

Valdosta Kids

AWANA Parent Letter – August 2019

Parents,

I am so excited about the beginning of our new AWANA year. This past Spring was amazing! Toward the end of the school year we were consistently averaging nearly 60 kids per night in attendance, our AWANA Clubbers memorized hundreds of verses, and countless hours of fun were had.

If your child attended AWANA last Spring, I know your family will be excited to get started back! If your child didn't attend AWANA last Spring, this will be a perfect time to get them involved.

So, what is AWANA?

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. AWANA offers a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community. From game time to small-group time, AWANA uses many types of learning styles to teach children about God, His Word, and His plan for their lives.

When and where is AWANA?

AWANA takes place each Wednesday night at 5:45PM and ends at 7:15PM. AWANA meets every Wednesday during the school year. A good rule of thumb: if school is in, AWANA is in. We check in downstairs in the Children's Building. After check-in, Kindergarteners – 5th Graders head upstairs in the Children's Building, 2-3 Year Olds go into the Corral area, and 4-5 Year Olds go into the Pre-K Classroom.

What are the costs associated with AWANA?

The registration fee for AWANA is \$20 per child with a family max of \$40. If your child attended last Spring, you will not be asked to pay again this Fall. Valdosta Kids AWANA Club registration fee is required to help us cover the cost of uniforms, materials and handbooks used in AWANA. The fee does not cover ALL the costs but helps us to provide this valuable program for your child. That being said, we do not want any child to forego AWANA because of a lack of resources. Therefore, if the club dues are burdensome, please contact me and we will make some sort of arrangement with you.

How can I help?

AWANA is a tremendous program for the spiritual development of children, but it needs volunteers to run smoothly and effectively. Please pray about becoming an AWANA volunteer. It doesn't require any special training – just a willingness to serve. Even if you cannot commit on a weekly basis, we can still use you on a monthly or even quarterly basis.

Do I need to do anything at home?

YES. Work with your kids at home throughout each week. Encourage them and help them accomplish the sections in their book. The kids who go the farthest in AWANA (as well as in life) are the ones with parents who help them.

What about uniforms?

If your child attended AWANA in the Spring, they already have a uniform. However, if they have turned 4 years old, started Kindergarten, or started 3rd Grade they will receive a new uniform. If you paid the registration fee in the Spring, there will be no charge this year for this.

If your child did not attend AWANA in the Spring, your registration fee will go towards the cost of a uniform for your child. The uniform order form is attached.

What are dues?

We ask each child to bring in 50 cents to AWANA each week. We use this to support the ministry of our local AWANA Missionary Tim Bennett. Dues are in addition to the registration fee and are optional. In the past, some parents have elected to pre-pay their dues for the entire month or the entire semester.

What are points?

Your child can earn points each night in AWANA for things like bringing their Bible, memorizing verses, or wearing their uniform. Points can be spent in our AWANA store for prizes and candy.

How do I register?

Included with this letter is a registration form for your child. You can fill this out ahead of time and bring it on the first night of AWANA – August 14. Please fill this out again, even if you registered last Spring. Remember – if you paid last Spring, you will not need to pay again. And if your child already has a uniform, you will not need to order another unless they turned 4, started Kindergarten, or started 3rd Grade.

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AWANA Registration Form

You can register multiple children on this form.

Child's Information

Name: _____ Gender: male female

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Any Special Concerns: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

Work Number: _____ Home Number: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

Work Number: _____ Home Number: _____

Pick up by: _____

Child's Information

Name: _____ Gender: male female

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Any Special Concerns: _____

Child's Information

Name: _____ Gender: male female

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Any Special Concerns: _____

Fees Information

Registration Cost: \$20 Per Child - Family Max: \$40

Ages 2 and 3 (Puggles) – No Cost

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Any donation to AWANA will be gladly accepted beyond your normal dues. Your donations will make it possible for more children to participate and give us more flexibility with various aspects of AWANA. Please indicate your desire below regarding Club registration.

Check all that apply and fill in the appropriate information below.

- I am paying my child’s registration in full.
- I would like to pay my child’s registration in increments \$_____ for _____ weeks.
- I would like to speak with a pastor regarding my child’s registration.
- I am giving \$_____ beyond the registration required for my child.

Uniform Information

Please note these sizes run small, and in the case of the Cubbies and Sparks vests they will be worn over clothes.

Please circle your child’s size.

Puggles Ages 2-3	Cubbies Vest Ages 3-4	Sparks Vest Grades K-2	T&T Shirt Grades 3-5
No Uniform Required	Toddler Sizes Small (4) Medium (5) Large (6) XL (8) XXL (10)	Child Sizes Small (6) Medium (8) Large (10) XL (12) XXL (14) XXXL (16)	Youth Small (10) Youth Medium (12) Youth Large (14) Adult Small Adult Medium