

Dear AWANA Parents and Guardians,



Thank you for allowing us to serve your children through Faith Chapel AWANA Clubs. We want to help your children develop a confident love for God and others. We aim to provide a fun time of learning through large & small group time, games, singing, Bible study & scripture memorization. This year Miss Megan will be Directing the AWANA program along with Kristi Rowntree as Assistant Director.

***General club info:** Club year at Faith Chapel begins at the end of September and ends early May. Clubs meet from 6:15 to 7:45 PM on Wednesday evenings when the Burlington Public Schools are open. When Burlington Public Area schools are closed for breaks or off on a Wednesday, we are too. If school is cancelled for bad weather, we will not have club. On the rare occasion bad weather begins after school and we need to cancel club we will send a group text, group email and it will be posted on Faith Chapel's AWANA/T&T Facebook page.

***Illness:** Please Keep unwell children at home and please consider keeping siblings of ILL children home also to keep from spreading to others.

***Clubs:** SPARKS Club is for 5K-2nd Grade students. T&T (Truth and Training) Club is for 3rd-5th Grade Students. 6th grade students have the option to attend T&T one more year or move on to Foundation or another youth group. Unfortunately, we do not have club for preschool or 4- year-old Kindergarten at this time.

***Drop-Off:** Doors open to clubbers at 6:05 for sign-in. Clubbers check-in at the table in the foyer. Club starts at 6:15. (Please do not arrive too early. Leaders are not available to supervise children.) On the first day doors will open at 5:45. Please come in with your child the first day to register and pay registration dues if you have not done so already and sign your clubber/s in. This is a great time for new clubbers to meet leaders and for parents to check things out and ask questions. After the first day we will have a leader at the door. Please pull in the circle drive and drop off children or park and walk your child in.

***Pick-Up:** It is our goal to have your children waiting in the lobby by the front doors on time. We do ask that Parents do NOT come in and gather in groups indoors. A few reasons for this: It interrupts T&T small group time, there is not enough space, and it helps to safeguard children attending. We will have the children line up with their siblings at the front door. Please pull through the circle drive for pick up. Leaders will be with children and send them to your vehicle upon pulling up.

***Be prepared:** Please have at least one handbook section prepared at home. Wear tennis shoes and clothes for activity. Bring your book and Bible each night. Clubber uniform & Bags -We had many children not bring bags or wear their vests last year. If your child is not going to use these items, please share that so funding is not used on an unnecessary expense.

***Club Dues & Supplies:** Yearly Club Registration/Dues are \$25 per child. We have generous supporters who help fund the Awana program each year. Scholarships are available if needed for club dues. Please talk to Miss Megan for scholarships. T&T clubber handbooks are move together with a different book each year. Sparkies clubbers - If you did not complete your handbook, please bring previous year's book to complete and we start where you left off. Vests & handbags should also follow clubbers into the following years. If those items are in poor condition, please see Miss Megan. If your child loses a book, vest, or bag and needs to purchase another one those items are \$15 each.

***Awards:** We like to encourage great behavior and hard work. Prize trinkets, small pieces of candy, & sugar free gum are little rewards given weekly. Clubbers completing sections in their handbooks will earn awards, which will be passed out several times during the year. T&T Clubbers (3rd - 6th grade) earn AWANA bucks to spend at our AWANA store. Book awards are rewarded at the end of the year.

***Theme Nights:** A yearly AWANA calendar with special events & theme nights is available on the website and will be sent home with your child. Children are encouraged to participate in these fun evenings.

***Missions & Service:** The whole month of January clubbers participate in Mission Go by learning about different countries/cultures, they hear from children in different areas who have been reached with the Gospel of Christ and share about their life/family and how their Awana program looks. We then support Awana programs all over the world by collecting donations to Equip leaders, provide Awana curriculum, and help reach kids all over the Globe (even hard to reach places). Clubbers will also be servants of Christ by praying for others & each other and participating in service projects to help those in need. Ex: helping stock the food pantry by bringing non-perishables.

***Family Involvement:** Your participation and encouragement in your child's learning and doing handbook sections is much appreciated. Reading handbooks and practicing verses at home help children to grow in Faith & to have a successful year at Awana. SPARKS books have downloadable material that will read the great Bible Biographies to the children. Our goal is for each clubber to pass at least one section each time we meet and ultimately finish a whole book each year.

***Volunteers:** We are blessed by many generous people who are willing to serve at Awana. If your child has a special memory with a volunteer, encourage them to let our AWANA volunteer know by writing them a note or telling them. Their goal is to help your child know they are a loved child of God. For volunteer inquiries, further info, or questions regarding AWANA please email, text or call Miss Megan or the Faith Chapel Office. Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us! Praying for another great, growing year!!

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