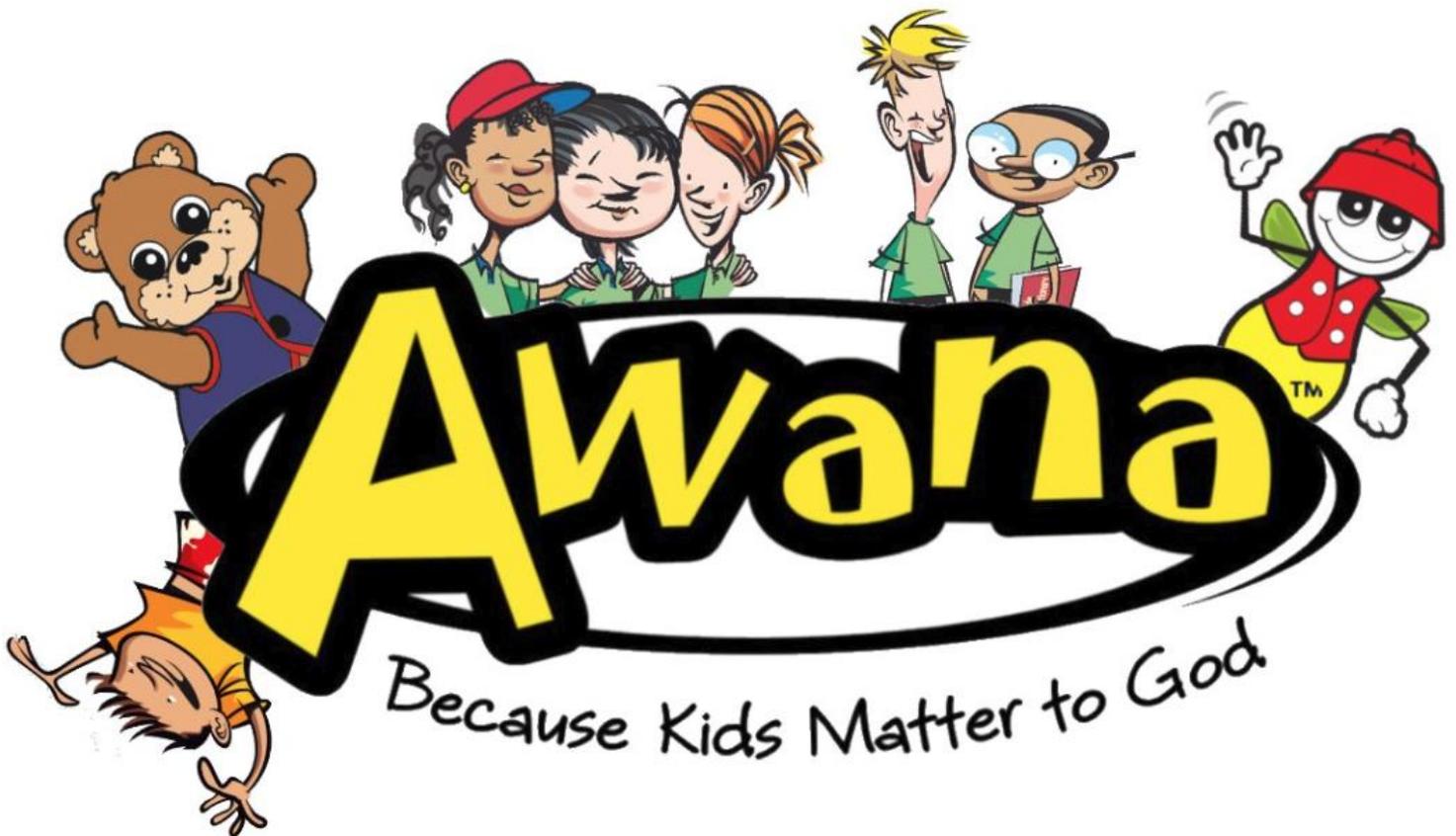


Maricopa Community Church

44977 W. Hathaway Ave, Maricopa, AZ 85138



2018 – 2019

Parent / Guardian Handbook

Welcome to Awana!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for choosing Awana at Maricopa Community Church (MCC)! Here at MCC, we are excited that families can share this opportunity in glorifying God through this fun, Bible-based ministry. In all of our children's ministries, we are committed to evangelizing children, encouraging parents, and edifying servants of God to teach and spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ throughout our community. On this foundation at Awana, we walk with our children and guide them on a journey to love and serve God, and to love and serve others as disciples of Jesus Christ. We encourage our parents to participate in our club and continue to disciple their children at home. Our view is that the body of Christ (all believers in Jesus as their Lord and Savior) can spiritually grow together which results in strengthening the Church. Here at MCC Awana, we welcome everyone, and anticipate a fun journey through teaching sound biblical truth!

Please take time to read this booklet as it outlines our Awana program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Awana Director at mccawanaclubs@gmail.com

We thank you for the opportunity to serve and minister to your children and look forward to building a relationship with you as well. So, let us now begin this journey together.

Sincerely,



Gabriel Karr

Awana Director at Maricopa Community Church

2018-2019 Leadership

Pastor Steve Adamson, Pastor

Administration Team

Mr. Gabe Karr, Director
Ms. Hannah Gindiri, Treasurer
Ms. Gale Hackett, Secretary

Awana Clubs

Puggles (ages 2-3)

For Awana volunteers only

Cubbies (ages 3-5, Pre-K)

Ms. Joan McIntire
Ms. Dorothy Bryant
Ms. Celina Jackson
Ms. Abi Gindiri

Sparks (K-2nd Grade)

Ms. Linda Slusher
Ms. Julie Jones

T&T (3rd-6th Grade)

Mr. Bill Hackett
Ms. Shalom Gindiri

Game Director

Pastor Steve Adamson

What is Awana?

Awana is an evangelistic, long-term discipleship program that actively involves parents and church leaders in the spiritual growth of children and youth. For more information on Awana, please go to www.Awana.org

What does Awana mean?

Awana stands for Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed, which is a reference to 2 Timothy 2:15.

What does 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) say?

2 Timothy 2:15

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth”.

2 Timothy 2:15

Note: Awana Clubbers are to recite scripture reference, the verse, and the scripture reference again. Please begin to practice this with your child.

What version of the Bible do we use?

We currently use the KJV, NKJV, ESV, and NIV. Next year we plan on using only one version throughout the club. Details to come.

Who can be involved?

Our current Awana program is for children and youth ages 3-years old to 6th grade (Cubbies – T&T). As we grow, we anticipate opening the program to children 2-years old to 12th grade (Puggles – Journey).

When and at what time is Awana held?

Awana is held on Sundays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. For the Awana 2018-2019 year, Awana will operate from September 2, 2018 to May 26, 2019. Please observe our calendar located on the last page of the booklet.

How are the Awana Clubs categorized?

Awana clubs are divided into 6 clubs based on age/grade.



What time and where is drop off and pick up?

Drop off and Pick up are in the Sanctuary

Sign in starts at 3:15 / Pick up at 5:30

How much does Awana cost?

Our enrollment fee is \$30 per child, per Awana year. This fee goes towards operational costs and all program supplies needed for each child per year.

What is the Clubber Offering?

We encourage our clubbers to give a weekly offering for the Awana missionaries. Typically, our clubbers will bring spare change (or more) to put into a collection can during the Awana classroom time. Awana missionaries are a part of the Awana organization that assist local churches with the Awana program each year.

How is MCC Awana funded?

Maricopa Community Church Awana is 100% funded with donations from weekly church giving and from families like you. We encourage donations to assist with operational costs and to assist families in need of clubber scholarships. If you would like to make a charitable donation to our Awana program, or have any questions, please feel free to contact our Awana Director in person or email at mccawanaclubs@gmail.com

What is the MCC Awana attendance policy?

We allow 2 unexcused absences per Awana year (9 months) in order to receive the Attendance Award. Sickness, family vacations, and any other circumstances outside of the clubber's control may be excused and will not be held against the clubber if parent notification is provided.

If any child has the following symptoms 24 hours prior to Awana, please do not allow the child to attend:

1. A fever of 99 degrees or higher
2. Stomach distress – vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea
3. Skin rashes or abrasions, including but not limited to impetigo, measles, mumps, chicken pox, etc.
4. Persistent coughing associated with respiratory infection, including cold, bronchitis, etc.
5. Runny nose with yellow, green or colored discharge and/or congestion associated with a cough or fever.
6. Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
7. Parasites, of any form such as lice, mites, ringworm, etc.

Note: Please list all known allergies/medical conditions on the registration form.

What is the Clubber Dress Policy?

All clubbers will be provided (only if needed) with one clubber uniform which must be worn at each Awana event. These uniforms can be used each year as long as the clubber continues the same club. Students will earn their uniform and handbook once he or she completes the club entrance level booklet.

(Approximately 2 weeks)

Uniform guidelines

Each clubber must wear their uniform shirt/vest at each Awana event.

Dress Code Rules

1. Clubbers **MUST** wear their designated uniform
2. Clubbers **MUST** wear tennis shoes for safety during game time. No sandals, flip flops, or open toed shoes.
3. Clubbers **MUST** show modesty.
4. No tank tops, or clothing that reveals undergarments or parts of the body midriff.
5. No clothing with obscene/offensive graphics, words, pictures, etc.

Note: Leaders reserve the right to determine whether any form or dress or grooming is inappropriate.

What is the MCC Awana disciplinary policy?

Awana discipline is NEVER physical. Our Leaders will NEVER physically act in a manner inconsistent with the law towards any clubber. We pray that discipline is never needed; however, if these situations arise, Leaders will use the following:

The FIVE-COUNT: During a large group setting, a Leader will loudly and slowly count from 1-5 while holding one hand to count with fingers.

Additionally: If a clubber is disrespectful or disruptive during Awana, the club leader will use the following:

1. First Offense: The clubber is verbally counseled and will remain with the group that he or she is currently in.
2. Second Offense: The student will be sent to the Awana Director or Administrator for a one-on-one counseling session. This session will include the opportunity for the disciplined child to demonstrate kind, attentive behavior while being counseled. The clubber may lose game time for the day or lose points from our store point system, or both.
3. Third Offense: The Awana Director will request parent participation during the club time to assist with optional methods that would best fit the needs of the clubber in continuing participation with the Awana club. This method allows for parents and leaders to work together in finding solutions for success.
4. Habitual continued offenses: We NEVER want to dismiss a child from the opportunity to learn about the Gospel message of Jesus. We also NEVER want to take away this opportunity from large group clubs. If a clubber has continued with habitual offenses after the Awana club and parents have exhausted all options to correct behavior, the clubber will not be able to participate the Awana club for 3 weeks. After a 3-week break, we can then continue the clubber with a clean slate. If the clubber continues disruptive behavior, he or she will then repeat the above mentioned 1-4 actions again.

What is the MCC Awana Point System?

We have a point system in place for each clubber as a rewards program. Clubbers earn points during each meeting by completing the following 5 tasks.

1. Wearing Uniform
2. Bringing Workbook
3. Bringing Bible
4. Parent Signature on a Completed Section
5. Participation

A total of 165 points can be earned throughout the year. Twice a year, clubbers can spend their points on merchandise during our Awana store nights.

Bonus Points: An additional 5 points per month can be earned by donating canned food items during the second week of each month. With weekly points + bonus points, each clubber will have the opportunity to earn a total of 200 points per Awana Year.

Puggles & Cubbies:

These 2 clubs are exempt from the point system. All we require for Puggles and Cubbies is to show up with their vest and handbook. Puggles and Cubbies will receive plenty of awards during their club time.

How to participate in the Canned Food Drive?

The 2nd week of every month, each household of clubbers are encouraged to bring 2+ canned/dry food items to Awana. Whether a household has 1 clubber or several clubbers, only 2+ cans per household are required to be donated for each clubber/family member to receive their 5 bonus points for the month. These canned goods can be dropped off at the registration table. Please make sure you communicate with the registration staff for donation recognition.

What is the Awana Store?

The Awana store is an opportunity for clubbers to purchase various items using their points twice a year. For additional information, please contact our staff at the registration table or any Awana Leader.

What are Awana Awards?

Awana awards are badges that are earned by completing handbook sections. Each award can be worn on the clubber uniform. These awards show recognition that a clubber has successfully achieved handbook requirements and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His word.

Other awards can be earned such as an attendance award, occasional prizes, and above and beyond performance throughout the Awana year.

What do we expect from clubbers, parents?

Students

- Attend each night on time, prepared to learn and participate
- Arrive with uniform, handbook, and tennis shoes
- Complete weekly assignments and recite weekly verses
- Respect the church, family, others, and self

Parents

- Support their child in spiritual growth by regular prayer times and assisting with clubber assignments and verse memorization. Clubbers complete one handbook section per week.
- Make sure child arrives on time and dressed appropriately

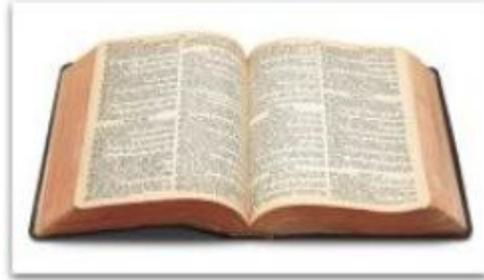
Our Opening Rally Awana Pledges

U.S. Flag Pledge

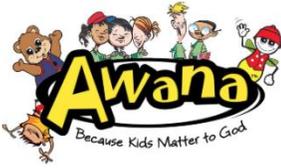


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TO THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AND TO THE
REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
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UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE, WITH
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
FOR ALL.**

Bible Pledge



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE BIBLE, GOD'S
HOLY WORD, I WILL
MAKE IT A LAMP UNTO
MY FEET AND A LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH AND
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IN MY HEART THAT I
MIGHT NOT SIN
AGAINST GOD**



Maricopa Community Church AWANA Calendar

September		January	
2	First day of AWANA	6	Leader Meeting @ 5:45
9		13	Canned Food Donation
16		20	
22	AWANA Conference	27	Wild Hair Day
23			
30	All Volunteer Meeting 5:45	February	
		3	Leader Meeting @ 5:45
October		10	Canned Food Donation
7		17	
14	Can Food Donation	24	Fun Socks Day
21			
28	No AWANA / All Day Church Seminar	March	
		3	Leader Meeting @ 5:45
November		10	Canned Food Donation
4	Leader Meeting @ 5:45	17	
11	Canned Food Donation	24	
18		31	Fun Hat Day
25	No AWANA / Thanksgiving Break		
		April	
December		7	Leader Meeting @ 5:45
2	Leader Meeting @ 5:45	14	Canned Food Donation
9	Canned Food Donation	21	No AWANA / HE HAS RISEN
16	Short Class / PJ Movie Night & Store	28	Mis-match Day
23	No AWANA / Christmas Break		
30	No AWANA / Christmas Break	May	
		5	
		12	Can Food Donation
		19	AWANA Store / Leader Meeting @5:30
		26	Year End Event

December 16th: Awana class time reduced to 30 minutes / Awana store in kitchen / No games

Pajama (Appropriate dress attire) Movie Night, small blanket or stuffed animal welcome

Each club will have a chance to rotate to store during movie

May 19th Games for each club will be 15 minutes to allow for 10 minutes of store item purchasing

May 26th: Year-end event, Music, awards in sanctuary, food and drink in kitchen.