, FEB 12	WINTER CONTEST / BEACH PARTY NIGHT - WEAR SUNGLASSES, HAWAIIAN SHIRTS,
WED, OCT 09	FALL CONTEST / MISSIONS GIVING / DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT	WED, FEB 19	END OF WINTER CONTEST / START OF MISSIONS GIVING CONTEST / CRAZY HAT NIGHT
WED, OCT 16	FALL CONTEST / MISSIONS GIVING / STORE NIGHT / DRESS YOUR BEST!	SAT, FEB 22	GRAND PRIX PIT PARTY
WED, OCT 23	END OF FALL CONTEST / MISSIONS GIVING / UNIFORM INSPECTION NIGHT	WED, FEB 26	MISSIONS GIVING / STORE NIGHT / LAYER LAYER LAYER NIGHT!
WED, OCT 30	END OF MISSIONS GIVING CONTEST / FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM NIGHT	FRIDAY, FEB 28	WINTER CONTEST PARTY!
FRI, NOV 1	FALL CONTEST PARTY!	WED, MAR 04	MISSIONS GIVING / GLOW IN THE DARK NIGHT
WED, NOV 06	NEON NIGHT	FRI, MAR 6	GRAND PRIX TRIALS
WED, NOV 13	RIDICULOUSLY RED NIGHT	SAT, MAR 7	GRAND PRIX
WED, NOV 20	TWINS AND TRIPLETS NIGHT - FIND A FRIEND OR SIBLING AND DRESS ALIKE	WED, MAR 11	END OF MISSIONS GIVING / INTERNATIONAL NIGHT - DRESS AS SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY
WED, NOV 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK	WED, MAR 18	SPRING BREAK
WED, DEC 04	DOUBLE BUCKS! / CAMO NIGHT	WED, MAR 25	DOUBLE BUCKS! / PLEASANTLY PLAID NIGHT
WED, DEC 11	80'S NIGHT	WED, APR 01	BODACIOUS BLUE NIGHT
WED, DEC 18	STORE NIGHT / DRESS CHRISTMAS-Y (UGLY SWEATERS/GREEN/RED/WHITE)	WED, APR 08	LEADER APPRECIATION NIGHT - BRING A CARD FOR YOUR LEADER
WED, DEC 25	CHRISTMAS BREAK	WED, APR 15	UGLY TIE NIGHT
		WED, APR 22	DRESS LIKE YOUR MOM OR DAD NIGHT
		WED, APR 29	FINAL STORE / LAST REGULAR CLUB NIGHT
		WED, MAY 06	AWARDS NIGHT!

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Journey Director	Jed Orrison	970-776-0550