

Grace Bible Church



2022-2023 Handbook

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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 come to the sanctuary for the opening
- * 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 gbcсанmarcos.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

Cubbies (2 years prior to Kindergarten)

Director Lindsey Argraves
Student Leaders Sean Caleb Contreras, Ian Wood

Sparks (Kindergarten thru 2nd grade)

Director Kassi Guzman
Leaders David & Becca Schultz, C.J. Lee & Hyuna Bae,
Student Leaders Lea Catalano

Truth and Training (3rd thru 6th grade)

Director Pam Batten
Leaders Grant & Betsy Starey, Taylor Contreras,
Justin Stanford, Jenny McCoy
Helper Julienne Osier

Trek (7th and 8th grade) **and** **Journey** (9th thru 12th grade)

Directors Paul & Emily Oskins
Leaders Pam Wood, Brenda Sargent, Justin Stanford
Pam Batten

*** For more club specific information, please refer to the ***
GBC website: gbcसानmarcos.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 \$15.00 per child (maximum of \$35 per family). There are NO dues this year. 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 & T</u>	<u>Trek</u>
Uniform	\$13	\$13	\$18	\$17
Handbook	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13
Book Bag*	\$7	\$7	n/a	n/a
Awards	\$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.

*AWANA book bags are provided for Cubbies and Sparks. Kids in all other clubs need to purchase their own book bag. If you are interested in buying one, talk to your child's director.

AWANA Bucks (for Sparks and T&T Clubbers)

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

Children can use AWANA bucks for special Spark activities held in December and May, and at the T&T Auction held in May. Bucks not spent in December or May 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 gbsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/cubbies/.

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. Refer to *Tips for Completing a Handbook* in the Sparks Parent Handbook at gbsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/sparks/.

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 gbsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/t-t/. 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

Time	3:00 –3:15 Sunday	3:15 – 3:45	3:45 – 4:15	4:15 – 4:45	4:45 – 5:00
Cubbies	Opening Ceremony	Story Time	Game Time	Handbook Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
Sparks	Opening Ceremony	Large Group Time	Small Group Time	Game Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
Truth & Training	Opening Ceremony	Small Group Time	Game Time	Large Group Time	Awards & Closing Ceremony
Trek 1:15-2:45		Small Group Time	Large Group Time	Game Time	
Journey Sunday 1:15-2:45		Small Group Time	Small Group Time		

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AWANA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September	11	First Club Meeting and Registration
	18	Regular Club Meeting
	25	Theme Night--Wear a Mustache
October	2	Regular Club Meeting
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	16	Regular Club Meeting
	23	Theme Night--Backward Night
	30	Regular Club Meeting----- Attendance Awards
November	6	Regular Club Meeting
	13	Regular Club Meeting
	20	----- No AWANA (Thanksgiving)
	27	Regular Club Meeting
December	4	Theme Night--Surprise Night
	11	Regular Club Meeting
	18	Sparks Party & Cubbie Christmas Pajama Party
	25	----- No AWANA (Christmas)
January	1	----- No AWANA (New Year's)
	8	Regular Club Meeting----- Attendance Awards
	15	Theme Night--I Love My Mummy
	22	Regular Club Meeting
	29	Regular Club Meeting
February	5	Regular Club Meeting
	12	Theme Night--Hot Diggity Dog
	19	Regular Club Meeting
	26	Regular Club Meeting----- Attendance Awards
March	5	Verse-A-Thon Meeting
	12	----- No AWANA (Spring Break)
	19	Regular Club Meeting
	26	Theme Night--Spot the Commander
April	2	Regular Club Meeting
	9	----- No AWANA (Easter)
	16	Regular Club Meeting
	23	Moving Up Meeting
	30	Regular Club Meeting
May	7	T&T Auction, Sparks Party, Cubbie Pool Party
		---- Attendance Awards
	14	----- No AWANA (Mother's Day)
	21	AWARD CEREMONY