



## Parent Guide

### **Dover Church Awana Club**

Dover Avenue Alliance Church

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Awana Commander: Doug Vogel 737-6813

### **Wednesday Evenings**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

September through April

In case of bad weather, listen to KSOU-FM (93.9)  
after 4:00 p.m. for cancellations.

"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)

## What Is Awana?

The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of the phrase "Approved workmen are not ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15). Since 1950, Awana has committed to partner with parents and churches to help kids know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Word, the Bible, promises to show us how to do that, and it is the foundation for our club and program materials. Awana Club has been at Dover Church since 1988.

## Who Can Join?

At Dover Church, we offer these Awana clubs:

<b>Cubbies</b>	Two years prior to kindergarten <u>Cubbies Director</u> : Debbie Keady (737-2184)
<b>Sparks</b>	Kindergarten through second grade <u>Sparks Director</u> : Donna Mortenson (737-3476)
<b>T&amp;T*</b>	Third through sixth grade <u>T&amp;T Director</u> : Jen Vogel (737-6813)

\*T&T stands for Truth & Training Club

## What Happens at Awana Club?

**Opening Ceremony** includes a flag ceremony, announcements and prayer.

**Handbook Time** is a 30-minute segment during which leaders guide small groups of clubbers through their handbooks. The goal is for each clubber to complete one handbook per year.

**Council Time** is a 30-minute large-group segment featuring the following elements: singing, testimonies, Bible lessons, awards presentations and announcements.

**Game Time** is a 30-minute segment when clubbers play games on the Awana Game Square led by a game director. There are four teams on a circle - red, blue, green and yellow - with a variety of games played to fit the abilities and interests of all clubbers.

### **A Word About Dismissal Time:**

Our club night ends at 8:00 p.m. We are committed to dismissing clubbers on time and in an orderly way. Cubbies must be picked up by their parents in the Cubbies Room. Sparks must be picked up by their parents in the Game Room. T&T clubbers will be dismissed from Council Time under the supervision of their leaders.

### **How Much Does This Cost?**

Our Awana club is largely subsidized by dues paid by each family. These dues are used to purchase handbooks, awards and Awana store supplies. Yearly dues are \$30.00 per child (\$80.00 maximum per family) or \$1.00 per week. No child will be denied participation due to financial hardship. Please talk to the Awana Commander if you need scholarship.

### **Uniforms:**

Uniforms are an important component of the Awana ministry. Uniforms reinforce a sense of community and encourage an orderly & disciplined club. All clubbers and leaders are expected to be in uniform at every club meeting. Clubbers must be in uniform to receive any awards earned. The prices of new uniforms are listed below. Used uniforms are available in a limited supply for half price.

Cubbies Vest:	\$10.00
Sparks Vest:	\$10.00
T&T Uniform:	\$18.00

### **Handbooks:**

The cost of one handbook per clubber is financed by club dues. If a clubber needs to replace a lost handbook, the replacement cost is \$10.00.

### **Awards:**

Awards are a key feature of Awana clubs. Throughout the year, individual clubbers earn achievement awards to display on their uniforms. The purchase of awards is financed by club dues.

**Handbook Progress Awards** are given each week throughout the club year.

**Club Attendance Awards** are earned by having two or fewer absences each quarter.

**Sunday School Attendance Awards** are earned by attending Sunday School at the church of your choice, with two or fewer unexcused absences each semester.

**Book Completion Awards** are presented at our year-end Awards Night.

## Can Parents Get Involved With Awana?

Parents are always welcome to observe & volunteer at Awana club. We believe that parents are the most important part of each clubber's development. At home, we encourage parents to work on verse memorization with their children - five or ten minutes several times a week are a great investment to help your child succeed. Ask your child to teach you the Awana games, sing the Awana songs, and tell you what they learned in Large Group Time. Check your child's handbook each week to see what could be completed at home. Mark each club meeting on the calendar. Make sure your child wears his/her uniform to club each week.

## What Else Do I Need to Know?

### Discipline of Clubbers

We are committed to maintaining a disciplined club. We want all our clubbers to be in a safe environment where there are expectations they understand. Misbehavior will be addressed gently but firmly.

We utilize the **five-count** in large groups to bring order & quiet. Whenever a leader wants everyone's attention, he/she will begin counting from one to five. By the time the count is at five, all clubbers, parents and leaders should be waiting quietly.

We utilize the **three-count** to address individual misbehavior. When a clubber acts inappropriately after gentle reminders, he/she receives a one count. If a clubber continues to create disturbances and disobeys leaders, he/she is given a two count. A two count results in a conversation with the appropriate club director or Awana commander. If a clubber fails to correct his/her behavior and continues to create problems, he/she will be given a three-count. This step results in suspension for the remainder of the club night. The appropriate club director or Awana commander will contact the clubber's parent or guardian and request the child be picked up immediately.

### Illness/Accident Policy

If a child becomes ill at Awana club, we will contact a parent or guardian. Please pick up your child as soon as possible. If a child receives a minor injury, it will be treated unless a parent or guardian has submitted a written request that this not be done. All clubbers need a Medical Release Form on file. This form gives Awana leaders permission to obtain emergency care, if necessary, in the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached in a timely manner.

### **Regional Awana Events**

At Dover Church Awana Club, we participate in special regional Awana events. Regional Awana events involve participating with or competing against other churches in our area. Refer to our calendar, newsletters & website for more details.

- Bible Quizzing
- Sparks-a-Rama
- AwanaGames

### **Awana Missionary**

Awana missionaries serve local churches, helping them start and maintain Awana clubs. Awana missionaries are faith supported, which means that they rely on churches and individuals to support their ministry financially and through prayer. At Dover Church Awana Club, our Awana missionary is Ron Glynn. Ron lives in Boone, IA, and plays a vital role in sponsoring & implementing Bible Quizzing, Sparks-a-Rama, AwanaGames, and leadership training events. Each year, Dover Church Awana Club conducts a fund-raising event for our Awana missionary.

### **Adopt-a-Club**

Awana is active in 109 countries around the world. Our yearly contributions help foreign clubs buy uniforms, handbooks, awards, etc. Each clubber has the opportunity to give \$5.00 towards this program, earning an Adopt-a-Club emblem to wear on his/her uniform.

For more information, contact Doug Vogel, Awana Commander,  
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