

# Grace Bible Church



## 2023-2024 Handbook

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

## 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 [gbcsanmarcos.org/awana\\_main.html](http://gbcsanmarcos.org/awana_main.html). May God bless you!

David Schultz  
AWANA Ministry Director

## AWANA Leadership

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

**Ministry Director** David Schultz 512-878-7106

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

Director Hanna Urband  
Student Leaders Sean Caleb Contreras, Lea Catalano

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

Director Becca Schultz  
Leaders C.J. Lee & Hyuna Bae,  
Student Leaders Ian Wood, Kami Mull  
Helper Elisha Lee

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

Director Kassi Guzman  
Leaders Shaun & Mari Contreras, Taylor Contreras, Justin Stanford  
Helper Chloe Schultz

### **Trek** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) **and** **Journey** (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Directors Paul & Emily Oskins  
Leaders Brenda Sargent, Pam Wood, David Schultz

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

## **Deportment/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 &amp; 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 [gbcsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/cubbies/](http://gbcsanmarcos.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 [gbcsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/sparks/](http://gbcsanmarcos.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 [gbcsanmarcos.org/wp/ministries-2/awana-new/t-t/](http://gbcsanmarcos.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.

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CUBBIES</b>	<b>SPARKS</b>	<b>TRUTH &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>TREK</b>	<b>JOURNEY</b>
<b>GBC AWANA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>1:15-2:45</b>				Combined Group Time: Handbook, Lessons, Games	Combined Group Time: Handbook, Lessons, Games
	<b>3:00-3:15</b>	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony		
	<b>3:15-3:45</b>	Story Time	Large Group Lesson Time	Small Group Handbook Time		
	<b>3:45-4:15</b>	Handbook Time	Small Group Handbook Time	Game Time		
	<b>4:15-4:45</b>	Game Time	Game Time	Large Group Lesson Time		
	<b>4:45-5:00</b>	Awards & Closing Ceremony	Awards & Closing Ceremony	Awards & Closing Ceremony		

## 2023-2024 AWANA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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September	10	<b>First Club Meeting and Registration</b>
	17	Regular Club Meeting
	24	<b>Theme Night—Crazy Hat Night</b>
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October	1	Regular Club Meeting
<b>BARF Month</b>	8	Regular Club Meeting
	15	Regular Club Meeting
	22	<b>Theme Night—Backward Night</b>
	29	Regular Club Meeting-----Attendance Awards
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November	5	-----No AWANA (Fall Break)
	12	Regular Club Meeting
	19	Regular Club Meeting
	26	-----No AWANA (Thanksgiving)
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December	3	<b>Theme Night—Favorite Bible Character Night</b>
	10	Regular Club Meeting
	17	<b>Sparks Party &amp; Cubbies Christmas Party</b>
	24	-----No AWANA (Christmas)
	31	-----No AWANA (New Year's)
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January	7	Regular Club Meeting-----Attendance Awards
	14	Regular Club Meeting
	21	<b>Theme Night—I Love My Mummy</b>
	28	Regular Club Meeting
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February	4	Regular Club Meeting
	11	<b>Theme Night—Hot Diggity Dog</b>
	18	Regular Club Meeting
	25	Regular Club Meeting-----Attendance Awards
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March	3	<b>Verse-A-Thon Meeting</b>
	10	-----No AWANA (Spring Break)
	17	<b>Theme Night—Spot the Commander</b>
	24	Regular Club Meeting
	31	-----No AWANA (Easter)
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April	7	Regular Club Meeting
	14	Regular Club Meeting
	21	<b>Moving Up Meeting</b>
	28	<b>T&amp;T Auction, Sparks Party, Cubbies Party</b> ----Attendance Awards
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May	5	<b>AWARD CEREMONY</b>