



AWANA CLUB MANUAL
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AWANA CHARTER #4924
Sauk Prairie Evangelical Free Church
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Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old
he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

OUR VALUES

- ❑ The inherent worth of all people.
- ❑ Relevant, Biblical instruction.
- ❑ The purpose and power of prayer.
- ❑ The development of healthy relationships.
- ❑ Leaders who serve with integrity.



To the Parents:

Thank you for allowing your child to come and take part in AWANA this year. We trust that your child will have a great time and will want to keep coming regularly all year!

AWANA presents an opportunity for your child to establish and grow in his or her relationship with God, and to build self-esteem and good relationships with others. AWANA's Bible based program seeks to establish your children on a firm Biblical foundation that will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to us, and to God.

You can help your child by encouraging him or her in completing the sections in the AWANA handbooks and by showing your interest in their achievements.

*Red and Lorie Kessenich,
AWANA Club Commanders*

EFCA Statement of Faith

Adopted by the Conference on June 26, 2008

The Evangelical Free Church of America is an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

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

OUR CLUB PROGRAMS

Wednesday

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Cubbies: 4 and 5 year old pre-schoolers
Sparks: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders

5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Truth and Training Club:
3rd and 4th grade girls
3rd and 4th grade boys
5th and 6th grade girls
5th and 6th grade boys

7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Youth Group

Club Registration and Material Costs:

In order to help pay for the many costs of running our AWANA clubs, we ask each clubber to contribute towards the following expenses.

- * Weekly Dues: \$.50 (or \$16.00 for the year)
Each family is encouraged to pay their dues at the beginning of the year to ease the weekly work load. Make checks out to SPEFC and in the memo please write "AWANA Clubs". Dues can be paid at the registration tables set up at each meeting.
- * Special activities may have an individual cost; such as the AWANA Penny Carnival, ice skating party, AWANA Games, or the AWANA Grand Prix.
- * Handbooks and uniforms are at the expense of the club member. This helps keep dues down and puts the responsibility for care on the family and child.

Handbook costs: \$9.00 for all clubs

When purchasing handbooks, uniforms or when paying club dues, please always give your payments to the club secretary at the AWANA table. Also, be sure to state sizes for uniforms.

CLUB UNIFORMS/VESTS

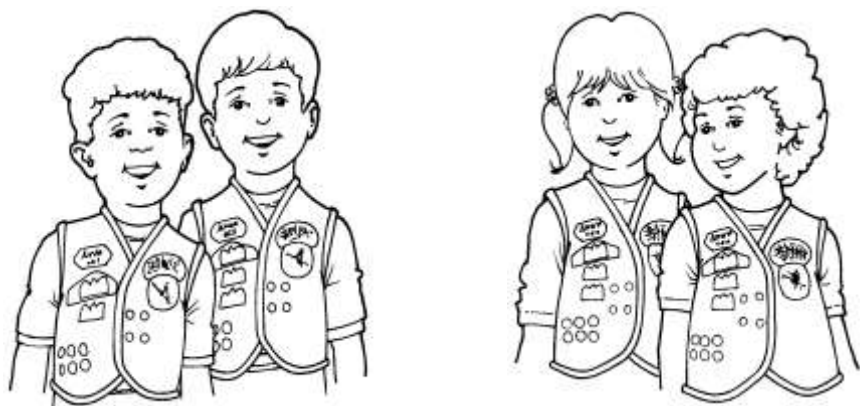
The **AWANA uniform/vest** is a vital part of the club program. It helps all clubbers to feel a part of the club, as it is the place where all awards are to be displayed.

Uniforms and vests may be purchased after a clubber has finished their entrance booklet. This usually takes 2-4 weeks of club. The privilege of wearing a uniform then becomes an award for completing the short Entrance Booklet.

Cubbies, Sparks, T & T'ers each have a different uniform/vest, but are worn for the duration of 2 to 3 years of that club. Each child should wear the complete uniform each night. A clean uniform helps to make a clubber feel sharp and proud.

Uniform Costs:	Cubbie vest	\$11.00
	Sparks vest	\$11.00
	T & T shirt	\$13.00

It is the desire of the church that no child is deprived participation in the clubs because of cost. If expenses are too high for your family, please do talk to your child's leader. Alternative ways to pay for costs are available.



AWANA AWARDS

AWANA clubbers have the opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards can be worn on the uniform. Ribbons, plaques, and trophies are also given for completion of one or more completed years of handbook work.

Clubbers will receive various awards for things such as: Completion of entry book, various handbooks, club attendance and Sunday school/church attendance.

Each child is allowed to work at his or her own pace, and will be guided and helped by a caring helper. To complete a handbook in one year, your child should have 2 to 3 sections or units ready or completed when attending each club meeting.



Awards for Completion of Handbooks:

Cubbies:

First book	Red ribbon
Second book	Blue ribbon
Extra credit book	Green ribbon

Sparks:

First book	Blue ribbon
Second book	Red ribbon
Third book	Plaque

Third through Eighth Grade Clubs:

First book	Red/white large ribbon (JV receives a plaque)
Second book	Excellence trophy
Third book	Plaque
Fourth book	Timothy trophy
Fifth book	Plaque
Sixth book	Meritorious trophy

Awards – Attendance

Clubbers are given awards for regular attendance in club and Sunday School/Church (*the Sunday school/church your child normally attends – not necessarily the Sauk Prairie Evangelical Free Church*)

Club attendance

One award given for every eight meetings attended (4/year)

Sunday school/ church attendance

One award given for every 16 Sundays attended (2/year)

If your child is absent on a club night, it would be helpful if you would send a note the following week as to why he or she was absent and if they attended Sunday school/church the week they were gone.

TEAM COMPETITION

Each club night, there is a separate team contest. Every clubber is placed on one of four teams. These teams will be changed periodically during the year. Visitors will be placed on the team of the person that brought them. After several weeks they may be moved to a new team.

Points will be given (3rd-6th grade), each night for games, uniform, bringing a Bible, their handbook and friends, and for completing handbook Bible verses and or sections.



Picture(s) Disclaimer

Throughout the year, we take pictures of the different AWANA activities and publish them in our newsletter or utilize them in PowerPoint presentations for the church. If you would **not** like to have your or your child(ren)'s pictures posted in the newsletter on-line or used in any type of media presentation, please email Linda Lindley at office@spefc.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7	Penny Carnival and registration
Oct. 28-29	T&T Weekend at Camp AWANA
Nov. 23	No Club
Dec. 14	The AWANA Christmas Store will be open for clubbers to purchase gifts for their families using the AWANA Bucks they earned.
Dec. 21	A Christmas program and refreshments for the entire family from 6-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	No Club
Jan. 4	Club resumes
Jan./Feb. ?	AWANA Quizzing available in Baraboo. Sauk Prairie AWANA competes with other AWANA clubs in Bible memory. We participate if there are enough clubbers interested.
February	The AWANA Grand Prix
March/April	AWANA Games/Spark-a-Rama, held in Baraboo. Awana clubbers compete in the AWANA games.
March 28	No Club – Spring Break
May 2	Year-end AWANA Night for the entire family. Clubber recognition/refreshments - 6-7:30 p.m.
June 2	Sparks Camp
June 9-16	Honors Camp

AWANA CLUBBER GUIDELINES

In order to have a safe, enjoyable and orderly environment, our Club has established these guidelines. All clubbers are expected to follow them. Your cooperation will bring about a good time for all.

1. Bring your AWANA handbook and Bible every week. If you don't have a Bible, ask your leader for one.
2. If you have money to turn in, please do so at the beginning of club, at the registration table.
3. As soon as you earn your uniform, wear it every week to club.
4. Everyone should participate – whether playing games, listening, studying, singing or anything else, all are expected to be involved.
5. Bring a note from your parents if they have a concern, a question or a request (or they may call your leader).
6. Always try to wear a “smile.” Everyone will enjoy you more.



PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Moms and Dads are essential helpers for a child getting the most enjoyment out of our AWANA club. Please use the following checklist as a guideline.

- * Help your child attend AWANA club each week. Consistency builds friendships and achievement.
- * Make sure they wear their uniform and bring their dues each week (unless they paid them in full).
- * Have your child arrive on time; promptness helps us to maintain good discipline.
- * Help your child accomplish at least 1-2 sections (units) of their handbook each week. This will ensure that they finish it in a year and receive their book award.
- * Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and may attend any weekly club meeting also.
- * Pick up your child promptly after club meetings.
- * Encourage your child. Children have much more fun when parents show an interest in their accomplishments.
- * Club cancellations: If the school is cancelled for a day due to weather conditions, we also will not have AWANA on that particular night.
- * Please call the AWANA directors if you have any questions.

Dear Parents,

We want you to know that we are glad to be of service to your children. Because of what God has done for us, by way of forgiving our wrongs and giving the strength to joyfully stand for what is right, we want to pass this message on to others. We believe that one way to do this is by helping our parents with the Christian Education of their children; this includes parents and children from the community as well as our own church.

As you may have already noticed, we think that learning Bible truths can and should be in harmony with having fun together. This is the responsibility of the AWANA leaders. While we do not claim to be perfect (!) our AWANA leaders love the Lord and children. We hope this will become evident to you and your children throughout this AWANA year. We also encourage you as parents to become involved and encourage you to familiarize yourself with what is being taught. It is beneficial for both you and your children to memorize Bible verses and other material involved.

If you are new to the area, or, for some reason, just do not belong to a church you can call "home", please feel free to visit and get acquainted with us. Our worship service is currently held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We also have Sunday school from 10:35 -11:35 a.m. for all ages, including adults. This schedule is subject to change, so please ask a leader to be sure.

Please contact us if we can be of any help to you and your family.

May God bless you.

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My Name is: _____

My AWANA Leaders are:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

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