



Parent Guide

Dover Church Awana Club

Dover Avenue Alliance Church

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Wednesday Evenings

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

September through April

In the event of inclement weather, families and leaders will be notified of cancellations via text or email by 4:00 pm.

“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 NIV)

What Is Awana?

The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of the phrase “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV). Since 1950, Awana has committed to partnering 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:

Cubbies	Two years prior to kindergarten (Must be at least 4 years old at start of school year to participate)
Sparks	Kindergarten through second grade
T&T*	Third through fifth grade *T&T stands for Truth & Training Club

What Happens at Awana Club?

Handbook Time. Leaders guide small groups of clubbers through their handbooks. The goal is for each clubber to complete one handbook per year.

Council Time. Large-group teaching time for each club featuring a Bible lesson.

Game Time. Clubbers play games on the Awana Game Square led by a game director. A variety of games are played to fit the abilities and interests of all clubbers.

A Word About Dismissal Time:

Our club night ends at 8:00pm. We are committed to dismissing clubbers on time and in an orderly fashion. Cubbies and Sparks *must* be picked up by their parents - Cubbies from the Cubbies room and Sparks from the Fellowship Hall where Game Time is conducted. T&T clubbers will be dismissed from the church sanctuary by their leaders at 8:00pm.

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 \$40.00 per child

(\$110.00 maximum per family). No child will be denied participation due to financial hardship. Please contact the church office if you need scholarship.

Uniforms:

Uniforms are an important component of the Cubbies and Sparks ministries. Uniforms encourage a sense of community. 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
Sparks Bag:	\$5.00

Handbooks:

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

Handbook 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. We encourage parents to work on verse memorization with their children. Check your child's handbook each week to see what could be completed at home. Make sure your child wears his/her uniform if they are in Cubbies or Sparks and that they bring their handbook to club each week.

What Else Do I Need to Know?

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. 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 from club for at least one week. The appropriate club director will contact the clubber's parent or guardian and set up a meeting at the earliest convenient time to meet and discuss the clubber's behavior. The clubber may return to Awana but only after the 1-week suspension and after the club director has met with the parent(s) or guardian.

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.