



## Reaching boys and girls with the good news of Jesus Christ!

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

**2 Timothy 2:15**

The AWANA chartered Faith Church, EFCA of Spirit Lake currently offers clubs for boys and girls, age 3 through sixth grade.

**CUBBIES:** Age 3 through Pre-K

**SPARKS:** K through 2nd grade

**TRUTH AND TRAINING CLUBS:** 3rd through 6th grade

7th through 12th grade can continue studying AWANA if they desire, however, we also have separate Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups that also meet on Wednesday nights.

## SCHEDULE:

Our clubs meet every Wednesday evening from September through April from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (except for holidays).

Each club meeting is comprised of an hour-and-a-half program, divided into three segments: Game Time, Handbook Time and Council Time. Each club meeting begins with the flag ceremony where clubbers and leaders pledge allegiance to the national and AWANA flags.

**6:10-6:25 p.m.**--Clubbers check in, pay dues, and register guests.

**6:30 p.m.**--Opening flag ceremony.

**Game Time** features unique games on the AWANA Game Circle led by the Game director.

**Handbook Time** includes work on entrance booklets and handbooks.

**Council Time** includes club announcements, award presentations, song time, and a Bible message.



## AWANA CALENDAR 2012-2013

### August:

29: PEP Meeting in gym - 6:30 p.m.

### September:

- 5: Pre-registration 6:30-8:00--CE Building.
- 12: 1st regular AWANA Club night--prize drawings!
- 19: AWANA “Round Up” come dressed in your cowboy/cowgirl best!
- 26: “Chicken Awareness and Appreciation” (PEP meeting at 5:15 pm)

### October:

- 3: “Football Frenzy”
- 10: Celebrating National Pizza Month...pizza for all reciters!!
- 17: Regular Night
- 24: Horrible Hair Night
- 31: Trunk or Treat--get involved by decorating your car trunk and stocking it with goodies for the kids

### November:

- 7: Regular Night
- 14: “Cookie Monster Day”--Cookies for all reciters (PEP meeting at 5:15pm)
- 21: **NO AWANA--Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 28: JEOPARDY

### December:

- 5: Ugly Sweater Night
- 12: Regular Night...Burger Bucks!!!!
- 19: “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas!”
- 26: **NO AWANA--Merry Christmas!**

### January:

- 2: **NO AWANA-Happy New Year!**
- 9: Halfway through the Year...Halfway through your book!”
- 16: Fifties Flashback (PEP meeting 5:15 p.m.)
- 23: **Drive-In Theater** Night...create a “car” and come watch a movie. Bring your parents.
- 30: Super Bowl Celebration...wear your jerseys!

### February:

- 6: In Recognition of National Snack Food Month...snacks for all reciters!
- 13: Chocolate Kiss Night - Wear red.
- 20: “Let’s Make a Deal”
- 27: “AWANA Fever”...spot your leader!

### March:

- 6: **AWANA FAIR...games, food, store open!! (Mr. Potato Competition)**
- 13: Regular Night (Start the Penny Drive for Glynn’s gas cards)
- 20: Goofy Glasses..1st day of Spring (PEP Meeting 5:15pm)
- 27: Easter emphasis

### April:

- 3: “Happenin Hat” Night
- 10: Super Dooper Scooper Night, ice cream for all reciters
- 17: “Crazy Legs” Wear crazy socks and pants!
- 24: **AWARDS NIGHT...bring your family!!! AWANA store open!**

## Special Activities and Events

### The AWANA Store

The “store” is open to all clubbers at Christmas, AWANA Fair and Awards Night. Clubbers spend “AWANA SHARES” they have earned to purchase various items.

### DRIVE-IN Theater Night - Jan. 23

Create your own “car” (with boxes), park it in the gym, bring the family, have a little popcorn, watch a classic movie.

### Bible Quiz - February

A competitive event with other area churches that motivates and challenges clubbers to increase their Bible knowledge covered in the handbook. Team & individual awards are given to students in the Truth and Training Club. Families are encouraged to attend the Quiz, which takes place in February in Forest City, IA.

### AWANA Fair - March 6

This activity always spells fun for clubbers, their friends, and their families. It takes place on March 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and includes food, carnival-type booths and the AWANA store. This also includes the annual “Pet Veggie Contest”.

### Easter Celebration - March 27

### Awards Night Program - April 24

Families and friends are encouraged to attend this evening of recognition for staff and clubbers from Cubbies through T & T. The program includes songs, presentations, and awards, followed by AWANA store and snacks for all. You won’t want to miss this special evening.

### Ultimate Adventurers

Clubbers who recite two or more sections each Wednesday night can become a member of the Adventurers. Special treats are given as incentive for completing the Handbook in one year and end of the year awards are added encouragement.

### Sparks-Camp-A-Rama

A special 1-day camp especially designed for Sparks who have completed all three handbooks and have earned the Sparky Plaque. Participants attend with their parent or an adult leader and will receive a Sparks-Camp-A-Rama T-shirt, along with a special gift from our AWANA missionary, Ron Glynn.

## General Guidelines and Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to teach respect, love and acceptable behavior, not merely a set of rules. By setting and enforcing club standards, AWANA leaders attain a consistent standard of acceptable conduct.

AWANA uses a five-count method to bring order and quiet. It is for the entire group. The Director or person in charge will slowly count "1-2-3-4-5" at which time there should be absolute silence.

AWANA uses a three-count method as a personal discipline device. This is used at anytime during the club to discipline individual clubbers who are disruptive or misbehaving. The clubber will be warned by the Director or person in charge with a count of "1." If misbehavior continues, they will be warned again with a count of "2" and pulled aside to explain why. If the clubber still refuses to behave properly, they will receive a "3," and will be taken to the Commander for counseling and have their parents called.

Game Time is a privilege, and we do not want anyone to miss it. In the case of misbehavior, however, the person in charge may revoke Game Time privileges for a night as an act of discipline.

- All Clubbers - up to 6th grade, must remain in the gym until their parents come in to get them. (Cubbies must be picked up at their room.)
- NO RUNNING in gym before AWANA. (Leaders are available for handbook time.)
- NO FOUL LANGUAGE or GESTURES before, during or after club.
- NO PLAYING in PARKING LOT before or after club.
- NO PUSHING, SHOVING, or ROUGH-HOUSING any time before, during or after club.
- DISPLAY CARE and RESPECT for all church property and others.



## HOW PARENTS CAN HELP:

Check out the AWANA website for ideas and helps:  
[www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)

- ◆ Please bring your child to club 10-15 minutes early. Team points are sometimes given for promptness.
- ◆ Please pick your child up in the gym after AWANA at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Help your child find a place to keep their Handbook to avoid the "Where's my handbook!" panic.
- ◆ Make sure your child wears his/her uniform to club. If they do not have a uniform, casual and appropriate clothes and tennis shoes should be worn.
- ◆ Uniforms may be purchased for a small cost and financial aid is available if there is a need.
- ◆ Make sure your child brings their Entrance booklet or Handbook, their dues (unless paid in advance), and are prepared with the night's theme.
- ◆ Contact your child's Director with questions or concerns. If the issue is still not resolved, contact the Club Commander, Beth Hagberg.
- ◆ Help your child prepare for Club each week by spending time at home with them reading and reviewing their Handbook material. If they do not have a Bible, please contact your club director. Each child should be using a Bible with their handbook.
- ◆ Encourage your child by familiarizing yourself with their Handbook, especially the "activities/green jewels". These sections require more time and home-related tasks.
- ◆ Remind them to spend 5-10 minutes each day on verses. If a child works on his/her Handbook 10 minutes each day, they can usually complete their book in one year.
- ◆ All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any club night as a visitor with their child.
- ◆ Talk with Commander Beth Hagberg if interested in being an AWANA volunteer.

### Club Cancellations:

In the event that club is cancelled, due to bad weather or other un-for-seen factors, notice of the cancellation will be announced on KUOO, KICD and KJIA.

**AWANA Charter #4101**



## AWANA HANDBOOK

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We are pleased to have your child involved in our AWANA Club at Faith Church, EFCA! It is a privilege to assist you in the spiritual training of your child. AWANA provides a non-denominational church-sponsored program for children where they can enjoy exciting games, music and activities, meet new friends, and learn more about God and His Word, (the Bible). Our primary goal is to share the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage clubbers in a relationship with Him.

We'd like to share some of our plans with you in this booklet, as well as let you know how you can be of help to us. You will want to keep this guide, so you can refer to it for future events and club policies.

AWANA Club begins promptly at 6:30 p.m., with Check-in from 6:10-6:25 p.m. Children should arrive NO earlier than 6:10 p.m. Check-in happens inside the entrance to the gym. At this time they may pay 50 cents in dues (or \$10 for the year) and be checked for their uniform and Sunday School attendance. **Visitors are always welcome!**

The first step in the clubbers advancement is the Entrance Booklet. Please help your child learn each section, word perfect, in the order presented. Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, your child may become an official member of the AWANA Club and purchase a uniform to display their achievement awards and patches. Please feel free to contact **Commander Beth Hagberg**, if you have any questions or concerns.

### OTHER WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

- ◆ Jr. High Youth Group--6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sr. High Youth Group--7:30-9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Adult Prayer Meeting--7:00-8:00 p.m.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to visit our church. Our Sunday worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. We also have Faith University (Sunday School) for all ages at 9:45 a.m. (Nursery is provided for all Sunday services).



