

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are glad to have your child join our AWANA club on Wednesday nights. If you have other children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, they are also invited to our club. Students in grades 7th through 12th are invited to check out Ignite, our youth group that also meets on Wednesday nights, 6:15-8:15 PM!

Our AWANA groups are:

Sparks: Kindergarten through 2nd grade boys and girls

Truth & Training (TnT): 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls

Our club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:15-8:15 PM starting on September 4, 2024. Our meeting schedule corresponds with the Perry school calendar. If Perry does not have school, we will not have club. Weather related closings will be communicated by email and text.

An AWANA club night consists of three parts: Games, Large Group (Bible lesson time), and Small Group (Handbook time). The Club Policies and Rules are on the following pages. In addition, we ask that you and your clubber(s) sign and return the Awana Club Rules on the last page.

Your child will start with an **Entrance Booklet** (Flight 3:16 for Sparks, StartZone for TnT), which is the first step in AWANA achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this handbook over the next couple of weeks. When the booklet is finished, your child is eligible to receive an AWANA handbook. We want to work with you in providing balanced physical, social, and spiritual activities for your child.

If you do not have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit our church. We have a Sunday morning prayer gathering from 9:25-9:50AM, and our Worship service at 10AM. We offer children's ministries during the message on Sunday mornings for birth thru 5th grade.

Building Lives Together,

The AWANA Ministry Team of Crossroads Church

Club Policies and Rules

Discipline is the process of teaching acceptable behavior and self-control. Our motivation for discipline is our love for AWANA clubbers. We love and respect all the children who attend our club meeting. We ask for their respect in return.

1. **The Five-Count:** the person in charge begins to count down from five slowly and loudly enough to be heard. Clubbers are to line up straight and silently on their team lines or sit quietly in their seats.
2. **The Three-Count:** if a clubber misbehaves, the director will issue a warning. This is a “one.” If the clubber misbehaves again during the same club meeting, the director issues him/her the “two” count. At this time the clubber will be removed and his/her offense will be explained and he/she will be given one more chance. If the clubber misbehaves a third time during the same club meeting, he/she will be removed for the remainder of the club. If the parent is in the building, the child will be brought to the parent. Otherwise, the child will remain with a leader until the end of club. The parents will be notified of the child’s behavior.
3. There will be NO running in the building at any time. The only exception to the rule is Game Time and only when instructed to do so by the Game Leaders.
4. All clubbers will always use respectful language.

DRESS CODE:

We do not require AWANA uniforms, but if a clubber has one to wear, we do encourage it. We ask that all clubbers dress in a manner that is appropriate to the setting and dress prepared to play physical games: sneakers or other shoes that allow for running, no skirts or dresses, and nothing that would inhibit movement.

HANDBOOK RULES:

All clubbers are required to bring their handbook to club each night. There are points awarded for bringing the handbook and having the lesson prepared before arriving at club.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE:

All clubbers must be picked up from a leader at the end of night. Whoever is picking up your child will need to enter the building at the end of the night. If you or the designated person are unable to personally pick your child up, you will need to call the Ministry Director, Heather Karolus, before 7:55 pm on Wednesdays. **Heather** can be reached at **515-401-8064**. If you cannot reach Heather, please call the **Game Director, Pastor Rick Gates** at **515-979-2154** with the same information.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our AWANA club year a success!

-please sign and return this page-

AWANA Club Rules

1. I will stay with my team/leader at all times.
2. I will respect my leaders by obeying them and not arguing.
3. I will only touch others with kindness and for appropriate reasons.
4. I will be quiet when a five count is given.
5. I will respect other clubbers by calling them by their proper name and playing all games fairly.

Phil. 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."

I understand and agree to abide by the AWANA Club Rules.

Clubber's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Clubber's Signature: _____ **date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **date:** _____