

PRAY'S MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Parent Information Pack

Club Year 2011 – 2012



Location – Family Life Center

Commander – Mr. Ron Mooney

Directors –

(K)

Mrs. Penny Roberts (1st)

(2nd)



A W A N A – *Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed* -2 Timothy 2:15

† Awana is an international, non-denominational, Bible-centered youth organization with an emphasis on scripture memorization and Christian living.

How to Register Your Child(ren)

† To register your child, complete the Awana registration form.

† Purchasing Awana supplies:

- ❖ Handbooks, uniforms (T-shirts or vests) and/or bags are available for purchase. Please Note: Entrance books must be complete before handbooks & uniforms are given out.
- ❖ Our desire is for every child to have the opportunity to participate in our Awana Club. If financial assistance is needed please see the Commander or Club Secretary.



A Note to Parents:

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to this Awana Club year. Your child is very special to us; our goal is to encourage growth in your child's personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

This manual has been prepared to provide you with a basic understanding of our Awana ministry. Please read it carefully, as it will help us work and encourage your child together.

It is essential that your child arrive on time to all Awana events. Our program starts at 6:00 p.m. Please make every effort to have your child at the church five (5) to ten (10) minutes early, and then arrive promptly at 7:45 p.m. for pick up in their classroom.

Please feel free to visit and talk with your child's Leader, Director or myself at any time. If you ever have a question please call me at 770/942-6597.

In HIS Service,
Ron Mooney
Awana Commander

WE BELIEVE

- † That God is one Divine Being, manifest in three persons – The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.
- † That the Bible is God’s Word, fully inerrant and inspired by the Holy Spirit; it is the only basis and adequate guide for Christian faith, life and service.
- † That Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died for our sins, was raised from the dead, ascended to Heaven, is seated at the right hand of God. He will personally return to earth to take His children home to live with Him forever and ever.
- † That man was created by God in His image, but because of sin man is lost and destined for judgment.
- † That a person is saved from his sin by repenting of his sin and believing in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as personal Lord and Savior.
- † That every Christian is a disciple of Jesus and is to be a steward of life, talent, time and treasure.
- † That the mission of the Church is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others throughout the entire world.

Awana GUIDELINES

In order to have a safe, enjoyable and orderly environment, our Club has established the following guidelines. The cooperation of every Clubber will bring about a great time for everyone.

1. Respect your fellow Club members – treat them as you wish to be treated.
2. Everyone should participate – whether playing games, listening, studying or singing.
3. Remain in the gym at all times.
4. Walk carefully – little ones could be pushed or hurt.
5. Leave all food and drink at home (including gum), except where provided by your Club Leader.
6. Do not cross parking lots without an adult to assist.
7. Come to attention whenever a Leader begins to count to five (5).
8. Bring your Awana book and your Bible each week.
9. As soon as your uniform is earned, wear it every week to Club.
10. Bring a note from your parents (or have them call your Director or Leader) if they have a question or special request from you.
11. Please take care of the Church property and Club equipment.
12. Always try to wear a smile – everyone will enjoy you more!
13. Have a good time in every part of the Awana Club. Awana is meant to be fun!

Club Discipline

The word DISCIPLINE comes from the same root word as disciple. Discipline means to teach, not to punish, although punishment is sometimes involved in discipline.

Discipline is to be kept on a positive basis as much as possible. For example, points are given for achievement in games and handbook time. Rewards are given for good behavior, and improper behavior is not rewarded.

After every activity, the Commander, Director or Leader in charge will begin counting from one (1) to five (5). By the time number five (5) is reached, each Clubber is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions for the next activity. In Awana Clubs, Leaders and Clubbers are taught to respect the “five count.”

Commanders and Directors utilize the “three count” for individuals not following Club behavior standards. If a Clubber receives three (3) warnings in one meeting, he or she will be sent home for the night. Clubbers who have received a “three count” and are sent home may return to Club in the future if they agree to abide by Club rules. The Commander will determine whether the Clubber will serve a one (1) or two (2) week suspension from Club.

Awana Organizational Setup - Who's Who in Awana:

Commander: Mr. Ron Mooney / Mrs. Jennifer Folds

Secretary: Mrs. Billy Goff

Directors:

Puggles: Mrs. Vassie Greenwood

Cubbies: Mrs. Tina Mooney/Miss Lucretia Rainwater

Sparks (K-5):

Sparks (1st): Mrs. Penny Roberts

Sparks (2nd):

T&T Girls: Mrs. Lisa Holland

T&T Pals: Mr. Steve Gessner

Game Time: Mr. Joey Rainwater

Clubs & Ages:

Puggles: Older 2s & Younger 3s Boys/Girls

Cubbies: K3 & K4 Year-Old Boys/Girls

(Must be three (3) by Sept 1st – per Georgia Board of Education)

Sparks: Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade Boys/Girls

T&T Girls: 3rd thru 5th Grade Girls

T&T Boys: 3rd thru 5th Grade Boys

Meeting Date & Time:

All clubs meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Awana Nightly Schedule:

Each Club meeting consists of three (3) parts: Games, Handbook Time & Achievements and Bible Story.

5:45p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Check-In Time

6:00p.m. – 6:10p.m.: Opening Ceremony (Presenting of Flags & Prayer)

6:10p.m. – 6:40p.m.: Sparks – Story Time

6:40p.m. – 7:10p.m.: Sparks – Handbook Time

7:10p.m. – 7:40p.m.: Sparks – Game Time

7:40p.m. – 7:45p.m.: Closing Ceremony (Presentation of Awards)

Arriving Late:

If your child arrives late to Awana, please have your child report to the Cubbies Director to check in. It is very important that each child gets counted and earn points.

Entrance Books: Sparks: *Flight 3:16*

Each new Clubber will receive an entrance book to their Club, which is the first step to Awana achievement. This booklet is at no cost to you. Replacement entrance books are \$0.50 cents each. We hope you will assist your child in completing this booklet in the next two (2) weeks. After completing the entrance booklet, your child is eligible to purchase a book and uniform for their Club.

Books & Uniforms:

Sparks Book(s): *HangGlider* Handbook w/Audio CD - \$9.00 ea
HangGlider Extra Credit Cards - \$8.50 ea
WingRunner Handbook w/Audio CD - \$9.00 ea
WingRunner Extra Credit Cards - \$8.50 ea
SkyStormer Handbook - \$9.00 ea
SkyStormer Extra Credit Cards - \$8.50ea
Sparks Uniform: Red Vest - \$11.00 ea
Sparks Bag: Sparks Handbook Bag - \$5.00 ea

Please make all checks payable to: Pray's Mill Baptist Church.

The cost of the uniform is due before the Clubber is presented the uniform. The price includes the Charter Numbers and all badges earned by your child. NO AWARDS will be issued to a Clubber who is not in uniform on the evening he or she is receiving the award. The uniform is critical to the entire program.

Replacement badges for all Clubbers are \$0.25 each per item. Any questions or concerns regarding the uniform or any difficulty paying for it should be discussed with your Clubber's Director.

We ask that each **child wear tennis shoes each week and clothing that is suitable for an active game time.** We play games on the gym floor.

Dues & Missions:

Each Clubber has two (2) options for paying dues. The first option is to pay **\$0.50 cents each week.** The second option is to pay **\$16.00 for a full year.** We also collect Missions offerings for our various ministries. The same option, cost & procedure are available.

Awards Clubbers May Receive:

Each Wednesday every Clubber has a chance to pass sections in their book. Upon completion of certain sections Clubbers are awarded either patches, jewels or seals (depending on their Club). By passing sections they are also receiving points to be later used in the Christmas Store in December and the Carnival in May.

Handbook Guidelines:

Each Club has certain guidelines for their handbooks. All Clubbers have a chance to finish one (1) book in a year, but they cannot go above their grade level. For instance, once a kindergartener finishes the *HangGlider* Handbook, they cannot go into the *WingRunner* Handbook until they reach the 1st Grade. The kindergartener may start the *HangGlider* Review and then may purchase

the *HangGlider* Frequent Flyer EC Book. Each Clubber has to begin with the Entrance Booklet before they can start the first book in their Club.

Handbook Progression for Sparks:

Three Year Progression: This progression is for a child who enters Sparks as a **Kindergartner**.

Year One (1) – Kindergarten:

✚ Complete *HangGlider Handbook*.

✚ Review *HangGlider Handbook*.

✚ Complete *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*.

Year Two (2) – First Grade:

✚ Complete *WingRunner Handbook*.

✚ Review *WingRunner Handbook*.

✚ Complete *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*.

Year Three (3) – Second Grade:

✚ Complete *SkyStormer (NEW!) Handbook*.

✚ Review *SkyStormer Handbook*.

✚ Complete *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*.

*Sparks may not move ahead to materials beyond their current recommended grade level.

Two Year Progression: This progression is for a child who enters Sparks as a **First Grader**.

Year One – First Grade:

Complete *HangGlider Handbook*.

Complete *WingRunner Handbook*.

Review *WingRunner Handbook*.

Review *HangGlider Handbook*.

Complete *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*.

Year Two – Second Grade:

Complete *SkyStormer Handbook*.

Review *SkyStormer Handbook*.

Complete *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*.

One Year Progression: This progression is for a child who enters Sparks as a **Second Grader**.

Year One – Second Grade:

Complete *HangGlider Handbook*.

Complete *WingRunner Handbook*.

Complete *SkyStormer Handbook*.

Bring a Friend Options: Each handbook (Sparks and Truth & Training) requires for each Clubber to bring a friend in order to pass a section (twice in some areas).

First Option – Bring a Friend to Club Night - We believe first and foremost we would like each Clubber to invite a friend to come to the Awana program on Wednesday nights. The Clubber is allowed to bring a friend of any age in the program. For example, a Truth & Training Clubber can bring a friend who would be in the Cubbies Club.

Second Option - Bring a Friend to Sunday School. All they would have to do is fill out a form we provide in the office and have the Sunday School teacher sign it along with a parent's signature.

Third Option – Nursing Home Visitation with the Children’s Department. Every December the Children’s Department annual visits the Nursing Home in Douglasville during Christmas time. Make sure your child signs up with the Leader of the Children’s Department for credit.

Please Note: This year we are having Bring a Friend Night (BARF) on Wednesday, October 26 in which both Clubber and friend are rewarded with popcorn and M&Ms.

Other options may be determined by Commander approval.

Snacks/Refreshments:

During Craft Time each Clubber will be given a snack and drink (usually apple juice). On the registration form at the bottom please list any food/drink allergies of any kind so the Workers will be aware and have a substitute snack for them, if needed.

Theme Nights:

At least once a month we will have a Theme Night for Clubbers and Leaders to participate in such as Game Day Jersey Night, I Want to Be Night, Bad Hair Night, etc. We encourage our Clubbers to dress up or participate in these events. We all have a lot of fun. To see this year’s theme nights please see your **2011-2012 Schedule** listed in front of this manual.

Point System (Awana Shares/Bucks):

In addition to the weekly awards and monthly achievements in each Clubber’s handbook, Clubbers accumulate points (attendance, being on time, bringing handbook & Bible, paying dues & missions, sections passed, attending Sunday School and bringing a visitor) in which they can redeem them at the Christmas Store & Carnival for a variety of items. We hold the Store before the Christmas Holidays and at the Carnival at the end of the year. The Store/Carnival increases enthusiasm and motivates Clubbers to achieve each Wednesday night. We will be promoting the Store/Carnival frequently as a reminder to Clubbers as well as parents.

Point (Shares/Bucks) System: (1 point = 1 share/buck)

- Attendance – 1 point
- Wearing Uniform – 2 points
- Being on time – 2 points
- Bringing Handbook – 2 points
- Bringing Bible – 2 points
- Paying Dues – 1 point
- Paying Missions – 1 point
- Sections Passed – 1 point for each section passed
- Sunday School Attendance – 1 point
- Bringing a Visitor – 5 points
- Bringing Monthly Newsletter Back – 10 points

Inspection Nights:

Since we highly recommend each Leader and Clubber to wear their uniform and awards, we will have uniform inspection every Regular Club Night (does not include theme dress up nights). This inspection will motivate Clubbers to progress their achievement and adds to the discipline and unity of our Club. The inspection will take place during Check-In Time and the Director will announce the winner at the end of Check-In Time. The winner will receive a small prize for his/her achievement. **The following are the requirements for passing inspection:**

- † Clean Shirt or Vest neatly worn.
- † Award badge or Crown correctly displayed.
- † Other Award pins displayed on collar.
- † Registration numbers sewn on in correct order (Cubbies & Sparks only).

Each handbook shows the appropriate way of wearing Clubber uniforms and awards.

The Awana Games – Sparks-a-Rama: During the Spring (March), our Club will participant in the Awana Games. This year the date is **Saturday, March 3**. The Sparks will be competing with other churches in events they practice on in Game Time. To be eligible, the Clubbers have to pass at least ten (10) sections from the start of the Awana year to game day.

Grand Prix: During *the Summer of the Saints* Clubbers will make Pine Derby Cars to race other Clubbers of their age. The cost is \$5.00 per car. The kit includes a wood block, axles and wheels. The car must not weigh more than 5 oz. The date will be set for August 2012.

Parents, We Need Your Help - Moms and Dads are essential helpers in a child receiving the most enjoyment out of Awana. Please use the following checklist as a guideline.

- ✓ Help your child to attend Awana every week. Consistency will build friendships and achievement.
- ✓ Make sure they wear their uniform and bring dues each week (unless they pay the full amount of \$16.00 per child per year).
- ✓ Be sure they arrive on time – between 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. Promptness helps to maintain positive discipline
- ✓ Help your child accomplish at least 1-2 sections (units) each week. This will ensure that they finish their book and receive their book award.
- ✓ Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and may visit any Club meeting for informational purposes.
- ✓ Pick up your child promptly at 7:45 p.m.
- ✓ Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when Mom and Dad show interest in their accomplishments.
- ✓ Call your Awana Director if you have any problem.

2011-2012 Awana SCHEDULE FOR CLUBBERS

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
08/24/11	6:00pm Open House for Parents & Clubbers (Registration)
08/31/11	Regular Schedule – Awana Begins
09/07/11	Regular Schedule
09/14/11	No Awana – Revival with Scott N. Smith
09/21/11	Regular Schedule
09/28/11	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Think Backwards Night
10/05/11	Regular Schedule
10/12/11	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Game Day Jersey Night
10/19/11	Regular Schedule
10/26/11	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – BARF/Popcorn & Candy Night

11/02/11	Regular Schedule
11/09/11	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – I Want to Be Night
11/16/11	Regular Schedule
11/23/11	No Awana – Thanksgiving Break
11/30/11	Regular Schedule
12/07/11	Regular Schedule – Christmas Store (All Clubs)
12/14/11	Regular Schedule – Decorate Commander Night
12/21/11	No Awana – Merry Christmas!
12/28/11	No Awana – Happy New Year!
01/04/12	Regular Schedule
01/11/12	Regular Schedule
01/18/12	Regular Schedule
01/25/12	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Flannel Pajama Night
02/01/12	Regular Schedule
02/08/12	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Bad Hair Night
02/15/12	Regular Schedule
02/22/12	No Awana – Winter Break / End of Winter Frenzy & Celebration
02/29/12	Regular Schedule
03/07/12	No Awana – Revival with David Miller
03/14/12	Regular Schedule
03/21/12	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Red, White & Blue Night
03/28/12	Regular Schedule
04/04/12	No Awana – Spring Break
04/11/12	Regular Schedule / Theme Night - Unlimited Sections Night
04/18/12	Regular Schedule / Theme Night – Water Balloon Night
04/25/12	Regular Schedule
05/02/12	Regular Schedule
05/09/12	Regular Schedule
05/16/12	Awana Carnival from 6 to 8pm
05/23/12	End of Year Celebration! 6:00pm Club Awards in Rooms 6:30pm End of the Year Awards Ceremony in Sanctuary

*All dates/themes are subject to change.