

Dear Parents and Clubbers,

Welcome to Awana Club Ministry at Liberty Wesleyan Church. We are excited about our upcoming year!

We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Each night begins with an opening ceremony in the Family Life Center(FLC). We ask that children are not dropped off prior to 6:20. Any child at the playground will need to have an adult present for safety purposes. Any unattended child will be escorted back to the Family Life Center to await Opening Ceremony.

When your child first begins in each club, they will receive an introductory booklet. This is the first step in Awana Club achievement. Please help your child complete this booklet in the next two to three weeks. Your child will then receive their class handbook and will be able to earn more awards. Please encourage and help your child learn their bible verses each week.

The Awana philosophy is a positive reward based program. Following are some of the ways your child will be able to earn points. Points accumulate throughout the year and may be used in the Awana Store at the end of the year.

Club attendance - memorize bible verses - bring club book - bring bible (Sparks and above) - attend church - bring a friend - participate in theme night – participate in game time Praise Points - C4

Praise Points: Get "Caught" with Exceptional Behavior

We use a *Praise Points* reward program for exceptional behavior. If a child is "caught" doing something above and beyond normal expected behavior, they can earn a Praise Point coupon and 50 points. The coupon may be entered into a drawing to be held several times throughout the year for a special reward. This is to encourage a positive, caring attitude for others.

C4 – Serving our: Club, Church, Community, Country

C4 is the next step beyond Praise Points; it is to encourage us to seek ways to help others on a broader scale. Through C4 we hope our clubbers learn to follow in Jesus' footsteps of helping others, with no expectation of receiving anything in return.

There are many ways we can serve others and encourage everyone to look for ways to make a difference. In recent years we have helped raise money to pay off the FLC and purchased commercial grade swings for the playground, served at Urban Ministries, provided sports equipment for kids, made donation to the animal shelter, and cleaned up the church grounds.

...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive. **Acts 20:35.**

We challenge all our clubbers to find ways to C4.

We are excited to have *Game Time* again this year! We ask that all clubbers wear sneakers for their safety. Game Time is a team effort to encourage our clubbers to work together. We encourage all our clubbers to participate.

Policies and Rules:

To promote a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, the following are some basic rules everyone will be expected to follow.

- \Rightarrow Show respect for leaders, other clubbers, and yourself
- \Rightarrow No running and/or yelling inside
- \Rightarrow Keep your hands to yourself
- \Rightarrow Use your words to resolve conflict
- \Rightarrow Ask an adult for help, but do not be a tattle-tale
- \Rightarrow Be helpful to others and yourself
- \Rightarrow Have fun

At the close of each Awana night, we ask that all Puggles be picked up by an adult from their classroom. Cubbies, Sparks and T&T classes will be released from the Family Life Center. For the safety of the children, they will not be released to anyone under 18, including siblings.

Attached is a calendar that lists events and weeks we will not be having Awana. If there are any changes, we will announce during opening ceremony and send a note home with your child. We send email reminders of upcoming events and changes to normal schedule (i.e. bad weather) to the email address provided on the registration form. If you would like any additional email addresses added, please let us know.

If you have any questions about our Awana program, please feel free to discuss with any of our Awana Leaders or Directors.

God Bless,

Amy and Brad Suggs Co-directors awana@libertywesleyan.com

Help your child get started earning points!

Please sign below that you have read and discussed this letter with your child and return this page to their classroom Leader for *20 Points*.

Parent Signature: _____

Clubber Signature: _____



September

- 6 Opening Night
- 13 Regular Night
- 20 Dress Like a Pirate
- 27 Regular Night

November

- 1 Country/Western Night
- 8 Regular Night
- 15 Hippie/Disco Night
- 22 No Awana Happy Thanksgiving
- 29 Regular Night

January

- 3 Regular Night
- 10 Regular Night
- 17 Bring Favorite Stuffed Animal
- 24 Regular Night
- 31 Regular Night

<u>March</u>

- 7 Regular Night
- 14 Regular Night

21 Favorite Sport/Team Night

28 No Awana – Spring Break

<u>May</u>

- 2 Picture Night Wear Your Class Uniform
- 9 Awana Store Night
- 16 Closing Ceremony Wear Your Class Uniform

October

- 4 Regular Night
- 11 Regular Night
- 18 Crazy Socks Night
- 25 Praise Points Drawing

December

- 6 Crazy Outfit Night
- 13 Christmas Party Praise Points Drawing
- 20 No Awana Merry Christmas
- 27 No Awana Happy New Year

<u>February</u>

- 7 Wear Your PJs
- 14 Regular Night
- 21 Praise Points Drawing
- 28 When I Grow Up, I Want to Be...

<u>April</u>

- 4 Regular Night
- 11 Crazy Hair Night Praise Points Drawing
- 18 Regular Night
- 25 No Awana Church Conference