

# **AWANA Parent/Clubber Handbook**

**Fairfax Baptist Temple  
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Club #6846**

**Meeting Time  
6:45pm – 8:30pm**

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# AWANA Parent/Clubber Handbook

## Parents

Dear parent/guardian: when it comes to dropping off and picking up your child from AWANA Club. Please try to have your child at AWANA Club by 6:40pm for the 6:45pm start. Please escort the smaller children to the gym so that the AWANA Leaders know they are there.

*It would be of great benefit to the Clubbers and Leaders if you could avoid picking up your child before AWANA ends at 8:30pm.*

We know that there are times when you can't avoid this. We would recommend that you not do it consistently since your child will be missing important parts of the evening. Each meeting is made up of three segments of time with each being designed to meet specific goals. The AWANA Club meeting is 1 hour and 45 minutes which is the minimum time that we can fit a complete meeting into. Also, as a courtesy to many of the classes which may be having their devotion time, please try to avoid being outside the classroom doors until the meeting ends. You are welcome to view the Game Floor where there is always a lot of fun activity going on. When you pull your child out early, they miss important parts of their club experience. If you do need them to leave early, please try to tell the AWANA Leaders at the beginning of the meeting so they can be prepared.

## Purpose of this Guide

The purpose of this guide is to give parents/guardians of AWANA children everything they need to help their children get the most out of the FBT AWANA Club. It has procedures, rules, helps and advice for parents and Club Members.

## Commanders Greeting

I would like to welcome you and your child to the AWANA Club program at Fairfax Baptist Temple. The name AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, and it is taken from II Timothy 2:15.

AWANA Clubs are international in scope and have been around for 50+ years. Their longevity is due to the fact that it works. AWANA gives your child the practical tools they need to help you create the moral foundation that is so necessary for them to have a rewarding life. The reason for that is because AWANA is based on the Bible and the timeless truths found there.

You will find that the AWANA program provides a special place for your children to make new friends, play exciting games, compete in rewarding and challenging contests, receive awards as reinforcement for their good performance, and have opportunities to learn and memorize God's Word, the Bible.

Realizing that today children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, AWANA's Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm, Biblical foundation which will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to us and to God. Your assistance as parents is very important to your children so that they may get the most out of AWANA. You can help your children by encouraging them to come each week, by helping them to memorize at least two sections per week (to finish their book by the end of the year) in their handbook, by showing excitement over their achievements, and by communicating any special needs to us.

We would suggest that you spend about 5 minutes each morning and evening with your child reading or reviewing "sections" for the greatest retention. Doing it together shows them that you care for them and about what's important to them. You will also find the AWANA material useful for an expanded time of family devotions at home where you can discuss God's Word and issues that children are confronted with day to day. I am confident that if your child is consistent in their attendance and you are consistent in your participation, you will see very positive results in their lives and attitudes.

We welcome you to visit our club meetings at any time. If you have any questions or special concerns, please feel free to speak to me or any of the AWANA leaders about them. Our desire is that your child would have a wonderful, growing experience that they will remember for a lifetime!

Mark Varricchione  
AWANA Commander

# **AWANA Leadership**

## **AWANA Commander**

Mark Varricchione

## **AWANA Club Secretary**

Cindy Varricchione

## **Cubbies Directors (3 & 4 year olds)**

Shelly Schimkus

## **Sparks Director (Grades K5-2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Cheryl Kidd

## **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

Kim Chu

## **5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

Carolyn Rodriguez

## **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

Mike Duerksen

## **5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

Mike Probus

You can always call the Church office at 703-323-8100 if you need to make contact with any of the Leaders above.

## **Where To Check In for the Meeting**

All Clubbers are required to go directly to the gymnasium floor upon arriving and enter by the main gym doors in the front. They should take all their personal belongings with them. There will be a short opening ceremony and they will be escorted to their classrooms by their adult Leaders.

For those new to Awana, there will be an information table inside the gym doors to assist you.

## **What Do Clubbers Do Each Night**

Activities are broken down into 3 main groups of time each club night. Handbook Time, Devotional and Game Time. Each segment of time is approximately 30 minutes.

### **Handbook Time**

Handbook time is the time segment where a small group (4-5 clubbers) meets with a Leader to study and complete various sections in their handbooks. The sections in the handbooks cover

fundamental Bible doctrines and involve Bible memorization. The young people memorize and recite verses to their Leader as they progress through the handbooks. Each clubber is encouraged to complete at least two sections per week (preferably even more) to complete their books by the end of the AWANA year. There are several criteria to be followed in reciting sections:

- A clubber entering the club for the first time must complete the entrance test for his or her age level. This entrance test is not scored, it is a paper tri-fold that has about 5-6 sections on it for the new person to go through. As each section is passed, it is marked by the adult Leader with a date and signature. The entrance test sections are relatively easy and are a good introduction to the young person on how the handbook time works. Upon completion of this step, he/she may purchase a handbook.
- Each section must be recited in one sitting. A section is anything in the handbook between the places for signatures. The Leader may give two "helps" per section (not per verse). If the clubber needs more than two "helps," he/she must begin the section again. A "help" is defined as a "one to three word hint."

All memory work must be recited in person and face-to-face. Sections can only be signed off by an AWANA Leader. Parents are encouraged to listen to sections at home and initial the sections in preparation for your child to say the sections at Club. If a Leader sees these initials there, then they know that the Clubber has studied and may need a little time to "regroup" if they can't say a section the first time they try.

### **Devotional**

All clubbers meet together with their age group for a short devotional based on the Bible and awards for their efforts in Book Time.

### **Game Time**

Game time is an exciting and safe time of fun and friendly competition. All children are expected to participate in all games unless a parent communicates otherwise to a Leader. We ask that the children wear clean tennis shoes that do not mark the floor for game time.

## **What to do if...?**

**There is bad weather.** Use your judgment in icy/snowy weather with safety as your first concern. It is very rare for AWANA Club to be cancelled since some Leaders would always show up to receive any Clubbers who did not get the word or were able to get through the weather. Again, be safe, your Clubber can catch up the next meeting.

**You are sick and can't come.** Keep studying those sections to finish your Handbook. Try to make arrangements to say them to a Leader at church before our next club meeting.

**You are late to club.** Please come in quietly and go to where your age group is meeting at the time you arrive.

**You bring a friend to club.** Be sure to register your friend with your Leader. Clubbers should make sure their visitors are registered since they will get extra points for bringing a friend and there are handbook sections that are completed by bringing visitors.

**You lose an award.** The AWANA Club bears the cost of the original award. If you lose it, you must buy the replacement. The cost depends on the award.

**You get hurt at club.** Tell a Leader immediately so they can give you proper first aid care. If professional care is deemed necessary, your parents will be contacted.

## **Club Descriptions**

Each club is designed to meet the unique needs of that particular age group and thus, the exact schedule and activities vary from group to group and from week to week.

### **Cubbies**

This is a two-year preschool program, which requires parental participation. Designed for 3 and 4 year-old preschoolers, Cubbies includes a cute character named Cubbie Bear, a blue vest with accompanying awards for "Cubbies" to wear, and a zoo motif. Cubbie Bear encourages children as they achieve in handbooks. Handbooks provide Bible memorization curriculum and stimulating activities specifically for preschoolers. Geared to encourage parental support, the Handbooks teach basic Bible truths along with popular preschool concepts of colors, shapes, numbers, and letters.

The AWANA Cubbies is designed specifically for age 3 and 4 year old children. If a child is very close to age 3 or just turned age 3 when AWANA begins, we use the following criteria to help parents decide if he/she should attend that year:

1. If you do not plan on sending your child to school in two years, you should hold them back and start them in Cubbies next year. This is due to the fact that Cubbies has only two books and thus two years before they must move on to Sparks. Sparks age is Kindergarten to second grade and is a three year program.
2. Your child must be able to sit still for up to 15 minutes at a time and be able to communicate with and obey the adult Leaders.
3. We ask that if you want to start them early, that we do so on a probationary period. The AWANA program is a structured environment and your child may not be prepared for that yet. We are willing to try, but ask to reserve the right to request that they remain in the two-year old program a little longer until they are ready for Cubbies if they have a problem sitting still.

### **Handbook Sections**

Each Cubbie's success in handbook time is totally dependent upon their parents' involvement in helping to learn the verses and complete the activities in the handbook.

During the handbook time of the AWANA club night, clubbers will be allowed to recite the section(s) they have been memorizing during the week. The Leader will hear each clubber's section(s) as time allows.

### **Game Time**

Cubbies Game Time is designed to be fun and non-competitive.

### **Parent Participation**

Parents are always welcome to visit club. We encourage parents to participate and help with activities.

### **Sparks (K5-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)**

Designed for ages kindergarten through second grade, Sparks includes a fun firefly character named Sparky, a red vest with accompanying awards for "Sparkies" to wear, and a nature motif.

The three Sparks handbooks and ranks are HangGlider, Hiker, and Climber. Sparky firefly encourages and motivates children through handbook achievements. Handbooks provide Bible memorization curriculum and other Bible-centered activities.

### **Handbook Sections**

During the handbook time of the AWANA club night, clubbers will be allowed to recite the section(s) they have memorized during the week. Each Clubber will be given an opportunity to say at least two sections in a "round-robin" fashion. As time allows, the Leader will come back to Clubbers who are prepared to say more sections. An AWANA leader may listen to sections at any time, not just club night (prior arrangements must be made with the Leader).

Handbooks may be purchased after the entrance test is completed. Handbooks must be completed in a predetermined sequence as shown in the table below.

The Gate Test (entrance test) is completed when a clubber enters Sparks for the first time (only the first time, the Clubber does not have to take the Gate Test again each year) no matter what grade. A membership card and recognition will be given to a clubber upon completion of the Gate Test. The membership card should be in the clubber's possession on AWANA night and may be in a vest pocket or taped to the inside of the clubber's handbook. The table below seems confusing at first glance, but it is intended to give a step-by-step definition of what handbook is to be used for your child. The handbook and how they progress through it depends on what their grade is when they start in Sparks. This information is also found in the handbook.

The far left column is the year the child enters the Sparks Club – Sparks age group covers K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The 3-year progression (years across top) is for someone who enters Sparks at the kindergarten age which is the norm. They progress through the books in a different fashion than someone who enters Sparks as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader (1-year progression). The different paths are intended to allow your child to get the maximum knowledge from their time spent in the Sparks group. The following table can be a bit daunting to read, but it is provided here for reference and the child's Leader will be able to tell them what to do next.

**Sparks Progression (depending on what year entered Sparks)**

	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	HangGlider Handbook Review HangGlider Handbook Review Island HangGlider Workbook Extra Credit Work	Hiker Handbook Review Hiker Handbook Review Meadow Hiker Workbook Extra Credit Work	Climber Handbook Review Climber Handbook Review Plateau verses Climber Workbook Extra Credit Work
<b>First Grade</b>	HangGlider Handbook Hiker Handbook Review Hiker Handbook Review Meadow (Hiker) Review HangGlider Handbook Review Island (HangGlider) HangGlider Workbook Hiker Workbook Extra Credit Work	Climber Handbook Review Climber Handbook Review Plateau (Climber) Climber Workbook Extra Credit Work	
<b>Second Grade</b>	HangGlider Handbook Hiker Handbook Climber Handbook Review HangGlider Handbook Review Hiker Handbook Review Climber Handbook Review Plateau (Climber) Review Meadow (Hiker) Review Island (HangGlider)		

Following are some notes and reminders on how the handbooks must be completed:

- Rank Test sections must be completed in order.
- Handbook Red Jewels are only started after Rank Test is finished. These sections must be done in order... no skipping around.
- When the Rank Test is complete, the clubber may work in the Green Jewel sections of the handbook. These do not need to be completed in order.

**Awards**

Awards are as follows:

- Rank patch and crown are presented after a clubber finishes his/her rank.
- Red and Green Jewel awards are given after each group of sections is completed.
- The Club Attendance Award is presented four times a year, and the clubber is permitted one absence during each 7 or 8 week attendance period. Sparks earn a blue jewel.
- The Church Attendance Award is presented two times a year, and the clubber is permitted two absences during every 14-16 week attendance period. Sparks earn a Sparky face patch.
- Clubbers earn Book Award Ribbons by completing a single handbook.

- The Sparky Plaque Award is earned by second graders upon completion of all three Sparks books. The plaque is presented at the AWANA awards ceremony at the end of the year.

## **Points**

Individual Sparks earn points by reciting sections, attending club, bringing a Bible, wearing their uniform, bringing a friend to club, attending church, and participating in the special theme nights. AWANA points are awarded each evening. The points are used to buy prizes at the AWANA store at designated times on the AWANA calendar each club year (4 times a year).

## **Truth & Training Program (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and girls)**

### **Handbook Sections**

During the handbook time of the AWANA club night, clubbers are allowed to recite the sections they have memorized during the week. Each Clubber will be given an opportunity to say at least two sections in a “round-robin” fashion. As time allows, the Leader will come back to Clubbers who are prepared to say more sections. An AWANA Leader may listen to sections at any time, not just club night (prior arrangements should be made with the Leader). All sections must be said face-to-face and may only be signed off by an AWANA Leader.

Handbooks may be purchased after the entrance test is completed. Handbooks must be completed according to the following rules:

1. The Start Zone is completed when a clubber begins a club (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) for the first time. The Clubber completes the Start Zone only once.
2. After completing the Start Zone, clubbers immediately begin in Book 1 no matter their age or grade. They continue working in the same handbook until they complete it and then progress to Book 2, 3, and 4.
3. Work completed in a previous Club year need not be repeated. For example, if a Clubber was half-way through their handbook when the Awana year ended, they pick up where they left off when the new Awana year begins.

### **Points**

Clubbers earn points by reciting sections, attending club, bringing a Bible, wearing their uniform, bringing a friend to club, attending church, and participating in the special theme nights. Points are totaled each evening and awarded to the Clubbers. AWANA points are used to buy prizes at the AWANA store at designated times on the calendar each club year (approximately 4 times a year).

## **Bible Memorization**

Each week, a clubber is encouraged to complete two "sections" in their handbook. A "section" refers to a small part of the handbook that includes one or more memory verses, fun learning pages, Bible drill, and activities.

The Leader will listen to as many sections as time allows. If a clubber learns many sections (more than six sections) in a week, the clubber may have to wait until the following week to have the sections heard and signed off. The clubber may make arrangements with their Leader for listening to the extra sections at another time during the week outside of the Club meeting.

Each clubber is guaranteed the opportunity to recite at least two sections each club night. All Scripture in the handbooks for memorization is printed in the King James Version and is the version Fairfax Baptist Temple AWANA has standardized on. All memorization must be done using the King James Version of the verses.

## **Dress Code**

Dressing modestly is the most important issue when it comes to a dress code. Clubbers should wear loose-fitting, modest clothing since part of the evening will be spent in game time – something they can run in.

It is difficult to establish a useable policy for short pants, so *we ask that no shorts of any kind be worn by either Clubbers or Leaders.*

Parents/guardians, please give your attention to making sure your Clubber dresses modestly for the meetings. Since we have a mixed group of Clubbers, immodest dress may cause the AWANA Commander or Directors to ask your child to be removed from participation for that evening.

Khaki trousers for the boys are preferred, but blue jeans are acceptable. Boys trousers should also be without holes – again, loose-fitting.

Girls may wear pants with khakis again being preferred, but blue jeans are acceptable. Girls pants should also be without holes and should be loose-fitting. Knee-length culottes and dresses may also be worn by girls. If a dress is worn, it is recommended that knee-length shorts be worn under the dress since there will be running and jumping during game time.

All Clubbers must be in the proper uniform shirt or blouse. For Clubbers who have not received their uniforms yet, there are no tank tops or sleeveless shirts/blouses allowed. Please avoid shirts with logos or advertisements on them also.

## **Club Expectations**

- Clubbers must pass the Entrance Test (Start Zone for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade), turn in the completed AWANA Registration Form and pay yearly registration fees before becoming a member of the AWANA Club.

- Uniforms are to be worn at all times and must be paid in full before being awarded to clubbers unless specific arrangements have been made with the AWANA Commander.
- Handbooks may be purchased by a clubber after the Entrance Test has been completed and registration fees paid.
- When arriving at club, report immediately to your group and check-in. Stay in your group's designated area and obey the Leaders.
- Clubbers are to stay in their group with their handbook leader during the opening assembly and the devotional time later.
- Clubbers may not go outside the building without permission from an adult Leader – no exceptions will be tolerated.
- Bathroom privileges and drinks are at designated times only. Please, no gum, candy, toys or hand-held games.
- When on the game floor, please walk around the game time to avoid collisions. Due to safety concerns, please do not run except during your group's game time.
- All AWANA Leaders and Staff must be respected and obeyed.
- All clubbers are expected to take part in the entire club program, unless there is a note from parents or a Leader has been notified otherwise.
- Proper attire is important because we do play games. Both girls and boys need to wear modest, comfortable, loose-fitting clothing according to the dress code found in this handbook. Tennis shoes should be worn to participate in games.
- Awards are not given unless the clubber is in proper uniform.
- Each clubber must pass at least one section during a three-week period or he/she will sit out of game time until a section is passed.

## Club Discipline

A "Five Count System" will be used to quiet the entire group of clubbers. By the time the leader counts to "5," all clubbers and Leaders are expected to be still, quiet, and looking directly at the Leader counting. When the clubbers hear the Leader begin the "five count," they are to put their hands into the air and count along with their fingers only without saying the numbers out loud.

Discipline is usually on a positive basis with rewards and points given for good behavior. However, for clubbers who do not cooperate, parents may be called to pick up the child from the meeting. Of course, the Clubber is welcome back when he or she is willing to meet the club expectations.

## Club Schedule

Each week, the club meeting will begin promptly **at 6:45pm** and ends promptly **at 8:30pm**. Parents, please note that it is important to be considerate of our AWANA Leaders and their families. We ask that if you arrive early that you make sure there is an AWANA Leader available when you drop your child off. Also, when you pick up your clubbers, please do so promptly at 8:30pm.

The table below shows where each group will be during what time period. All locations are in the west wing upstairs classrooms and gymnasium. Opening and game time is in the gym.

<b>Group</b>	<b>6:45p–6:55p</b>	<b>6:55p–7:30p</b>	<b>7:30p–8:00p</b>	<b>8:00p–8:30p</b>
Cubbies 3-4 years	Opening	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
Sparks K5-2nd	Opening	Book Time	Devotional	Game Time
Girls 3-4th	Opening	Devotional	Game Time	Book Time
Girls 5-6th	Opening	Devotional	Game Time	Book Time
Boys 3-4th	Opening	Game Time	Book Time	Devotional
Boys 5-6th	Opening	Game Time	Book Time	Devotional

## **AWANA Store**

Clubbers earn points each week for AWANA and Church attendance, wearing their uniform, conduct, reciting memory verses, and completing sections in the AWANA Handbook - to name a few.

Approximately every 8 weeks, they add up their points and go to the AWANA Store. AWANA Store is held during the Game Time segment for each group. The store is full of items that they can purchase with their points as a reward for their hard work.

## **Fees and Costs**

### **Club Registration Fees**

See the AWANA Online registration at <http://awana.littlelifeforms.com> which will always have the current fees and costs. These fees subsidize the AWANA Club Ministry but do not cover all expenses. They are used to help pay for game equipment, awards, Awana Store items, treats, and special events. The tithes and offerings of the members of the Fairfax Baptist Temple cover all expenses beyond the registration fees.

If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please speak to the AWANA Commander to make arrangements for registration fees.

### **Handbooks**

Once a Clubber passes their Entrance Test, they begin working in a handbook. Handbooks must be purchased. The Clubber may not purchase a handbook until they have passed their Entrance Test or Start Zone. Handbook cost is not included in the registration fee.

### **Uniforms**

The AWANA uniform lets others know you are a member of our club. You'll want to buy it as soon as you complete the entrance requirements for club membership so you will have a place to display your awards. A clean and neat uniform helps a clubber feel sharp and well disciplined.

Fairfax Baptist Temple makes no profit from the sale of uniforms. We do not stock all uniforms, so please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Uniforms will be awarded as soon as they arrive from AWANA headquarters if the Clubber has met all the criteria for wearing the uniform. Complete uniforms with all awards are to be worn every week once it is purchased and after a clubber passes the entrance test. Special order uniforms will cost additional.

### **Award Costs**

Clubbers excelling in the AWANA Clubs can earn a variety of colorful, high-quality awards. These awards vary from club to club, but most include rank insignias, achievement awards for club attendance, activities, Bible drills, Sunday School attendance, book completion ribbons, plaques, and trophies.

Fairfax Baptist Temple is pleased to pay for the awards for each clubber who excels by earning the various awards available. Activity and drill awards are presented each club night in front of all other clubbers. Trophies and book awards are presented to the clubbers at an awards ceremony at the end of the club year. There will be a replacement cost for any award that the Clubber loses.

### **Alternatives to Bringing a Friend to Club**

In every AWANA handbook, there is a section that requires bringing a visitor to Club. The intent of this section is to actively involve children in reaching others with the Gospel of Christ on an individual basis. This applies to children in the ages of K5 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Some circumstances make it difficult for a young person to successfully bring visitors to Club. Our Awana Club feels that personal invitations are so important that we require the young person to make at least two attempts to invite someone **before** they are allowed to take one of the alternatives below.

The following is a list of approved alternatives to fulfill this requirement:

1. Bring a visitor to a Church service.
2. Bring a visitor to Bible Study.
3. Go with your AWANA leader to visit Awana children's homes.
4. Participate in one of the FBT Gospel Blitz events in the local Church area (participation means being involved in handing out the literature or doorhangers).
5. Participate in a Church scheduled event handing out literature/doorhangers for one of the new Churches started from FBT (participation means being involved in handing out the literature or doorhangers).

After completing one of these requirements, the parent or guardian must write in the young person's handbook (in the section on visitors) what they did, the date they did it, and the parent/guardian must sign the handbook. Credit cannot be awarded unless your handbook has the required parent or guardian signature and date explaining what was done. An example of what would be written into the handbook by the parent is:

“Mary tried to invite other young people to Awana Club 2 times. She then attended the Gospel Blitz alternative on 3/8/2003.”

followed by the parent's signature. Many handbooks have this requirement twice and a similar note is required for each time a visitor is required if an alternative is taken – the young person must make two attempts each time a visitor is required; not once for both visitor requirements.

Credit will be given for the section only after the alternative is completed; not before. Please do not sign the handbook stating "...Mary *will* attend Gospel Blitz on 4/5/2003". Future events do not qualify for completing this requirement, only past, completed events.

## **Extra Credit Work**

Extra credit work is defined as work that is beyond the standard AWANA handbooks, reviews and workbooks. There is specific, additional material that is approved for extra credit work within each age group.

Extra credit work cannot be started until all the appropriate AWANA handbook work, handbook review work and/or AWANA workbooks have been completed for the Clubber's age and group. The rules for each age group are detailed below along with the accepted extra credit work that is appropriate.

### **Extra Credit Work by Group**

#### **Sparks (K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)**

If a Sparks age child completes their handbook, reviews and workbooks that are appropriate for their grade level, we prevent them from starting the next handbook in sequence which would normally be started the next AWANA year. For example, if a K5 child finishes their HangGlider handbook, HangGlider handbook reviews, and the HangGlider Workbook, we do not allow them to start the Hiker handbook that same year but require them to wait until 1<sup>st</sup> grade to start the Hiker set of books. That K5 child would do extra credit work for the rest of this AWANA year as detailed below. The recommended order is from top to bottom as you read the options below.

#### **Memory Verse Packs**

- Memory verses can be downloaded as .pdf files from the official AWANA website at [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org). Search for "extra credit".
- You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader to read/print the .pdf files and the free reader can be found at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).
- You will find Bronze, Silver and Gold versions and the verse packs should be done in this order.
- Select the KJV version of the verses since the FBT AWANA Club is a King James Version only club. Download the .pdf files.
- Print the verse packs in Landscape format so that you have 4 rows of 3 verses each on the 8.5 by 11.0 standard sheet of paper. Staple the sheets together and place them in a folder to be carried back and forth to meetings the same as a handbook.
- Each row of 3 verses constitutes a section and will be awarded AWANA points equivalent to sections in handbooks.
- Each section must be completed at one time the same as a handbook section to earn the points. Each section is allowed 2 helps the same as handbook sections.

#### **God \_\_\_\_\_ Me Memory Book Series**

- This series is made up of the following lesson books:
  - God Loves Me Memory Book
  - God Made Me Memory Book
  - God Speaks to Me Memory Book
  - God Offers Me Eternal Life Memory Book
- Each book has a set of lessons in it with memory verses for each lesson.
- A lesson is equivalent to a section.
- These books are downloaded from the same internet location as the Memory Verse Packs and are .pdf files (see above notes).

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls**

#### **Memory Verse Packs**

- Memory verses can be downloaded as .pdf files from [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org). Search for “extra credit”.
- You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader to read/print .pdf files and the free reader can be found at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).
- You will find Bronze, Silver and Gold versions and the verse packs should be done in this order.
- Select the KJV version of the verses since the FBT AWANA Club is a King James Version only club. Download the .pdf files.
- Print the verse packs in Landscape format so that you have 4 rows of 3 verses each on the 8.5 by 11.0 standard sheet of paper. Staple the sheets together and place them in a folder to be carried back and forth to meetings the same as a handbook.
- Each row of 3 verses constitutes a section and will be awarded AWANA points equivalent to sections in handbooks.
- Each section must be completed at one time the same as a handbook section to earn the points. Each section is allowed 2 helps the same as handbook sections.

#### **Bible Books and Verses**

- Choose a book of the New Testament and memorize verses starting with Chapter 1 working progressively through the chosen book.
- 3 verses constitute a section and will be awarded AWANA points equivalent to sections in handbooks.
- The recommended books to choose from are:
  - John
  - Hebrews
  - Ephesians
- You may also choose a different book of the Bible if you are involved in other memorization tasks such as school. Please get the choice of another book approved by the AWANA Commander or your Group’s Director.

Awards for completing a verse pack, a lesson book or a book of the Bible will be given. The type of award may vary from time to time since AWANA Headquarters does not maintain specific awards such as uniform pins or certificates. We must obtain the awards independently and may have to change if a source no longer provides an award thus we cannot guarantee the same award being available from year to year.

## Pacing Schedule for Handbooks

As a help to each Club member, we have included a recommended “pace” or schedule that the Clubber can follow to make sure they complete their handbook by the last AWANA Club meeting. The Clubber is welcome and encouraged to accelerate beyond this schedule and complete it early. There is advanced work for Clubbers who finish early allowing them to continue to grow and attain awards. The pace schedule can be found below and is approximate:

<b><u>By This Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Handbook</u></b>	<b><u>Should have completed</u></b>
<b>End of 7th meeting</b>	HangGlider	Red Jewel 2, Section 1
	Hiker	Red Jewel 2, Section 1
	Climber	Red Jewel 2, Section 1
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 1 or Book 2	Section 2, Discovery 6
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 3 or Book 4	Section 2, Challenge 6
<b>End of 15th meeting</b>	HangGlider	Red Jewel 3, Section 6
	Hiker	Red Jewel 3, Section 8
	Climber	Red Jewel 3, Section 5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 1 or Book 2	Section 4, Discovery 4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 3 or Book 4	Section 4, Challenge 4
<b>End of 23rd meeting</b>	HangGlider	Red Jewel 4, Section 6
	Hiker	Green Jewel 1, Section 1
	Climber	Green Jewel 2, Section 2
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 1 or Book 2	Section 6, Discovery 2
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade in Book 3 or Book 4	Section 6, Challenge 2
<b>Last Club Meeting</b>	All handbooks	Completed handbook

## Transferring In from Another Club

If you have attended an official AWANA Club at another Church and want to transfer to the FBT AWANA Club, you can have your records updated here one of the following ways:

Bring a copy of your records, signed by your previous Commander, Director, or Pastor, with you from your previous Club.

Have your previous Club mail you a signed copy (see above) of your records and give them to your Director.

Bring your handbook from your previous Club showing the signatures and dates completed for your sections.

If you cannot provide the above, then we ask for a signed letter from your parents/guardian explaining why records are not available from your previous AWANA Club. The letter should state a detailed listing of the books completed and any sections you have completed in the last book you were using.

## **Fairfax Baptist Temple Information**

703-323-8100 - [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org)

Fairfax Baptist Temple is a family-oriented Church dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all ages. We have Bible Study classes for all ages. We also have a Junior Church for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the same time the regular Church service occurs each Sunday.

If you don't attend a church you call "home", we invite you and your family to come and join us this Sunday. We genuinely care for you! Times for our regular Church services are:

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:00am
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:00am
Sunday Evening Service	5:00pm
Wednesday Evening Service	7:00pm
Wednesday AWANA Club	6:45pm

AWANA is one of the most exciting ministries of Fairfax Baptist Temple. Your child will be with a loving, caring teacher who will help guide them as they learn tremendous truths about the Bible while having a fun and rewarding time.

We believe that the Bible is God's Word. We believe it is complete, without error, and has the answers for today's world. The truths contained in the Bible solve many everyday problems that we face – young and old alike. The Bible's truths can rebuild relationships, strengthen families, give clear direction for decisions in life, and most importantly, tell people how to have salvation through Jesus Christ.