

Bible Center AWANA Clubs Truth & Training Policies & Procedures

(Grades 3-5)

OPENING NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2014

TIME SCHEDULE

Check-in (Downstairs)	6:15 – 6:25 PM
Flag ceremony (Rooms 1110-1120)	6:25 – 6:30 PM
Handbook (girls), Game time (boys)	6:30 – 7:00 PM
Game time (girls), Handbook (boys)	7:00 – 7:30 PM
Large Group time (BASE Camp)	7:30 – 8:00 PM

HANDBOOK ROOMS

RED TEAM and **BLUE TEAM** – Room 1102, **GREEN TEAM** and **YELLOW TEAM** – Room 1105,
AWANA OFFICE – Check-in South

HANDBOOKS

Regardless of the clubber's grade in school, books must be completed in this order:

Start Zone (short entrance booklet with 7 sections) (no cost)

Ultimate Adventure--Book 1 (\$10)

Ultimate Adventure--Book 2 (\$10) (may not be started before grade 4)

Ultimate Challenge---Book 1 (\$10) (may not be started before grade 5)

Each handbook must be finished before the next one is started. Anyone who finishes part of a book one year will continue from that point the following year.

GRADES 6-12

6th graders will join the other middle schoolers at the Oakhurst Campus on Wednesday nights; however, they may continue working on AWANA handbooks and earning book awards all the way through high school. They may pass their sections at home with their parents signing their books. The necessary information will be provided as clubbers near the end of 5th grade.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are green & white for 3rd and 4th graders (new this year) and blue & white for 5th graders. Returning 4th graders may continue to wear the "old" green shirt or purchase a new one. They cost \$15. They are ordered as soon as the Start Zone is completed AND payment is made. They arrive in 1 or 2 weeks. Payments for handbooks and uniforms may be made in cash or by checks payable to: Bible Center Church.

HANDBOOK –Saying Sections

Handbooks are divided into 8 Discoveries (Challenges for year 3). Each Discovery is divided into 8 sections numbered from 0 to 7. Sections 1-7 are for clubbers and are to be passed in order. Section 0 is just for parents to read and sign (but not necessarily in order). All numbered sections are required to finish the handbook. Silver and Gold sections are for extra credit and are optional. They may be passed in any order.

Bible Center uses the ESV handbooks.

GUIDELINES FOR PASSING SECTIONS

1. A clubber may only receive 2 helps per section (except by permission of the Commander).
2. A leader other than one of the clubber's parents should sign most sections during handbook time.
3. Clubbers are limited to **4 sections per week** (or **4**, if they pass at least 1 section at home). Section 0 does not count against the limit. [Clubbers trying to catch up may pass extra sections.]
4. Leaders and *qualified parents (or other close adult relatives) may sign handbooks at home (see below):

***To be qualified, parents must attend [only once] one-evening class, taught by Pastor Thompson, or be trained by Pastor Thompson to learn the requirements for passing sections. Then they must sign a covenant promising God that they will stick to these requirements of the AWANA material.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. **A clubber must pass at least 1 section to be eligible for the next game time.** All new clubbers and slow learners (under the Commander's discretion) may be exempt from this ruling.
2. In order to finish a handbook during the year, clubbers should average 3 sections per week.
3. The club year usually runs the school year, with the closing program in April.
4. Participation in Bible Quizzing is available to any clubber who would like to participate, and there is no amount of sections passed in choosing the teams.

AWANA STORE

There will be one Awana store night, usually early April or a BIG event in the summer for those who finish their handbooks. If we have store, clubbers may choose a prize in the order that they finish their handbooks. Then the clubbers who have not finished a book will select – starting with the one who has passed the most sections, down to the one who has passed the least. If we have a BIG event, then information will be sent home to help communicate with parents or guardians.

Throughout the year, we could be giving special prizes or privileges to the clubbers who have kept a good pace in finishing their handbooks as another motivation in finishing their handbook.

THE POINT SYSTEM

Clubbers are divided into 4 girls' and 4 boys' teams. Teams compete against each other for points. Points can be earned in game time and handbook time and are totaled each night to determine the winning boys and girls teams. All clubbers of the winning teams receive a reward, which is usually candy. Points are earned for the following:

- 10 pts for club attendance
- 10 pts for wearing the uniform
- 10 pts for bringing a Bible
- 10 pts for bringing their handbook
- 10 pts for attending Sunday School, Children's Church, or Morning Worship
- 10 pts for bringing each VISITOR
- 25 pts for each section completed

Leaders can earn points for their teams in handbook time in the same way that clubbers do. All leaders are encouraged, but not required, to buy their own handbooks and pass the discoveries right along with the clubbers on their team.

ADOPT-A-CLUBS

The Bible Center Church's AWANA Clubs have "adopted" 5 foreign clubs. The suggested annual fee for each club is \$350.00. The clubs are located in Peru, Bangladesh, Romania, and 2 in Togo. Most of our offerings are given to these clubs to help them in purchasing uniforms, books, etc. We also correspond with and pray for them. Some of our offerings are given to our West Virginia AWANA Missionary and/or other designated projects.

PERSONAL CONTACTS

The following is a list of individuals who would be able to answer your questions about AWANA:

Schedules, General Information, Activities	Pastor Richard Thompson	346-0431 Ext. 336
Handbook Questions, Bible Quizzing	Roger or Sharon Dollison	727-0011