

**Awana at
Trinity Fellowship**

**2015/2016
Parent and Leader
Handbook**

Welcome!

Welcome to the Awana program at Trinity Fellowship.

Please use this handbook to better understand how our program operates. Keep it handy for schedule reminders and points-of-contact.

As we enter our 18th year of Awana at Trinity Fellowship, please help us to make the experience fulfilling to our young people and honoring to our Lord.

Bob DeGray,
Pastor

About Awana

Awana is an international, non-denominational, Bible-centered youth organization providing weekly clubs for children. It operates through thousands of local churches that share Awana's vision for evangelical outreach and effective discipleship of young people. The goals of Awana may be summarized by these words from their pledge, "[Our] goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him."

Awana provides a structured and disciplined program of activities that includes games, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, singing, and awards. The word "Awana" is an acrostic that comes from the first letters of this phrase in II Timothy 2:15, "Approved Workmen are Not Ashamed."

About Trinity Fellowship

Trinity Fellowship was the first Evangelical Free Church in the Friendswood area. "Evangelical" reflects our commitment to teach and share the good news of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. "Free" comes from the history of this denomination, when the "free" churches were distinct from the state supported churches in Northern Europe. The Free Church tradition continues in the United States, where there are now over 1300 Evangelical Free Churches.

Trinity Fellowship was established in 1992, and we have been at our Friendswood location since 2002. We continue to feel that God has called us to a special ministry in this community. Our vision statement commits us:

*to learn and obey His word,
to depend on Him in prayer,
to exalt Him through worship,
to love and care for one another
and to share His love with others
in order to make new disciples
in our community and around the world.*

Our Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by our worship service at 10:50 a.m. For more information about Trinity Fellowship and the ministries we provide, call us at 281-482-0577, or visit our website at: www.trinityfellowship.net

Scan the QR code to the right to go directly to our website.



The Typical Club Evening

	<u>SPARKS</u>	<u>T&T (FOG, SMOG)</u>
4:30	Opening Ceremony (LIFE room)	Opening Ceremony (Worship Center)
4:40	Handbook Time	Game Time
5:00		Handbook Time (FOG)
5:10	" "	Handbook Time (SMOG)
5:25	Game Time	" "
5:40	" "	Club Council Time
6:00	Combined Council Time (Worship Center)	
6:15	Awards/Announcements	
6:30	Club Ends	

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CLOSING?

The Sparks and Cubbies Clubs will have a designated classroom where clubbers must be picked up by parents or the adult transporting them. For Sparks, this means they will return to the room after the closing ceremony. The older clubs will remain in the sanctuary, where they will help with putting up the chairs and policing the area.

In addition, note that the parking lot is a dangerous place. Please supervise your children carefully, especially after club ends.

2015/2016 CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 4:30-6:30 pm

1	Sep 13	Opening Night
2	Sep 20	
3	Sep 27	GO BANANAS/Parent Night
4	Oct 4	September COM (Clubber of the Month)
5	Oct 11	CRAZY FOOTWEAR NIGHT
6	Oct 18	Prize Night #1
7	Oct 25	Club Attendance Awards
8	Nov 1	October COM BIBLE HERO NIGHT
9	Nov 8	
10	Nov 15	MARTIAL ARTS NIGHT
11	Nov 22	
12	Nov 29	Prize Night #2
13	Dec 6	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BRING A CANNED GOOD November COM
14	Dec 13	No Club
15	Dec 20	No Club – Christmas
16	Dec 27	No Club – New Year's

17	Jan 3	Welcome Back Night
18	Jan 10	Club Attendance Awards
19	Jan 17	GREAT AWANA TREASURE HUNT
20	Jan 24	MEASLES OUTBREAK NIGHT
21	Jan 30	AWANA GRAND PRIX (Saturday a.m.)
22	Feb 7	January COM Prize Night #3
23	Feb 14	WHERE'S YOUR HEART NIGHT? Missionary Penny Drive Starts
24	Feb 21	EDIBLE SEA CREATURE NIGHT
25	Feb 28	Club Attendance Awards
26	Mar 6	BUNQ (Bible Ultimate kNowledge Quiz)
27	Mar 13	Missionary Penny Drive Ends
28	Mar 20	OBSTACLES WITH A PURPOSE
29	Mar 27	No Club - EASTER
30	Apr 3	March COM Prize Night #4
31	Apr 10	
32	Apr 17	WHO'S THAT? (Baby pic night)
33	Apr 24	SPLISH SPLASH SLIPP'N & SLIDD'N
34	May 1	April COM Club Attendance Awards Prize Night #5
35	May 8	No Club – Mother's Day
36	May 15	YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY

Expectations for Clubbers

Awana sets high expectations for clubber behavior, believing that children thrive in a structured, but loving, environment. When leaders begin a “five count”, all clubbers should stop what they are doing and pay attention to the leader for directions or other information. Disciplinary problems that keep other clubbers from enjoying the activities will be dealt with by a three-tiered system of warnings—first by an adult leader, then the Club director, and finally by the Club Commander or Pastor. Depending on the situation, parents may be called for a conference.

Awana also sets high standards for achievement, and there is an expectation that each clubber should do all of the work to complete the handbook during the Awana year.

As a general rule, good efforts by children correlate to high enjoyment of the Awana experience. It is our hope that Awana will be a very positive experience for your child, and that it will help to guide your child into an ever-closer relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and with other Christians.

Expectations for Parents

Promptness

Please make sure that your child arrives on time, in proper uniform, with dues and handbook, ready to enjoy the club.

Preparation

Children enjoy and excel in Awana in direct proportion to parental interest. Take the time during the week to work with your child on the handbook activities and memory verses.

Participation

Join us on any evening when your schedule permits. Get to know the leaders who are involved directly with your child. Join the audience for our closing counsel time, singing and award times. Make a special effort to come on Parent Night (September 27). Make suggestions to improve the club experience.

For more information...

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Special Events

GO BANANAS NIGHT

Sep 27

All parents are invited to attend with their clubbers. At the end of the evening, they can meet the club leaders at an Banana Split Ice Cream Party. We'll provide the ice cream and bananas and leaders will bring their favorite toppings to share!

CRAZY FOOTWEAR NIGHT

Oct 18

What sort of crazy, creative, covering can you come up with for your feet? Perhaps a "foot-long" hot dog; athlete's feet...what about some out-of-this-world, zany socks or shoes?

BIBLE HERO NIGHT

Nov 1

Come dressed up as your favorite Bible hero and have folks guess what Bible character you are!

MARTIAL ARTS NIGHT

Nov 15

Have you ever wondered what it was like to take martial arts lessons? Here's your chance to take a few chops at it with Benjamin Oliver as your martial arts instructor!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION/BRING A CAN

Dec 6

A time for all of us to remember Jesus as we enter the Christmas season. We'll enjoy Christmas Carols and Christmas treats. We will stack up our can goods into a Christmas tree to be given later to a food pantry!

GREAT AWANA TREASURE HUNT

Jan 17

Find the hidden treasure chest and sink your teeth into the gold!

MEASLES OUTBREAK NIGHT

Jan 24

If your leader has never had the measles, he/she is bound to get them this night. The more verses Clubbers say, the more spots your leader gets!

AWANA GRAND PRIX (Saturday a.m.) **Jan 30**
Design your car for speed, style or both and come join the race!!!
Even parents can participate!!!

WHERE'S YOUR HEART NIGHT **Feb 14**
Join the search for hidden hearts and find out where your heart is.

EDIBLE SEA CREATURE NIGHT **Feb 21**
What sort of edible tasty sea creature can you make? Sugary sand
dollars, jello jelly fish, what about tasty fish crackers!

BUNQ - THE BIBLE ULTIMATE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ **Mar 6**
You might need to memorize the whole Bible to do well on this quiz.
Or you might not, but it would be SOOOOO worth it anyway!

OBSTACLE COURSE WITH A PURPOSE **Mar 20**
No, not a porpoise, a purpose, a reason. Come and find out why you
should subject your battered body to these indignities.

WHO'S THAT - BABY PIC NIGHT **Apr 17**
Let's face it, everyone was a baby once. Do you recognize your
leaders? Baby face...whose got the cutest little baby face?

SPLISH SPLASH SLIPP'N AND SLIDD'N **Apr 24**
Enjoy our annual water fest! Water slide, human bowling balls, don't
drink and drive and other fun activities that are sure to get you wet!

Notes