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Parent Name (please print)



Peak (AWANA) 101



Welcome to Peak, the AWANA Club of Crossroads! This is a short tutorial on what club is all about. If you have any questions, please see a Commander (Mike or Rachelle Czarnecki), a secretary or a club director.

The Basics

AWANA is an international ministry "whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ." AWANA is non-denominational. It teaches Bible basics and having a closer relationship with Jesus (think Scouts at church).

Peak is divided into different clubs, based on age group:

Cubbies are 3 & 4 years old - Cubbies is open to leaders' kids and families with other children in Peak. **MUST** be 3 years by 9/7/22 **AND** no more than 2 years from starting Kindergarten

Sparks are Kindergarten through 2nd grade - MUST be 5 years by 9/7/22 AND be in Kindergarten

Truth & Training (T&T) are 3rd through 5th Grade

Trek is for 6th through 8th Grade

Journey is for 9th through 12th Grade

Our club only meets during the school year and follows the District 12 holiday schedule. The night will be divided into 3 parts—small group time (work in handbooks, fellowship, review the current lesson), game time and a large group lesson time.

Handbooks

All age levels use handbooks. Your help is **REQUIRED**. Helping your child to memorize the verses and complete other sections in their handbook will enable them to be successful. If your clubber has memorized a section, please initial that section and it will help the leaders know to have the clubber recite it at club. Handbook sections are completed in order, with the exception of make-up sections, which can be done in any order. It is recommended that a clubber do 1 to 2 sections a week in order to complete the book in one year.

All clubbers, when they first attend, or when they move up to an older age group, complete a small pamphlet. This pamphlet is our starting point and introduces the handbook the clubber will be working in and the plan of salvation of Jesus Christ.

Sparks (K thru 2nd) start in the first Sparks book and do one book per year. The exception is a clubber who starts club in 1st or 2nd grade. In this case, they would continue to the next book until they have completed the book associated with their grade/age level. Clubbers cannot go on to a book that is higher than their grade/age level. There are review and extra credit options available for clubbers who complete their book prior to the end of the club year.

T&T Clubbers (3rd thru 5th grade) will work on one assigned section per week. Each section has 2 required parts—a Bible reading/response part and a memorization part. The section is completed only if the Bible reading/response part and the memorization part are finished by your child and signed off by a leader. There are optional Silver and Gold extra-credit parts to each section. If a child misses a week, they will need to make up that week's section, in order to stay on track to receive a book award.

Trek (6th thru 8th grade) and Journey (9th thru 12th grade) work on one assigned section per week, which includes Bible reading, written responses to the reading and life-application questions and Bible memorization. The section is not complete until all parts are finished. Trek and Journey also have Bible reading and summarization requirements that must be completed to get a book award.

Uniforms and Awards

AWANA has a system of uniforms and awards (similar to scouts). Each clubber, upon completion of their initial pamphlet, is eligible for a t-shirt or vest, which is specific to each age group and should be worn each week,

unless there is a dress-up theme for the night. Awards are given for completion of a group of handbook sections (awards are free). These awards go on their t-shirt or vest.

Shares

Your clubber may come home with paper dollars called Shares. Shares are given for each handbook section completed and for other stellar behavior. We will have a couple stores during the course of the year where your clubber can spend their shares on toys, gifts, treats, etc. Keep these shares in a safe place, preferably at home. We will give plenty of notice so you can send your clubber's shares with them for store night.

Fees

The total fee this year for each clubber is \$60, with a graduated step-down in price for families with more than 2 kids in club. The fee includes their dues, their book, their vest or t-shirt (if they don't already have one) and a new bag. However, we don't want the cost to keep any clubber from participating in club. Fees can be paid in installments and/or we have scholarships available. Please see a secretary and we will work it out with you.

Discipline

Needless to say, when you have a bunch of kids in the same area for any period of time, there will be some behavior issues. AWANA has a discipline system which includes the 5 count. At any time, any leader can begin counting from 1 to 5. The expectation is that the clubbers start to calm/quiet down at 1 and are done at 5. This will be explained to the clubbers during club.

Security

At Crossroads, we take security very seriously. All clubbers will be given a nametag at check-in and the parent will receive a pick-up tag. A parent or other designated ADULT will need to pick up your clubber, using the pick-up tag, if they are in 5th grade or younger. Clubbers in 6th grade and above can be released without a parent, **but they are not allowed to pick up younger siblings or friends**.

How do I know what's going on at Club?

Every week an email is sent from the church's Kids/Student Directors that details all child/student related upcoming events. PLEASE READ THESE EACH WEEK as they contain important information. We will use the email address you provided on your registration form.

Can I help?

ABSOLUTELY!!! We are <u>always</u> in need of adult or youth volunteers at Peak. Please see a Commander or secretary and we'll get you connected. We especially need people to help listen to clubbers recite their memorized Bible verses. Not only is this a fun way to interact with the kids, it also allows you to learn many Bible verses as you listen to the clubbers.

Other Good Stuff to Know

- 1. Please don't allow your clubber to bring candy, gum, toys, soda, cell phones, tablets, etc. to club. All they will need is their handbook or pamphlet, vest/t-shirt and Bible (unless it is a special theme night). The other stuff is just distraction and tends to get lost or get them in trouble.
- 2. Please drop off and pick up your clubbers on time. Club starts at 6:15 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. Late comers and late picker upperers throw a wrench in everyone's timing and many of the leaders have kids to get home to bed also. Please allow enough time to have your clubber checked in and ready for club to start at 6:15 pm. Check-in will open each night no later than 5:45 pm, but please keep your child with you until 6 pm, when leader supervision starts.
- 3. We want your clubber to have fun at Peak, but we also want them to learn all they can about our Savior Jesus Christ and hide God's word in their heart. It's a team effort and we can't do it without you. If there is an issue, please let us know and we will do all we can to find a solution.

Thanks again for sharing your child with us. We hope they enjoy Peak and develop a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We're in His Service

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