

# Grace Bible Church



## 2019-2020 Handbook

[gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_main.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_main.html)

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## Welcome to AWANA Clubs at Grace Bible Church

Dear Parent,

We are glad to have you participate in the AWANA Club program at Grace Bible Church. AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed—II Tim 2:15) is part of a nondenominational, Bible-centered organization providing weekly clubs and programs for young people from three years of age through high school.

The goal of AWANA is “to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.”

We ask the parents/guardians to:

- \* Bring their child on time each week and enter through the North door (the door facing the sanctuary)
- \* Help their child learn and understand the handbook work
- \* Be sure to show interest in their child’s achievements
- \* Tell us of any concerns or special needs for their child
- \* Make sure their child wears shoes with non-slip soles (like tennis shoes) and long pants to help avoid scrapes and accidents during game time
- \* Make sure their child has a sweater or jacket during cooler weather as we frequently do things outside

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with the Director of your child’s club or with me. In addition, you may find more about AWANA at [gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_main.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_main.html). May God bless you!

Ron Batten  
AWANA Ministry Director

## AWANA Leadership

**Pastor** Jim Davis 512-392-6312

**Ministry Director** Ron Batten 512-262-1213

**Games Director** Justin Stanford

**Cubbies** (2 years prior to Kindergarten)

Director Kassi Guzman  
Student Leader Taylor Contreras

**Sparks** (Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Directors David & Becca Schultz  
Leaders Maddy Heideman, Jim Argraves  
Student Leader Mariana Magaña

**Truth and Training** (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Director Pam Batten  
Leaders Lindsey Argraves, Garrett Urband,  
Grant Starey

**Trek** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Director Hanna Heideman

**Journey** (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Directors David & Andi Lemke

**Listeners** Paul & Emily Oskins

**Helpers** Kim Heideman

**Photographer** Maddy Heideman

\*\*\* For more club specific information, please refer to the \*\*\*  
GBC website: [gbsanmarcos.org/awana\\_main.html](http://gbsanmarcos.org/awana_main.html)

## **Department/Conduct**

All children are expected to behave within accepted guidelines. These guidelines include respect for one another and leaders, no abusive language or behavior toward others, obedience toward leaders' directions, and reverence during prayer and flag ceremony. Any deviation from these guidelines will be dealt with by the use of the 3-count.

### **3-Count**

**As an aid to promoting positive behavior, leaders can issue a 1-, 2-, or 3-count to any child.**

1. When a clubber acts inappropriately after gentle reminders, he is given a 1-count.
2. If a clubber continues to create disturbances and disobey leaders, the clubber is given a 2-count which results in a conversation with the particular club director or the AWANA ministry director.
3. If a clubber fails to correct his behavior and continues to create problems then he will receive a 3-count. This step results in a suspension. The clubber may be given an opportunity to return to club but only after the club director and/or AWANA ministry director meet(s) with the parents.

Counts are reset and do not carry over to the next meeting.

### **Student Leaders**

Student Leaders are service-minded High School students from our AWANA program who have shown a desire to work with children and help them understand the good news of God's Word.

## Costs

Registration is \$10.00 per child (maximum of \$25 per family). Weekly dues are \$.50. Initially we furnish books and uniforms free of charge. If any books or uniforms are lost or damaged beyond use, then a replacement fee based on our actual cost will be charged for each item.

<u>Replacement Costs</u>	<u>Cubbies</u>	<u>Sparks</u>	<u>T &amp; T</u>	<u>Trek</u>
Uniform	\$11	\$11	\$16	\$15
Handbook	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11
Book Bag*	\$7	\$6	n/a	n/a
Award Badge	\$3	\$3	\$3	n/a

Books and bags are issued only after the registration fee is paid. Uniforms are issued when the first award is earned. Subsequent awards/badges are presented only to children wearing their uniforms.

\*Cubbie and Sparks book bags are for loan only and are to be returned at the end of the year or purchased.

## AWANA Bucks (for Sparks and T&T Clubbers)

Awarded to Sparks and Truth & Training clubbers for on-time arrival (check in by 3:00 P.M.).

AWANA bucks may be awarded during club meetings at the discretion of the Sparks and T&T directors.

Children can use AWANA bucks to purchase items at the Sparks Store held in December and April, and at the T&T Auction held in April. Bucks not spent in December or April must be given back to the director.

## Cubbies

All Cubbies will be working on their handbook at the same pace. A calendar has been developed that will ensure that the book will be completed by the end of the year. This calendar will be given to each parent at the time of registration. It is also on the website at [gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_cubbies.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_cubbies.html).

Due to all the activity going on when clubbers are arriving, we request that you bring your child directly to the Cubbie Room and have the leader acknowledge your child's arrival.

After the closing ceremony, Cubbies are taken back to the Cubbie Room. It is our policy to release children only to a parent or an adult authorized by the parent. Neither siblings nor other children are allowed to pick up a Cubbie.

## Sparks

The Sparks program uses self-paced handbooks divided into sections. Most sections are to be done in order and each handbook is designed to be completed in one year. A recommended schedule for completing the handbook can be found on the website at [gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_sparks.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_sparks.html).

When reciting verses, children must give the Bible reference as well as saying the verse. They are allowed 2 helps per section.

## T&T

All Clubbers will be in the same book and will go through their handbook at the same pace. A calendar has been developed to ensure that the book will be completed by the end of the year. This calendar will be available at the time of registration. It is also on the website at [gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_tt.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_tt.html). All clubbers will be required to begin the year by completing the START ZONE.

When reciting verses, T&T clubbers are encouraged to recite the verses **word perfect**. However, two helps are allowed per section, if necessary.

## GBC AWANA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>Time</b>	<b>3:00 – 3:15 Sunday</b>	<b>3:15 – 3:45</b>	<b>3:45 – 4:15</b>	<b>4:15 – 4:45</b>	<b>4:45 – 5:00</b>
<b>Cubbies</b>	Opening Ceremony	Story Time	Game Time	Handbook Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
<b>Sparks</b>	Opening Ceremony	Council Time	Handbook Time	Game Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
<b>Truth &amp; Training</b>	Opening Ceremony	Handbook Time	Game Time	Council Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
<b>Trek</b>	Opening Ceremony	Handbook Time	Game Time	Council Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
<b>Journey---- Sunday 1:00-2:30</b>					

## 2019-2020 AWANA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

August	<b>18</b>	Registration (ice cream)
	<b>25</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Regular Club Meeting
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September	<b>1</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (Labor Day)</b>
	<b>8</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>15</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (GBC Jubilee Celebration)</b>
	<b>22</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>29</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Dress like a Mess</b>
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<b>October is BARF MONTH (Be A Real Friend)</b>		
	<b>6</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Open House</b>
	<b>13</b>	Regular Club Meeting--- <b>Attendance Awards</b>
	<b>20</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>27</b>	Theme Night-- <b>I Love My Mummy</b>
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November	<b>3</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>10</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>17</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Backwards Meeting</b>
	<b>24</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (Thanksgiving)</b>
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December	<b>1</b>	Regular Club Meeting and
	<b>7</b>	<b>T&amp;T / Trek Christmas Party (not a club meeting)</b>
	<b>8</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>15</b>	Regular Club Meeting and <b>**SPARKS Store**</b> ----- <b>Attendance Awards</b>
	<b>22</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (Christmas)</b>
	<b>29</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (New Year's)</b>
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January	<b>5</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Half Way Meeting</b>
	<b>12</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>19</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>26</b>	Regular Club Meeting
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February	<b>2</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Hot Diggity Dog</b>
	<b>9</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>16</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>23</b>	Regular Club Meeting----- <b>Attendance Awards</b>
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March	<b>1</b>	<b>Verse-a-Thon Meeting</b>
	<b>8</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>15</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (Spring Break)</b>
	<b>22</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>29</b>	Theme Night-- <b>Spot the Commander</b>
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April	<b>5</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>12</b>	----- <b>No AWANA (Easter)</b>
	<b>19</b>	Regular Club Meeting
	<b>26</b>	Regular Club Meeting <b>***SPARKS Store</b> <b>and T&amp;T Auction***</b>
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May	<b>3</b>	<b>AWARD CEREMONY</b> ----- <b>Attendance Awards</b>