



Directors and Room Assignments		
MINISTRY	GRADE	DIRECTOR
Sparks	1 st & 2 nd Grade Girls and Boys	Regina Obey & Esther Dillingham
Truth & Training	3 rd thru 6 th Grade Girls	Lisa Adams
Truth & Training	3 rd thru 6 th Grade Boys	Jerrell DeVane
Game Time	All Clubbers	Class Directors
Share Store	All Clubbers	Karita Davis



AWANA Class Schedule			
GROUP	GAME & SNACK TIME	COUNCIL TIME	HAND BOOK TIME
Sparks (1 st – 2 nd grade)	7:45 – 8:15 pm	8:20 – 8:50 pm	8:55 – 9:25 pm
3 rd to 6 th Grade Girls	8:20 – 8:50 pm	7:30 – 8:15 pm	8:55 – 9:25 pm
3 rd to 6 th Grade Boys	8:20 – 8:50 pm	7:30 – 8:15 pm	8:55 – 9:25 pm



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II Timothy 2:15**

**A fun and engaging Children's
Ministry hosted by
Touch Point Church Ministries
for youth in 1ST thru 6TH Grade**

**PARENT HANDBOOK &
INFORMATION**

2012

**MINISTRY KICK-OFF
JAN. 20th 2012, 7:30-9:30
PM**

**Location:
11310 Montgomery Road
Beltsville MD 20705
(301) 335-5633**

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE
INFO GO TO:
www.touchpointcm.org
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Awana@TouchPointcm.org**

**Rev. Nat Obey – Pastor/Servant
Rev. James Hikmat – Youth Minister**

**Regina Obey
Awana Commander**

AWANA PARENT INFORMATION
PLAN TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR
TOUCH POINT CHURCH'S AWANA MINISTRY!

The goal of the AWANA Ministry is "to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him". The purpose of AWANA is two fold: evangelism and training.

- **Evangelism:** To draw children to AWANA where they can hear the gospel and accept Christ as their Savior.
- **Training:** To encourage children to memorize scripture and know the principles of God's Word so that the Spirit of God can work in them (1) an understanding of the relevance of God's Word on a daily basis, (2) the ability to discern right from wrong according to God's Word, and (3) a desire to share the Gospel and the AWANA ministry with their friends and family.

What does the Acronym "AWANA" mean ?

"AWANA" is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed." It is taken from II Timothy 2:15, which states, "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".

What do kids do at AWANA? Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Playing games on the unique AWANA Game Circle, kids have fun, get exercise, and learn good sportsmanship. During Handbook Time, children progress through age-appropriate handbooks by memorizing and demonstrating an understanding of Bible passages. The main feature of Council time is a Bible lesson, but it also includes recognition of achievement and presentation of awards.

What is a section ? A section is a segment of material to be studied, focusing on two or three Bible verses to be memorized. Sections also include brief quizzes, puzzles, questions, and definitions designed to increase Bible knowledge and understanding.

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS: New members receive an entrance booklet. It consists of six or seven sections that teach basic Bible truths and introduce children to AWANA. On completion of the entrance booklet, children may order the appropriate uniform and handbook. Once they start working in the handbook, either first achieve their rank (which includes a Sunday School attendance requirement), and then work on Bible Drills and Activities. Encourage children not to put off their Activities until late in the club year.



They may start on Activities anytime even before they complete their rank or Bible Drills. When you first see the entrance booklet or handbook, look through it so you become familiar with what your child is required to do. Help your child work at a pace that will enable him or her to complete the handbook before the end of the club year.

AWANA MEETING SCHEDULE: Initially TPCM's AWANA meetings will be held on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month starting January 20th, 2012 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A listing noting the Director for each group is noted in this brochure. During our regular meetings, groups do rotate to different rooms /areas for handbook, council, and game time. If you need to pick up your child early or arrive late, please check-in with the Awana Secretary or Awana Commander so that you can be directed to the appropriate room.

MEMBERSHIP: In order to join the AWANA Ministry, a child needs to: Come 2 weeks in a row and pass their entrance questions – booklet is provided. Once your child(ren) joins the ministry, he/she will be eligible to order an AWANA uniform and club book. The uniform is very important to the individual for this is where they display their awards in the form of patches, pins, etc. The AWANA award system encourages children to learn more about God's Word. Touch Point's ministry is open to youth in grades 1 through 6.

UNIFORM & HANDBOOK COSTS: The uniform and handbook cost \$10 together. There is a fee to replace lost items.

OFFERINGS: Offerings are \$20 per year for 1 child and \$30 per family. This covers the cost of snacks, outings, and misc supplies. If this is prohibitive, please contact your child's Director.

DISCIPLINE: AWANA is not a babysitting service. It is a ministry to children and can only operate in an atmosphere of order, respect, and love. Parents will be contacted and are expected to intervene in cases of severe disobedience.

VOLUNTEERS & CHILD PROTECTION: The leaders in Awana take serious their commitment to assist parents in raising their children in a Godly way. Parental support is essential in order to make the Awana experience successful. We, therefore ask that every parent, who is not a regular leader, volunteer to help with special events and/or help with at least one class during the AWANA year. **Background checks and finger printing are processed for all adult volunteers.**

AWANA SHARES STORE: On designated nights, we will open an AWANA store. Children will be able to purchase toys, jewelry, stickers, etc., with AWANA shares that they receive as awards for memorizing verses, bringing a friend, meeting set deadlines, etc. An AWANA share is a paper certificate with a monetary value. Children redeem them for AWANA store items. Sparks will be able to deposit their shares in a make believe bank to avoid losing them. Older Children are given their shares.

SOME TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Know the name and phone number of your child's handbook group leader and feel free to call if you have any questions.
- ✓ Designate a place in your home where the child's Bible, uniform, and AWANA handbook is to be kept. Encourage your child to put it back in the same place after studying each night.
- ✓ Spend an average of 10 minutes a day having your child either recite or write their memory verses. This will help your child remember.
- ✓ Make your child's participation in AWANA a priority.
- ✓ Make yourself available to help in your child's AWANA group. Feel free to give the Director ideas and input.

