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"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed;
rightly dividing the word of truth."

II Timothy 2:15

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HEART

Welcome to the AWANA Club. It is great to have your child/children and you as a parent or guardian as part of our AWANA program.

The goal of AWANA is to "reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him." It is important that we understand the gospel (The Good News of Jesus Christ), for Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15:1-4 that it is the gospel "by which we are saved." Then he tells us what the Gospel is. "That Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; and that He rose again on the third day, according to the Scriptures." The Bible tells us that Jesus paid the price for our sins and because we are sinners (Romans 3:23) we cannot save ourselves. Paul says in Ephesians 2:8-9 that it is not by works but by grace through faith that we are saved. Salvation is a free gift that must be received.

We also believe that knowledge of the Bible will help us grow and be strong; therefore the AWANA program puts a lot of emphasis on the Bible, learning and memorizing Bible truths.

As parents, AWANA can help you share the love of Jesus and His promise of salvation with your child as well as help you build the foundation of strength in Jesus through the knowledge of the Bible.

It is our hope that we can work together this year to build up our children through the tools that AWANA provides. If the Bible study, memorization or anything about AWANA or your child's spiritual growth in general raises a question or problem, please do not hesitate to call the pastor or commander. Together, we can help the child understand the gospel, grow in a commitment to Jesus, and become strong to serve God.

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2 TIM. 3:16,17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work

What is Awana?

For over six decades, the Lord has used the ministry of Awana to reach kids, equip leaders, and change the world. The unchanging truth of the gospel drives the same vision we've held all these years to reach children in every corner of the globe as we walk boldly into the future and continue to be used by God to help change the world.

Awana is a global, nonprofit ministry with fully integrated evangelism and long-term discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18 that actively involves parents and church leaders. Each week, more than 4 million children and youth, 470,000 volunteers and 260 field staff take part in Awana in over 47,000 churches around the world. Offered through local churches, Awana reaches kids where they're at and walks alongside them in their faith journey.

The Acrostic AWANA comes from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed. (2 Tim. 2:15). The Evangelical Free Church of Arthur offers Clubs from 2 years prior to kindergarten through the sixth grade. The AWANA material is available for grades 7 through 12 for those clubbers who wish to continue.

The Doctrinal Statement of the Evangelical Free Church of Arthur is provided toward the end of this manual. The AWANA Doctrinal Statement is available at Awana.org

Why AWANA?

The Vision and Prayer of AWANA is, "That all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ".

The goal of AWANA is "to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him". Thus, the purpose of AWANA is twofold: (1) Evangelism -- drawing boys and girls from the community into the club ministry where they may hear the gospel and accept Christ as Savior. (2) Training -- preparing clubbers to help fulfill the Great Commission through outreach to the lost, service to the local church and community, and development of leadership qualities.

Awana equips local volunteers in churches around the world with Biblical evangelism and discipleship solutions so the today's children may become tomorrow's Christian leaders, in every aspect of society and culture .

AWANA strongly emphasizes the understanding of Scripture. Psalm 119:11 says, "Your [God's] word [the Bible] I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You." Through Bible memorization and other Bible-based achievements, clubbers learn the Word of God, which (if they are saved) helps develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. The example of godly leaders teaches clubbers how Christianity works on a practical level. Direction from leader volunteers along with AWANA materials helps clubbers grow in Christ and develops their gifts for future service to the Lord. Clubbers often discover later in life that verses from the Bible they learned and studied in AWANA are valuable in helping them live Christ-honoring lives.

CLUB MEETING DAYS AND TIMES
6:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

PLEASE NOTE:

We **start** at the scheduled time. Clubbers and Volunteers/Leaders should show up ten minutes early in order to be ready.

Thank You !!!

CLUB AGENDA

Opening (Johnson Hall - Southeast Basement Room)
Flag Ceremony, Prayer, Key Verse, Awana Song, & Announcements
Games
Small Group
Large Group
Award

Flag ceremony: Out of respect for the flag ceremony Clubbers and Leaders who arrive during the ceremony will be asked to not enter Johnson Hall until the flags are posted.

*Leaders be on the line with the clubbers at Opening-Sparks-T&T

*Cubbie Leaders be ready to greet Cubbies as they arrive

SMALL GROUP TIME

Small Group Time is a period of time for discipleship which is highly scriptural and highly relational. It is a time set apart for questions, prayer, scripture memory, and completing handbook requirements. During this time, the clubbers interact with fellow students and a leader in a Bible study format. They are encouraged to look up the section guided scripture to answer questions and think about how it relates to their lives. The goal is for the students to focus more on understanding what they learn and applying it to their lives.

All sections in the handbook **do not** have to be passed in order.

LARGE GROUP TIME

Large Group Time is a designated time where the children gather together to hear God's Word from a designated leader. The Large Group Time is designed to share and teach Biblical truths with children and to apply them to their lives.

Game Time, AWANA Shares & AWANA Store

Most club nights have a Game Time. AWANA uses a Game Director whose job is to lead Game Time. Clubbers are split into four teams: Red, Green, Yellow, and Blue. The Game Director explains new games, uses other leaders to assist, and officiates the games. It is important for clubbers to participate and pay attention so as not to waste time for others. Game Time is fun only if we can keep it fast paced and get everyone involved. Any parents or leaders in the room are expected to help out a team and cheer that team on! Sportsmanship is

an important trait to model for the kids. AWANA publishes several books of games, plus we make up some of our own. The Game circle shown on the following page is designed to facilitate relays of all kinds. There is even four-person tug-o-war.

THE AWANA CLUBS

With resources and curriculum for children, Awana Children's Ministries™ develops a biblical foundation and teaches kids to live a life of wisdom and grace.



Cubbies® nurtures the budding faith of preschoolers and celebrates their desire to explore all that God has created. This two-year preschool ministry curriculum features exciting games, storytelling, puppet shows, and biblical teaching as well as take-home activities and tools.

Cubbies is the AWANA Club designed for children who are in the two years prior to beginning regular kindergarten. **All Cubbies must be three by Sept. 15, 2019 and toilet trained.** The Cubbies program features Scripture memorization and basic Bible truths preschoolers can understand. The program materials help parents to actively participate in their child's spiritual development. Because the preschool years are a time of vital development for children, Cubbies encourages parents and club leaders to work as a team in spiritually nurturing children.



Sparks® ignites a child's curiosity about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. This three year early elementary school ministry curriculum features exciting games, engaging activities, biblical teaching and media resources for kids and leaders.

Sparks is for Kindergarten through 2nd grade boys and girls. Sparks moves the children through a disciplined walk with the Lord by providing

Bible verses which reinforce basic doctrine, provides activities, adds on the chance to participate in the AWANA store, and helps the kids understand basic issues of honesty, manners, etc.



T&T® explores the concept of grace by focusing on the character and nature of God, identity of Christ, as well as the structure and format of the Bible. This four year upper elementary school ministry curriculum is created to ensure that kids and leaders connect through God's Word.

Truth and Training Clubs-T&T

T&T is for children in grades 3 through 6. There are four handbooks for the T&T group, Agents of Grace, Evidence of Grace, Grace in Action, and Discovery of Grace.

Our goals are three-fold. First is to help the children come to a better understanding of who Jesus is and how He can be a vital part of their life. Second is to understand the Bible and memorize the Word of God with the aid of their AWANA Handbooks. The third goal is to have fun and fellowship together.

DISCIPLINE

5 Count When an AWANA leader begins to count to five, all clubbers, parents, & leaders are to be quiet immediately. The 5 Count is for the whole group.

3 Count If a child is not quiet by the time the leader reaches 5, or the child is being disruptive at any time, the child may be put on a 3 Count by a leader. It works as follows:

1 Count Warning; Should only be given by a leader in charge

2 Count The child is talked to by the leader and the Director or Commander about his or her behavior and will lose privileges for the evening. A 2 count should only be given by a leader in charge

3 Count ONLY the Pastor or commander will give 3 counts after objectively reviewing the situation. The child may be taken home by two leaders. The child, leaders, and parents will discuss the problem. The child may not be allowed to attend AWANA the following week.

NOTE: If you have any concerns about the practice of discipline or that safety of a clubber contact the pastor or the commander immediately. The Arthur Evangelical Free Church takes very seriously its responsibility to provide a safe environment for children.

UNIFORMS AND HANDBOOKS

All children and leaders are expected to wear their uniform or vest each week. The uniform is to be clean and all awards properly affixed. The handbook for each Club shows how the awards are to be located on the uniform. If you have questions, please contact the commander, secretary, or a volunteer leader.

When a child passes the entrance exam for their Club, the child may purchase the Club uniform or vest and the Club handbook. Previously worn uniforms may be available at a lower cost.

UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK COSTS

Cubbies	vest	\$11.00	book	\$10.00	Bag	\$7.00	Total	\$28.00
Sparks	vest	\$11.00	book	\$10.00			Total	\$21.00
T&T	uniform	\$16.00	book	\$10.00			Total.	\$26.00

DUES

Dues are 25¢ per week per child or \$7.00 for the year

NOTE: If finances are a problem, contact the Commander or the Pastor. Finances will never stand in the way of a child coming to AWANA.

DRESS CODE

Leaders: AWANA leader uniform.

Cubbies/Sparks: Pants or shorts, shirt, sneakers, and vests.

T&T: Pants or shorts with AWANA uniform.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Accidents/Sickness: If a child gets sick at AWANA, we will try to contact the parent and have the parent pick up the child. Please do not bring sick children.

Medical/Registration/Photo Release/Special Instructions: All children will need a Medical/Registration/Photo Release form on file. This form gives AWANA leaders permission to get emergency care, if deemed necessary. Without the Medical/Registration/Photo Release we will have to wait until the parent is contacted before we can get emergency help. Minor injuries will be treated by the leaders unless we have been requested in writing not to do so. *List any special instructions club volunteer leaders need to be aware of, i.e. custodial parental privileges and rights, non-custodial rights such as medical decisions, special pickup instructions, visitation orders, participation requirements, restraining orders, or any legal matter(s) that may concern the clubber that club leadership personnel need to be aware of.

Allergies or Chronic Illnesses: If your child has a medical condition (e.g., asthma, epilepsy, diabetes) or allergies, please provide that information on their Medical Release so we are appropriately informed in case of an emergency.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of bad weather, the church chairman will decide if AWANA is canceled. A mass email, and text alerts, will go out to all you have signed up for getting these messages, the use of social media i.e. Facebook, and the internet website of the church. If schools are closed for the day or children are going home early due to inclement weather-AWANA is cancelled also. You can also check the website (www.arthurefc.org) for notices and weather announcements.

Nursery: AWANA provides nursery care ONLY for the children of AWANA workers.

Announcements: Email, text messages, social media, internet and flyers are used occasionally with the clubbers announcing upcoming AWANA events.

Major Awards

SPARKY PLAQUE is awarded for completing (review not required) all three Sparky Handbooks (Skipper, Hiker, and Climber).

EXCELLENCE AWARD is awarded for completing any two 3rd through 12th grade AWANA handbooks. Handbook may be retroactively completed after the clubber has moved on to a higher club.

TIMOTHY AWARD is an impressive trophy and lapel pin awarded for completing any four 3rd through 12th grade handbooks. The two completed for the Excellence Award count towards the four.

MERITORIOUS AWARD is an even more impressive trophy and lapel pin for completing all six 3rd through 12th grade handbooks.

CITATION AWARD is given for truly outstanding dedication! Given for completing *all* ten 3rd- through 12th-grade AWANA handbooks, this plaque is the highest award that can be earned in AWANA.

Points awarded to clubbers for each night at AWANA

Attendance	1
Bringing Dues	1
Bringing Book	1
Attending Sunday School	3
Wearing Uniform	4
Completing Sections	5 each
Bringing a new Clubber	5 each

Clubbers are awarded AWANA shares based on their team's point totals for the night. AWANA shares are awarded to the individuals on each team as follows:

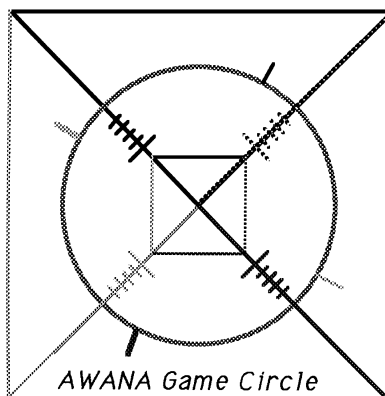
First Place Team	3 shares
Second Place Team	2 shares
Third Place Team	1 share
Fourth Place Team	1 share

In addition to earning shares for team placement, shares are earned for other things, most importantly, Bible verse memorization. One share is given for every 15 points earned in handbook time. The AWANA shares are placed in the club bank each week. Clubbers can spend the shares at the Awana Store. Many items are available at the AWANA Store. The AWANA Store is open two times during the year.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Sunday School Attendance- Clubbers can earn this award by attending Sunday School each week. Two unexcused absences are allowed each six (6) months (Jan-June, July-Dec.). Sunday School attendance means the clubber goes to worship services or Sunday School, morning or evening, in any church. A missed Sunday School may be made up by attending an extra service (Sunday School & Church).

AWANA Attendance- Each clubber is allowed one unexcused absence per quarter to earn this award. Sport events, concerts, and the like are considered unexcused. An excused absence is "any situation beyond the clubber's control," such as sickness, vacation, etc., which will keep the clubber from attending AWANA.



What We Believe

Arthur Evangelical Free Church **Statement of Faith**

The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) Statement of Faith adopted in 2008 shall be that of the Evangelical Free Church of Arthur.

God

1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus--Israel's promised Messiah--was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with

care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Arthur EFC Mission Statement

This body of believers exists to present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to provide the environment in which Christians might flourish in the community of faith.

Arthur EFC Vision Statement

Our church's vision is to help people become wholehearted followers of Jesus Christ. We emphasize helping people come to know God personally and grow in a relationship with Him. We believe in building a community founded on Christian love and Scriptural truth. We recognize the need for contemporary relevancy, while affirming unchanging principles.

AWANA CLUB #US003838 ACTIVITY PERMIT/MEDICAL RELEASE, REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Evangelical Free Church of Arthur EVENTS, Club nights for the 2019-2020 season and AWANA Sponsored Events

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a parent and/or guardian, I do herewith authorize treatment under the direction of any licensed physician of the following minor in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his or her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me by phone at the number listed below.

The undersigned assumes the responsibility for any costs connected with such treatment and hereby releases the church where child attends AWANA Club from any liability therefore.

Print Legibly

Clubber -Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Birthday _____ Home Telephone # _____

Cell phone #- _____ Name _____ Receive text messages * YES NO (circle one) carrier

Ex. Verizon, US Cellular, Sprint, T-mobile, AT&T, Alltel, Voicestream, Nextel

Cell Phone #-2 _____

Name _____

Receive text messages * YES NO (circle one) carrier

Ex. Verizon, US Cellular, Sprint, T-mobile, AT&T, Alltel, Voicestream, Nextel

Parents/Guardians Receive e-mail communication* YES NO (circle one)

e-mail #1 _____

Receive e-mail communication* YES NO (circle one)

e-mail #2 _____

Receive e-mail communication* YES NO (circle one)

*Email and txt messaging will be primarily used for AWANA announcements, notices regarding cancellations, and important information regarding AWANA

Family Physician _____ Phone _____ Other contact in case of emergency _____

Phone _____ Specific medical allergies, chronic illnesses, or

othercondition

Date of last tetanus shot _____

This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances in my absence.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver's signature: _____ Date _____

Photo Release Form for Minors (if under 18)

The Evangelical Free Church of Arthur has my permission to use my or my child's photograph publicly to promote the church activities. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. The Evangelical Free Church of Arthur will never publish a child's name with any of its publications. No names will be used to identify the child. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver's signature: _____ Date _____

*List any special instructions club volunteer leaders need to be aware of, i.e. custodial parental privileges and rights, non-custodial rights such as medical decisions, special pickup instructions, visitation orders, participation requirements, restraining orders, or any legal matter(s) that may concern the clubber that club leadership personnel need to be aware of.

2019-2020 AWANA Schedule	
9/4/19	Volunteer Organization Meeting -6:00pm with food
9/11/19	Parents-Registration and Information Night-6:00 to 7:30 pm with ice cream treats
9/18/19	AWANA Begins-Regular meeting night
9/25/19	Regular meeting night
10/2/19	Regular meeting night
10/9/19	Regular meeting night
10/16/19	Regular meeting night
10/23/19	Regular meeting night-Banana Split Clubber Guest night
10/30/19	Regular meeting night
11/6/19	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
11/13/19	Regular meeting night
11/20/19	Regular meeting night-Parents/Guests night
11/27/19	NO AWANA-Thanksgiving
12/4/19	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
12/11/19	Regular meeting night
12/18/19	Regular meeting night with store
12/25/19	NO AWANA-Christmas Break
1/1/20	NO AWANA-Christmas Break
1/8/20	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
1/15/20	Regular meeting night
1/22/20	Regular meeting night
1/29/20	Regular meeting night
2/5/20	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
2/12/20	Skating Party
2/19/20	Regular meeting night
2/26/20	Regular meeting night
3/4/20	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
3/11/20	Regular meeting night
3/18/20	Regular meeting night
3/25/20	Regular meeting night
4/1/20	Regular meeting night-Clubber of the month
4/8/20	NO AWANA-Easter
4/15/20	Regular meeting night
4/22/20	Regular meeting night
4/29/20	Awards Night with meal and store

Dave Schultz	PASTOR
Dennis Johnson	Commander
Beth Henderson	Assistant Commander
Joe Cutshall	Cubbies Director
Dan Remer	Cubbies Games
Mary Gustafson	Cubbies Secretary
Kathi Johnson	Sparks Director
Larry Dose	Sparks Game Director
Mary Renze	Sparks Secretary
Susan Goodenow & Joyce Schnabel	Large Group Time
Pat Bell	T&T 3&4 Grade Girls Director
Jim Porter	T&T 3&4 Grade Boys Director
Gordon Goodenew	T&T 5&6 Grade Boys Director
Kara Lerrsen	T&T 5&6 Grade Girls Director
Faith Johnson	T&T Girls Game Director
Mike Bergman	T&T Boys Game Director
Kim Schmidt & Joann Dose	T&T Secretary
Reed Lindgren, Alan Henderson	Church Van and Bus Drivers
Jacob Henderson, Gordon Goodenow	
Sandy Cutshall	Nursery
Joyce Schnabel	Store Manager