

Awana Basic Training

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Today's Program

Schedule

- 6pm Opening
- 6:05-7:00 History of the Awana in the 3rd century
- 7:00 -7:30 Symbolic Synergies of Today's Youth
- 7:30-7:31 Euthanizing Modern Thought
- 7:31-8:00 Seven steps to Quietness
- 8:00-9:00 Disciplining youth by mind control - a tutorial
- 9:00-10:00 Scoping the modern church
- 10:00-11:00 Purpose-Driven Death of an Awana Commander



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Introduction to Basic Training

- Pathway to a successful start
 - Step 1: Attend Awana Orientation (Today)
 - Step 2: Complete Club Role Book (Today)
 - Step 3: Learn By Doing (During Club)
 - Step 4: Complete the Training (On your own)



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Introduction to Basic Training

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Pathways to a Successful Start

step 1
Attend Awana Orientation
check point: choose club role

step 2
Complete Club Role Book
check point: complete role book

step 3
Learn By Doing
check point: complete evaluation

step 4
Training is Complete!

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Why Awana?

- Only **9%** of Christian Youth and **33%** of born-again adults believe in absolute moral truth.
- Barna says “We have virtually lost a generation. We cannot afford to lose another one.”

Awana exists to help churches prepare and join the battle for the next generation.

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What is Awana?

2 Timothy 2:15
Be diligent to present yourself **approved** to God as a **workman** who does **not** need to be **ashamed**, accurately handling the word of truth. (NASB)

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Five Principals of Awana

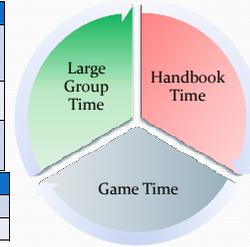
1. Awana is centered on the gospel
2. Scripture memory is a key element
3. Awana is exciting and fun
4. Children and youth are trained to serve
5. Awana is built on volunteer leadership



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What is Awana?

Children's Awana Clubs	
	Two years prior to Kindergarten (3-4 year olds)
	Kindergarten through second grade
	Third through sixth grade
Youth Programs	
	Middle School
	High School



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What is Awana?

- Regional Events
 - Sparks-A-Rama
 - AwanaGames
 - Bible Quizzing
 - Grand Prix
- Missions
 - Adopt-a-Club
 - Area Missionaries
- Leader & Parent Development
 - Awana Ministry Conferences
 - Local Training sessions
 - Rorheim Institute
 - Leader-In-Training



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Awana Prayer

Our Prayer

Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to **know**, **love** and **serve** the Lord Jesus Christ

Know

Phil 3:19
John 17:3
Rom 1:16

Love

Eph 3:19
1 John 2:5-6

Serve

Col 1:10
2 Tim 3:17
Eph 2:10



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Awana Vision

Our Vision

To be a strategic partner with churches and ministries in a global effort to ensure the opportunity for all children and youth to be evangelized and discipled in Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Mat 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."



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Awana Values

We will glorify God and serve the body of Christ by committing ourselves to these values:

- ✓ We proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity and urgency.
- ✓ We commit to God's Word as our guide and standard.
- ✓ We treat all people as created and loved by God.
- ✓ We maintain a servant heart in all that we do.
- ✓ We manage God's resources with faithfulness and integrity.
- ✓ We pursue excellence as unto the Lord.



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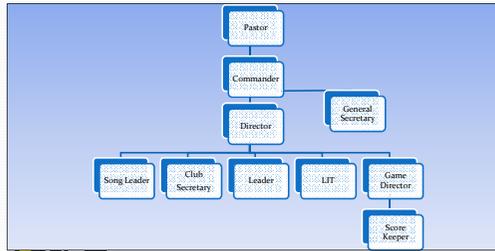
Importance of Children's Ministries

- Mark 10:1-16 shows Jesus' emphasis of ministry to children.
- Most children accept Jesus as their savior between the ages of 4 and 14. *(So we do not have the luxury of time.)*



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Awana Leadership Structure



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Child Protection

- Seven areas to address:
 1. Develop policies and practices for child protection and follow them.
 2. Screen workers.
 3. Retain records.
 4. Train workers.
 5. Supervise workers.
 6. Seek legal counsel and professional advice.
 7. Report abuse and suspected abuse.



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Child Protection

Statistics

- A child is molested every two minutes
- 33% of girls and 20% of boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18.
- 95% of sexual abuse victims know their abuser.
- There are an estimated 60 million survivors of sexual abuse in the U.S. *That is 20 percent of the U.S. population.*
- The typical child sex offender molests an average of 17 children – most children do not report the offense.
- Sixty percent of convicted sex offenders are on parole or probation.



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Child Protection

1. Be aware of who brought the child and who is authorized to pick up the child.
2. Do not allow younger children to visit the restroom alone.
3. Be aware of unlocked exterior doors near your class.
4. If your classroom door does not have a window, leave the door open.
5. Report any unknown adults in the building.
6. Know the location of a designated "Safe area".
7. Know how to dial "911".



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Leadership & Parent Development



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How does Awana fit in a Southern Baptist Church?

- Awana fills a need in Baptist churches by teaching basic Christian doctrine.
- SBC – Southern Baptist Convention
 - Baptist Faith and Message (BFM)
 - Awana addresses almost every section in the BFM with multiple verses in each section of the BFM. Ranges from 3-37 verses.
 - Awana verses (Cubbies – T&T) cover over 23% of ALL BFM verses.
 - You can view the total BF&M at <http://www.sbc.net/bfm/bfm2000.asp>



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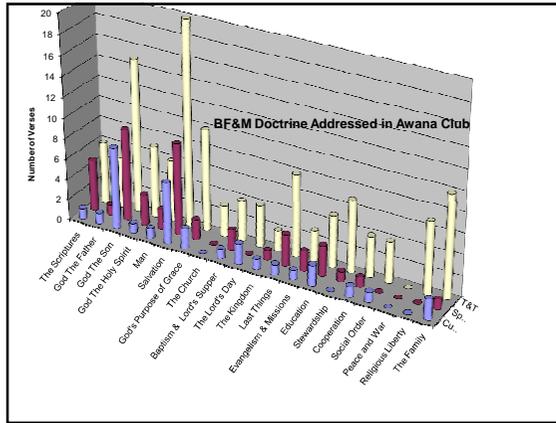
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- What are the major sections in the BFM?

Section	Title	Section	Title
1	The Scriptures	9	The Kingdom
2a	God The Father	10	Last Things
2b	God The Son	11	Evangelism and Missions
2c	God The Holy Spirit	12	Education
3	Man	13	Stewardship
4	Salvation	14	Cooperation
5	God's Purpose of Grace	15	The Christian and the Social Order
6	The Church	16	Peace and War
7	Baptism and the Lord's Supper	17	Religious Liberty



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What about Team Kid?

- Team Kid is material developed by Lifeway (SBC)
- Has similar components (games, verses, story)
- Usually runs for 1 hour to compliment other programs.
- How does it compare to Awana?
 - Significantly reduced amount of verses. (134 vs 691)
 - Usually just "another program" to try out.
 - Very little training.
 - Does not offer programs for "Cubbie" aged children

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