

Awana at FBC Club Basics

Period	Sparks K – 2 nd	T&T 3 rd – 6 th	Trek/Journey 7 th – 12 th
Opening Ceremony (5 minutes)	All attend the Opening Ceremony		
1 st Segment (20 minutes)	Handbook Time	Game Time	Large Group Time
2 nd Segment (20 minutes)	Large Group Time	Handbook Time	Game Time
3 rd Segment (20 minutes)	Game Time	Large Group Time	Handbook Time
Closing Ceremony (5 minutes)	All attend the Closing Ceremony		

Opening Ceremony Pledges We will strive for this to be more than just a ritual, but rather to have meaning for all participants. As such, the only requirement is that participants are respectful during this time. However, only students in uniform may bear/present the flag and the Bible.

1. **Pledge to the Christian Flag** I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.
2. **Pledge to the Bible** I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make (or keep) it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.

Game Time Fun, energetic time to engage youth in games, drama, team building, or service projects.

Large Group Time Typically includes a Bible lesson with the option of including announcements, worship, or testimonies.

Handbook Time Leaders engage small groups of youth in discussing the Bible lesson, answering questions, praying for one another, helping each other understand, completing handbook requirements, and building relationships.

Closing Ceremony Includes recognition of achievements throughout the year as clubbers progress through their handbooks. The goal is to complete one handbook per year.

Engaging With Scripture A key feature of Awana ministries is its rich Scripture content. Youth have many questions about the details of the Bible. The youth-centered Awana curriculum is designed to respond to many of their questions. Central to the curriculum is having the youth to commit Scripture to memory so that it becomes a part of who they are. When a verse has been committed to memory, God can use it to minister to a person when he/she needs it, immediately or even years later. When it is memorized, a verse can also be shared with others in their times of need.

Parent/Guardian Partnership As important as youth leaders are, parents/guardians have the greatest opportunity to influence the spiritual development of their children. In Deuteronomy 6, God makes clear that it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to pass their faith on to the next generation. Awana makes it easy because the curriculum is designed to encourage parents to work with their children in learning and memorizing God's Word.

Policy Summary

1. **Child Protection** Volunteers are screened and background checks are completed for those who expect to have significant ongoing contact with youth under 18 years of age. Volunteers also receive annual training. See Elder Williams to request a copy of the full policy or if you have questions about the process.
2. **Discipline** Discipline is required to make our environment conducive to learning, and, it involves mutual respect. It is about teaching, not punishment, as a means to mentor and develop young people. Our methods include the following:
 - **Respect One Another**
 - **Uniforms** The wearing of uniforms encourages an orderly and disciplined club environment where each clubber develops a sense of belonging and community.
 - **Positive Points** Provide positive reinforcement of the behavior you would like to see. This includes paying attention, responding to questions, being quiet when asked, encouraging one another, displaying good sportsmanship, and participating. Points may be used to make purchases in FBC Youth Store.
 - **5 COUNT for Groups** This is done by leaders at opening and closing, game time, & small and large group times. When one leader begins the 5 COUNT, the other leaders raise one hand and remain quiet. Youth will then raise one hand and remain quiet.
 - **3 COUNT for Individuals** This is done by leaders at any time it is deemed appropriate. When a clubber acts inappropriately after gentle reminders, they are given one count, "1." If a clubber continues to create disturbances and disobey leaders, the clubber is given a two count, "2." The leader giving the 2 count will also report the behavior to the Awana Ministry Director. If the Clubber fails to correct their behavior and continues to create problems, then they will be placed on a three count, "3." This results in temporary club suspension and a discussion with parents and, or caregivers. We plan on never having to get to the "3." If we do, it will be handled with grace and gentleness.
 - **We expect that parents will partner with us on the enforcement of the discipline policy. Do not hesitate to speak to the Awana Ministry Director about any concerns.**