

Awana Basic Training

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- Introduction
- Key Features of the T&T Club
- T&T Club Meeting



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Introduction

- Through your work with T&T clubbers they will:
 - Continue to develop appropriate spiritual attitudes
 - Learn about the Bible and Scripture memorization
 - Hear the gospel and recognize that they are sinners in need of salvation
 - Learn how to honor the Lord by being obedient
 - Experience a sense of belonging and contribution to club



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T&T Leader Role

1. You must have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal savior.
2. You must be walking with the Lord.
3. You must be growing in your own relationship with the Lord.
4. Your attitude must be attractive to kids.
5. You must be in compliance with the requirements of leadership in your church.

Time Commitment ~ 3-4 hrs per week



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T&T Club Segments

1. Opening Ceremony
 - Flag pledges
 - Opening prayer
2. Large Group Time
3. Handbook Time
4. Game Time



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Sharing the Gospel Video 

Key Features of the T&T Club



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Sharing the Gospel Video

Sharing the Gospel with a Clubber

God
John 3:16

Man
Romans 5:12, 6:23

Cross
Romans 5:8

Trust
Act 16:31

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Action

Character

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us ...

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world...

1Co 15:3 ...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 1Co 15:4 and that He was buried ...

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned... Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death...

Act 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus ...

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Scripture Memorization

Three reasons to memorize scripture: (Ps 119:11)

1. To please God
2. To guard us from sinning against God
3. To draw on as we witness to others

Two keys to scripture memory:

1. Review, Review, Review
2. Self-discipline

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Handbooks

- Start Zone (entrance booklet)
 - Everyone starts here!
- Ultimate Adventure Handbooks
 - Books 1-4
 - Silver and Gold extra credit

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Handbooks – Book 1

- Book 1 – Third graders and new students
 - Why did God give us the Bible?
 - Who is God?
 - Who is the Lord Jesus?
 - How does God want me to live my life?



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Handbooks – Book 2

- Book 2 – Fourth Graders
 - What does God say about my home and family?
 - Why should I go to church?
 - How can I help other people?
 - What do I need to know about Satan, angels and the future?



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Handbooks – Book 3

- Book 3 – Fifth Graders
 - How do we know the Bible is true?
 - What do I need to know about God?
 - What do I need to know about the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - What do I need to know about the Holy Spirit?



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Handbooks – Book 4

- Book 4 – Sixth Graders
 - What do I need to know about my family — now and in the future?
 - How can I grow spiritually?
 - What is a good friend?
 - What does God want me to know about the future?



Awards

- Once clubbers have completed the Start Zone, they will receive their first-book award badge. Each book has a separate award badge.
- Clubbers will receive an achievement seal for their badge each time they complete one of eight Discovery sections in Book 1 and 2 or Challenge sections in Book 3 and 4.



Awards – Extra Credit

- Each award badge also has a place for the Silver and Gold extra-credit completion awards, which are called the Silver Seal and the Gold Seal.
- After completing each book, clubbers will receive a book completion patch to wear on their uniforms.



Uniforms

- Discipline
- Club Unity
- Award Achievements



Statistically, clubs with high percentage of handbook finishers and major award recipients usually have a high percentage of leaders and clubbers in uniform.


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Discipline

- Comes from the word "disciple", or to mold, to teach.
- Difference between ***discipline*** and ***punishment***:

	Punishment	Discipline
Purpose	Inflicts a penalty for an offense	Training for correction and development
Focus	Past offenses or misbehavior	Correct future behavior
Leader's Attitude	Hostility, frustration or anger	Love and concern for clubber
How Clubber Feels	Fearful, guilty or shamed	Secure


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Tools for a Disciplined Club Video 

Discipline

- Use the five count for group discipline.
- Use the three count for individual discipline.
- Don't apologize for Awana rules
- Use your sense of humor


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T&T Club Meeting



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Preparation

- Pray for your clubbers
- Read the Bible passage for the night
- Ask God to speak to you through His Word
- Review the gospel and prepare to answer questions
- Review sections that your clubber's will be in that night
- Spend time memorizing the verses in the section
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before club starts



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Check-In

- Objectives of Check-In
 - Record attendance
 - Welcome clubbers and parents
 - Engage clubbers in a fun activity
 - Set a positive tone for the upcoming meeting
- What's my role in Check-In?
 - Help
 - Encouragement
 - Parental Information



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Opening Ceremony

- Happens in the Fellowship Hall
- Promptly at 6:30pm
- On the Game Square

Your Role:

- Establish discipline
- Participate – stand with your clubbers



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Large Group Time (Council Time)

- T&T Club Announcements
- Singing
- Bible Lesson
- Award presentations



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Large Group Time - Objectives

- Present the gospel and other Bible truths
- Sing praise songs
- Opportunity to share praises for the week
- Pray for the whole club
- Make announcements of upcoming events
- Recognize clubbers' and leaders' achievements by handing out awards
- Held in the Choir Room



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Large Group Time – Leader Role

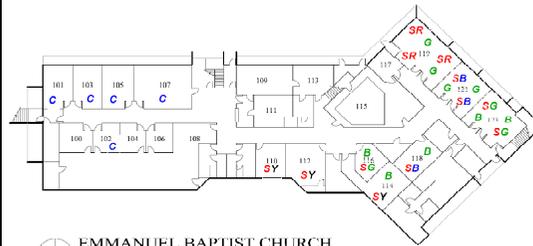
- Know what's going on
- Listen to the awards that are being presented
- Listen to the Bible lesson so that you may answer any questions
- Sit with your clubbers
- Cheer the clubbers
- Sing songs and do all the actions (Yes, really!)
- Help clubbers find scriptures
- Help with discipline and be ready to help



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Handbook Time



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Handbook Time - objectives

Handbook time is a small group segment during which T&T clubbers recite Scripture and discuss god's word from their handbooks

- Listen to verses recited
- Help clubbers memorize God's Word
- Help clubbers internalize God's Word
- Keep track of progress and their awards
- Encourage the clubbers to finish their handbooks



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Handbook Time – Leader Role

- Teaching spiritual truths
 - Open in prayer
 - Talk about specific Scripture passages that answer prayers.
 - Find out what is happening in the clubber's lives
 - Encourage the clubber's to help each other
- Passing handbook sections
 - Listen to verses and make sure every clubber has a chance
 - Explain spiritual truths – don't just listen and sign



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Handbook Time – Leader Role

- Teach clubbers how to memorize
 - Show them how to divide a verse into phrases
 - Explain what the verse means
 - Define and pronounce difficult words
 - Use various methods for group memorization
- Monitor progress
 - Keep kids informed about their progress
 - How many sections do they need to finish their books?
 - Write notes to parents that you suspect may not be fully informed about their child's progress



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Handbook Time – Leader Role

- Enforce Standards
 - Must pass an entire section during one session
 - No more than two helps – a help contains no more than 3-4 words
 - Clubbers must recite answers to question, references and verses.
 - Clubbers must pass sections in order
 - Pace clubbers by limiting them to 5 sections per club meeting
- Keep records
 - Track clubber attendance
 - Immediate rewards for achievements are great motivators



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Handbook Time – Leader Role

- Discipline
 - Determine in advance what the rules are
 - Explain them at the start of the year and enforce them with love and grace.
 - When they get you up against the ropes, just repeatedly say “Love and Grace, Love and Grace”

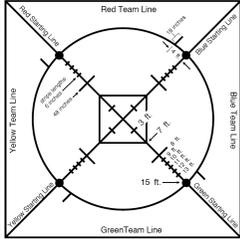


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Game Time

- Held in Fellowship Hall
- Objectives
 - Fun
 - Exercise
 - Good sportsmanship
 - Opportunity to excel




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Game Time – Leader Role

- Organize your team and maintain order
 - Make sure they stay behind the line
 - Stay with your team
 - Help pick clubbers to compete
 - Be aware of self conscious children
 - Respond immediately when the game director begins a 5 count
 - Support the game director
 - Ensure clubber participation



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Game Time – Leader Role

- Explain game rules
- Model good sportsmanship
 - Competition is healthy
 - Winning and losing are good things
 - Don't be a baby!
 - Be loyal but fair
 - Cheer

1Co 9:24-27 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.* Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.* Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.



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Awards

- Best when given out during Large Group Time
- Leader Role:
 - Hand out if needed
 - Cheer
 - Encourage



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Closing Ceremony

- Combined with Large Group time
- Encourage parents to come early and see the awards being handed out.
- End with prayer
- Encourage kids as they leave



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A Day in the Life of a T&T Leader 

After Club

- Greet and talk to parents
- Supervise – make sure that clubbers are safe and under control until picked up
- Assist the Director – clean up, rearrange chairs, etc.

- Reflect on the evening!

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