



PARENT HANDBOOK 2015-2016

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AWANA DIRECTORY

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Sunday Ministries at Calvary Baptist Church include:

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Please contact the church office for more information about youth and children's activities, or visit our website at www.calvarybaptistofniagara.com

We have a number of opportunities for adults to fellowship and study as well. If there is any way our church can minister to your family, please let us know. If you do not already have a church home where you are growing in Christ, we would love to have you join us at a service here at Calvary.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Rob Scott



The Clubbers Handbook

The handbook is an essential element of your children's success in AWANA. Clubbers learn about God, and the material reinforces positive moral standards.

In the Know

AWANA is a Bible-centered youth program for children. At Calvary we offer classes from 3 year olds through the 6th grade. Upon entering the 7th grade, they will graduate to our Youth Group.

The AWANA acronym, Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, is taken from the principle found in 2 Timothy 2:15. Our goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

Our AWANA program begins at 6:00 p.m. with a flag ceremony. After our pledges & a few songs, we split off into our 3 classes.

Currently we have the following classes:

- Cubbies (3-4 years old)
- Sparks (K5-2nd grade)
- T & T (3rd grade-6th grade)

After our opening ceremony, we have three parts of our evening— Lesson Time, Handbook Time, & Game Time.

- During the **Lesson Time**, the clubbers are given an age appropriate Bible lesson.
- During our **Handbook Time**, leaders listen to verses & sections and also help the clubbers understand and apply them to their lives. (Clubbers should pass at least two sections each week to finish their books.) We strongly encourage parental involvement.
- Competition during **Game Time** is exciting! We encourage children to play fair, cheer for their team and persevere to finish the race. Please have children wear sneakers for games.

1. **Entrance Booklets:** Clubbers must pass the entrance booklet to earn their uniform and handbook in each club.

2. Passing Sections

- a. Clubbers must have their handbooks at club to pass sections.
- b. Clubbers must recite references and verses with no more than two helps per section. They also need to be able explain a basic understanding of the verse or section.
- c. Clubbers must say their verses to an AWANA leader or club director *in person* and must pass sections in order. (*Exception:* They may complete the “bring a friend” section at any time.)

3. Parental Help

- a. **Encourage** your children to learn self-discipline by working on their handbooks for 10 to 15 minutes each day.
- b. **Listen** to their verses, ask them what the verses mean. If you are not sure what the verses mean, call your children's directors.
- c. **Set a pace** that your children can comfortably follow and make sure they understand what they are learning. Determine how many sections your children need to complete each week in order to finish their books by the end of the year (*Two per week is a good pace.*)

Discipline

We will do nothing that could bring dishonor to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to do nothing that would hurt any person, anything, or ourselves.

The 5-count and 3-count are used in each club to maintain order. Children are expected to behave according to club standards.

5-count: Leaders count to “5” throughout the night to quiet the clubbers down when we need their attention. By the end of the count, everyone should be quiet and still.

3-count: Used for disciplining an individual clubber who continues to misbehave after the initial correction by a leader. It follows the “*three strikes-and you’re out*” philosophy.

- **1-count:** After gentle reminders to behave, the *leader* takes the clubber to the Director. The Director will speak lovingly, yet firmly with clubber to correct the clubber’s behavior.
- **2-count:** The *Director* takes the clubber to the Commander. The Commander also speaks loving and firmly to clubber, letting clubber know that if behavior continues that the parent/guardian will be notified and if the clubber doesn’t improve his/her behavior the clubber may face suspension.
- **3-count:** The *Commander* contacts the parents to take the clubber home early and meets with parents for discussion and resolution. We want all clubbers to come to AWANA and have a good time, but not at the expense of other clubbers. Clubbers who have received a 3-count will not be allowed to return to the AWANA club unless they are willing to change their behavior.

Clubbers who repeatedly offend to the 3-counts, may be expelled from the AWANA program.

Calvary AWANA’s 3 Commandments

1. Don’t Touch-Keep Your Hands to Yourself

- **No Hitting**
- **No Kicking**
- **No Wrestling**
- **No Pushing/Shoving/Tripping**
- **No Biting**
- **No Hair Pulling**
- **No Spitting**
- **No Throwing Anything**
- **Don’t Touch Other’s Property Without Permission**

2. Respect Others

- **No Name-Calling**
- **No Foul Language**
- **No Fighting**
- **No Speaking Back to Adults**
- **No Bad Sportsmanship**
- **No Teasing**
- **No Interrupting**

3. Don’t Disrupt the Class

- **We are here to learn about God, respect your teacher and others who are trying to learn.**

Van Riders

Parents/Guardians of van riders MUST fill out a permission slip prior to riding the van for the first time each AWANA year. See your van driver for details.

Parents/Guardians must contact their van driver by 3:30 p.m. to notify that they will need a ride and give a count of how many will be at their pick up. (If a clubber is bringing a guest, that has not previously signed the van permission slip, notify the van driver so they can be prepared. The van driver will not be able to drive the guest unless the parent/guardian has signed the permission form.)

The van route starts promptly at 5:15 p.m. prior to AWANA service. Please have your clubbers ready to go as the van driver is trying to keep a schedule. If the clubbers are not ready, the van driver will not be able to wait.

For the safety of your children, we ask that all clubbers adhere to the rules of the van.

- All riders must buckle up.
- All riders must keep their hands to themselves
- All riders must maintain a low volume
- No food or drink is allowed in the vans
- All riders must treat each other and the van driver with respect.

If the van rider has to be warned three times about any of these rules and still continues to disobey, they will lose the privilege to ride in the van.

Parents must be at drop off location by 7:45. Van drivers are not responsible to take your child to several locations to find you.

Awards

Club Attendance Awards: Sparks and T&T clubbers who meet the requirements earn these awards. Clubbers may have *one unexcused* absence per quarterly award period.

Though we would like to have your children attend AWANA every week, we recognize that illnesses, vacations and emergencies do come up. When they do, parents should notify their child's director so that the absence(s) can be marked "excused" and attendance awards can still be received.

Handbook Awards are given at the Award ceremony in May.

Apple Seed Award Ribbon: Given upon completion of the Apple Seed Book.

Honey Comb Award Ribbon: Given upon completion of the Honey Comb Book.

First Book Ribbon: Given upon completion of the first Sparks handbook.

Second Book Ribbon: Given upon completion of the second Sparks handbook.

Sparky Award: Given upon completion of the third Sparks handbook.

Alpha Award: Given upon completion of one 3rd-6th grade handbook.

Excellence Award: Given upon completion of two 3rd-6th grade and books.

Challenge Award: Given upon completion of three 3rd-6th grade handbooks.

Timothy Award: Given upon completion of four 3rd-6th grade and books..