



## Sharon Baptist Church AWANA

Dear Parents:

We are thrilled that your child will be a part of the AWANA clubs at Sharon Baptist Church! This letter is designed to give you a brief overview of the AWANA program. AWANA is an acronym that stands for "**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.**" (2 Tim. 2:15) AWANA is a scripture-memory based program. All clubs meet weekly, during the school year, on Wednesday evenings from **6:15 – 7:45 p.m.** Our AWANA clubs are:

- **Puggles:** 2 yrs. old
- **Cubbies:** 3 and 4 year olds (must have turned three before August 15, 2010)
- **Sparks:** Kindergarten through Second Grade
- **Truth and Training Girls and Boys:** Third through Fifth Grades
- **Trek:** Sixth and Seventh Grades

The **drive-through of the Visitors Entrance** is the designated AWANA entry. **The Club Directors may assign an alternative check-in/pick up point. Please, refer to the signs posted around Sharon Baptist Church.** The Club Director will be able to provide more detailed information about clubber responsibilities. The following instructions are for all clubbers:

1. All clubbers **MUST** sign in each night using their issued badges at the designated area. Each clubber should bring fifty cents each night for dues. The dues will pay for the awards they will be earning through the year. If you prefer, the dues can be paid at the rate of \$8.50 per semester or \$17 for the entire year. Each clubber will be required to purchase his/her own books and uniform.
2. **We must have a Registration and Activity Release form for every clubber.** This form is included in the packet. The AWANA game floor is carpeted, so all clubbers are required to wear **LONG PANTS** for their own protection. (carpet burns hurt!) Jeans are preferable.
3. **Sign in time begins at 6:00. *Please do not drop children off before this time.*** Club ends at **7:45 p.m.** Children must be picked up inside the fellowship hall by a parent or a person designated by the parent and listed on the student's registration form.
4. If this is your child's first visit to AWANA, or first time in a new club, he or she has brought home an **entrance booklet**, which is the first step in AWANA achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this booklet, after which he or she will be eligible to obtain the uniform and earn more awards as a member of an AWANA club.
5. If you are parked across Shenandoah Drive, please follow the directions of our AWANA crossing guard while crossing the street.
6. An exciting Teen ministry meets from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., but is separate from AWANA. We also offer an Adult Bible Study in the auditorium that is open to all AWANA parents from 7 p.m. to 7:45. This Bible study will provide relevant and interesting studies of God's word.



# 2010-2011 AWANA CLUBS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Sharon Baptist Church

1. **PLEASE BE ON TIME:** Arrive for check-in at **6:00 p.m.**; flag ceremony begins **PROMPTLY** at 6:15. Club ends at 7:45 p.m. Your promptness helps our clubs run in an orderly manner. Please do not drop children off before 6:00 pm. **If you arrive before this time, please be prepared to remain with your children until check-in time begins.**
2. **AWANA MEALS:** As a part of the ministry of our church, we offer a meal for AWANA clubbers and their families on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:00 pm. These meals are offered for a donation of \$2 per person or \$1 (children 10 and under) to cover the cost of the food. **Parents MUST remain with their children during meal time until check-in time begins unless special arrangements are made with the AWANA Commander.**
3. **PLEASE BRING ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
  - A. **BIBLE:** Bibles will be needed in council time and handbook time. If the clubber does not have a bible, please let the director know and one will be provided for him/her.
  - B. **HANDBOOK:** Clubbers are eligible to purchase handbooks after the completion of the entrance exam. Handbooks must be brought to club every week, even if the clubber does not have a section ready to turn in. Each section in the handbook must be done in order (except for the activities in the Sparks “green jewels”) and in one sitting. Two “helps” from leaders are allowed with the average section. A “help” is defined as any kind of significant aid a leader chooses to use to assist a clubber in the completion of a section.
  - C. **AWANA Check-in Badge:** issued at the start of AWANA equipped with a unique number to identify your child
  - D. **DUES:** Each clubber and helper should bring fifty cents each week to help provide awards and supplies for the AWANA club. AWANA is designed to be self-supporting, but cannot be if everyone does not “**due**” his or her part. Dues may be paid in advance for the whole year (**\$17**) or each semester (**\$8.50**).
  - E. **UNIFORM:** Complete uniforms are to be worn at every AWANA meeting. Clubbers are eligible to PURCHASE uniforms only after the entrance booklet is passed. **All Clubbers should wear tennis shoes and jeans for an active game time.** Clubbers who wear shorts will not be able to participate in game time for their own protection. Carpet burns hurt! No awards can be presented to a clubber who is not in complete uniform.
4. **The REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITY RELEASE FORM** should be returned with the clubber on their **second visit** to AWANA. These forms are for the benefit of your child in case of an emergency. Failure to return this form will prohibit the child from participating in game time, outings and special activities. These forms are effective throughout the 2010-2011 club year.
5. **DISCIPLINE:** In order that every clubber may enjoy the AWANA experience, all clubbers will be held to reasonable standards of conduct. Good behavior is acknowledged through praise. Misbehavior is addressed through the use of the “Three Count.” If a clubber refuses to follow repeated admonitions about behavior in a meeting, the responsible adult will give them a “ONE.” (A warning; usually this is sufficient to correct the problem) Continued disruptions that night result in a “TWO.” (Loss of game time privilege and the leader will take them to their director for counsel and encouragement to behave). If the clubber continues to misbehave and receives a “THREE,” the clubber will be sent to the Commander and parents will be notified of the behavior

problem. Should the disruptions become habitual; a parental consultation will be scheduled. To help maintain order, only registered AWANA workers should enter the classrooms. **Fighting will not be tolerated at all.** Any clubber involved will lose game time privileges for three weeks, and the clubber will spend their game time with the Commander. A second offence will result in the clubber being expelled from AWANA for the remainder of the semester.

6. **GAME TIME:** All clubs have an organized game time. This is designed to promote team spirit, self-esteem, and good sportsmanship. No one may sit out of game time without either a note from a parent/guardian or a personal request from a parent/guardian.
7. **AWARDS:** Attendance awards are available in each club. Your director will inform you of the requirements to receive these awards. These include the AWANA attendance award and the Sunday School attendance award. Also, there are handbook and activity awards that can be earned. The Club Director will be informing the clubbers concerning the requirements of these awards. NOTE: all awards are paid for by the weekly dues. Lost awards can be replaced for 50 cents each.
8. **MEETING NIGHTS:** AWANA clubs meet during the year, and are dismissed for the summer and all regular school holidays. The Benton Public School District calendar will be followed for these holidays. **If the Benton Schools are dismissed due to inclement weather, the AWANA clubs will also be dismissed.**
9. **CONTACT NUMBERS:** If you have questions or need more information, please contact the appropriate member of our AWANA Staff:

Commander	Pastor Richard Hamlin	778-4103
Commander	Bro. Sean Collins	778-4103/249-0845
Asst. Commander	Manuel Montalvo	776-2801
Secretary	Cristi Henthorne	778-7497
Puggles	Pam Browning	778-1924
Cubbies (3 and 4 years old)	Jeana Hutson	776-7037
Sparks (K – 2)	Missy Skinner	315-9717
Truth and Training Boys (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Tommy Thompson	317-6583
Truth and Training Girls (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Julie Shelby	847-1105
Trek	Kellye Albey	939-2847

**NOTE:** The AWANA program **does not provide Uniforms and Handbooks** – each clubber is responsible to purchase his/her own uniform and handbook. When the clubber has completed the entrance exam, he is eligible to purchase a uniform and a handbook. Weekly or Monthly payment plans can be arranged through the AWANA secretary. **A limited number of scholarships are available that will cover the handbook/uniform costs.** Please contact the Commander about the availability of these scholarships.

When your clubber is eligible to purchase a uniform/handbook, you will receive a written notice of the amount necessary to make this purchase. Depending on the age of the child, this amount will range from \$25 - \$35.

# 2010-2011 Registration and Release Form

**PLEASE, PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE!!!**

**The following information is for our records only:**

AWANA Club: *Puggles*    *Cubbies*    *Sparks*    *Truth and Training*    *Trek*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (YYYY-MM-DD) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Church Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that you are unable to pick up your child, list others who are authorized to provide transportation?

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In the unlikely event that your child would be hurt during AWANA and we could not contact you, we ask that the following release form be signed. Please notice that it is for **emergency treatment only**.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give my consent for emergency medical treatment to be provided to the above-named child in the event that all efforts to contact us prove unsuccessful.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_