



**Parent's
Handbook**

2008/2009



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Welcome to AWANA

Sponsored by Living Hope Christian Church and Frenchtown Baptist Church

Dear Parents,

Thanks for joining us for our new season of AWANA. AWANA is a great program where your children will learn about God and have fun at the same time! Please know that your children are in good hands. Leaders have been trained in what they are doing, and we have policies in place to assure your child's safety.

If you have questions about the program, feel free to speak with any of the leaders, as well as our commander, Gary Blanchette. If you have questions about Living Hope Christian Church, please call me at 886-7692. Living Hope is a nondenominational, Bible believing and Bible teaching church (as is Frenchtown Baptist) that meets at the North Kingstown High School auditorium Sundays at 10am. You are welcome to visit Frenchtown Baptist or us at any time.

I hope you and your child/children have a great night!

In His Service,

Peter Atkin, Pastor
Living Hope Christian Church

A Thank You Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Awana Ministry. I want to thank you for allowing your child to attend. I'm sure your child will have a wonderful time learning Bible verses, playing games, and participating in many other activities. We feel confident that your child will want to keep attending on a regular basis. This handbook was prepared to provide you with information regarding our Awana Ministry. Please feel free to visit us on any club night and to discuss with us any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Gary Blanchette
Awana Commander
Living Hope Christian Church

What is Awana?

Awana is one of our nation's fastest growing youth organizations. Our club is one of over 20,000 around the world. Our club's charter number is 1924. All of our staff have been given a training class, and we are further supported by Ken and Karen Hoffmeyer, our district Awana missionaries. Their full-time job is working with churches in the northeast and helping them establish and run successful Awana ministries.

The Awana name is an acrostic derived from a verse in the Bible found in II Timothy 2:15, Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.

“Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the work of truth.”

The Awana ministry is centered around a weekly club night, consisting of three parts. GAME TIME is a high-energy half-hour packed with exciting activities that include both team and individual competition. Game Time unleashes a child's natural energy and enthusiasm, and everybody gets to participate! HANDBOOK TIME is a learning and training time focused on the importance of God's Word for daily living. With a trained leader alongside to encourage and guide, our children learn key Bible verses, and learn how to know and serve God according to His Word. COUNCIL TIME includes group Bible study, singing, and announcements of upcoming events. A highlight of Council Time is weekly recognition and presentation of awards and for individual and team achievement.

Club Meeting Information

When: Friday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Frenchtown Baptist Church
1359 Frenchtown RD
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Who: Awana welcomes all children

- ❖ 3 & 4 Year Olds
- ❖ Kindergarten – 2nd Graders
- ❖ 3rd – 6th Graders

A Word to Parents

“We want the best for our children”

Dear Parents,

We here in the Awana ministry need your help! We need you to encourage your child to attend meetings, wear their uniforms, and work through their handbooks. We also need you to ensure your child is dropped off and picked up on time. Your help in these areas will greatly increase your child's enjoyment in the Awana ministry and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,
Awana Leadership
Living Hope Christian Church



Cubbies: 3 & 4 Year Olds

Sparks: Kindergarten – 2nd Graders

Truth in Training:
(T&T) 3rd - 6th Graders

Awana Club's Nightly Schedule

- 6:50 Arrival time
- 7:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 7:10 Handbook Time
- 7:35 Game Time
- 8:00 Council Time
- 8:20 Closing Ceremonies

Awana Staff

Pastor	Peter Atkin	401-886-7692
Awana Commander	Gary Blanchette	401-467-3725
Awana Director	Karen Atkin	401-738-5535
Game Director	Dave Lobato	
Secretary/T & T Leader	Becky Blanchette	
Leader (T&T)	Deb Epstein	
Leader (T&T)	Ryan Blanchette	
Leader (Sparks)	Ruth Napolitano	
Leader (Sparks)	Betty Blycker	
Leader (Cubbies)	Karen Atkin	





Awana Club Rules & Discipline

In order for our clubbers to have a safe and enjoyable environment, we have set up rules which each child is expected to follow.

Please encourage your child to follow these simple rules in order to make the most of their experience.

1. Please come on time to our weekly meetings and be prepared.
2. Respect your fellow club members – treat them as you wish to be treated.
3. Everyone should participate – whether playing games, listening, studying, singing, or any other activity.
4. Come to attention and listen whenever a leader begins to count to 5.
5. Bring your Awana handbook and Bible each week.
6. Only two helps are given to a clubber per section on the first time through the book, and no helps are given to a clubber on the review of the book.
7. When reciting a verse a clubber must say the reference, then the verse, and then the reference again to receive their awards unless they are in full uniform.
8. As soon as you earn your uniform, wear it each week. Clubbers may not receive their awards unless they are in full uniform.
9. Our leaders use 1-2-3 count to discipline:
 - 1st count is a warning
 - 2nd count means you must “sit out” for the rest of the meeting in another room with a leader.
 - 3rd count means we will notify the parents that you are suspended from the following week.
10. At the end of our meeting, no clubber will be released without a parent.



Awana Calendar – 2008/2009

Sep 12 – Start Date

Nov 14 – Fall Festival

Nov 28 – NO AWANA (Thanksgiving)

Dec 12 – NO AWANA (LHCC Christmas Play)

Dec 19 – Awana Christmas Party

Dec 27 – Jan 2 – NO AWANA (Christmas Break)

Feb 20 – NO AWANA (School Vacation)

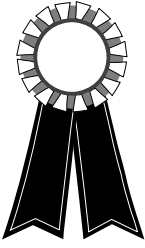
Apr 3 – Grand Prix

Apr 10 – NO AWANA (Good Friday)

Apr 17 – NO AWANA (School Vacation)

May 15 – End Date (Clubber Celebration)

****WE WILL SEND HOME NOTICES AS
SPECIAL EVENTS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR.**



Awana Awards

Handbook Awards

Once a clubber finishes the Entrance Test, he/she will receive their handbook. Awana handbooks are designed to last for one year. In order for your child to finish their book by the end of the year, they will need to work on their handbooks at home.

Each child is allowed to work at his/her own pace and has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards are worn on their uniforms. If your child progresses at an average of 2-3 sections per week, he or she will be able to complete their handbook, and will be awarded either a ribbon, plaque or trophy at the end of the year. Please refer to the handbook for further explanation and illustration.

Awana Dollars

Awana dollars are given to each clubber for:

- Having their handbook, bible and being in complete uniform
- Bringing dues
- Team color with the most points at the end of the night.

The Leadership may also award awana dollars at their discretion to reinforce/reward positive behaviors.

Registration

Dues:

In order to help pay for the many costs involved in running a successful Awana Club, we ask each of our clubbers to contribute \$1.00 per person for each night.

There may be special activities scheduled that may be an additional cost. Parents will be notified in advance of cost involved.

Our church Leadership desires that no child be deprived of participation in Awana. If there is any need in regards to materials needed for your child, please contact the Awana Commander. Your request will be treated confidentially by staff.



Uniform Ordering

Please allow 2 weeks for delivery of orders for uniforms. Orders can be placed in advance of your child passing his or her Entrance Booklet. However, the uniform cannot be worn until the Entrance Booklet is completed.

All Orders will be placed by the Awana Leadership. You will be notified in advance of the cost involved.

AWANA websites available

www.awana.org/parents

www.awanafamilyconnection.com

Awana Doctrinal Statement

WE BELIEVE:

1. All Scripture is verbally inspired as originally written and therefore infallible and inerrant (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21, Matthew 5:18, 1 Corinthians 2:13).

The Bible IS the Word of God. We CANNOT accept the misleading statement “The Bible contains the Word of God.”

2. There is one living and true God who exists in three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14).

The Father is God (1 Corinthians 8:6; the Son is God (Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 1:8-10); and the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).

3. The Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38).
4. Christ rose bodily from the dead and ascended unto God the Father (Matthew 28, Mark 16, 1 Corinthians 15, Romans 1:4).
5. Christ will return: (a) First, for the “dead in Christ” who will be resurrected bodily; and for those who are alive at His coming. This resurrection not only precedes His return to earth to reign 1,000 years, but also precedes the Tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:9). (b) Then to reign 1,000 years on the earth (Revelation 20:1-6, 2 Timothy 2:12).
6. All men inherit a depraved nature and are lost sinners in need of salvation (Romans 3:9-19, Ephesians 2:1-3).
7. God has provided salvation through offering His Son on the cross of Calvary, and allowing His BLOOD to be shed to atone for our sins (Romans 3:25, Hebrews 9:22).
8. We are saved and justified when we recognize ourselves as sinners, and put our trust in Christ as the Son of God and His finished work on the cross of Calvary. Salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing (Romans 3:24, 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9).
9. Once saved, we cannot be lost; we are eternally secure in Christ (John 3:16, 10:27-29; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:38-39).
10. We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at the time of conversion and is the act of placing the believer into the body of Christ, but is not a second work of grace (1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:27). It is different than the filling of the Holy Spirit which is an ongoing process that may occur at any time in the believer’s life (Ephesians 5:18). Neither of these aspects is accompanied by unusual signs such as speaking in tongues.
11. (a) We should regularly participate at the Lord’s table (1 Corinthians 11:23-32). (b) All believers should be baptized by immersion as an act of obedience, but not for securing their salvation (Acts 2:41, 19:4-5; Matthew 28:19-20).
12. The Bible teaches the external Blessedness of the saved (John 4:14, 5:24; Ephesians 2:7). It also teaches the eternal punishment of the lost (John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:10, 15; Matthew 25:46).
13. The grace of God teaches us to “live soberly, righteously, and godly” (Titus 2:11-13). (a) Titus 1:13 – “looking for that blessed hope” of His returning for us. (b) Colossians 3:2-3, 1 John 2:15-17 – Setting our affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (c) 1 Corinthians 6:14-18 – “Living a life of separation from the world. We believe in separation “unto God” (Romans 1:1, 16:17; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:6; 1 Timothy 6:3,5).

Our Church

If you do not have a church that you regularly attend, we would like to invite you to attend Living Hope Christian Church on Sunday morning.

We meet every Sunday morning at North Kingstown High School at 10:00am, 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown, RI, 02852.

Any correspondence can be sent to Living Hope Christian Church, 730 South County Trail, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

In addition, we have weekly bible studies at various locations. Please contact Pastor Peter Atkin at 401-886-7692 for more information on a Bible Study located near you.

