

WELCOME TO



2024-2025

Wednesday Nights
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Del Rio Bible Church

6381 Las Brisas Blvd

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Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed...
2 Timothy 2:15

DRBC AWANA Staff

2024-2025

Pastor – Joe Ricchuiti (830-768-1438)

Commander – Jordan Thomas (817-944-5770)

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Leaders:

Sparks Director – Dariela Champion (830-719-3039)

Cubbies Directors – Rachel Thomas (713-870-8747)

Dear Parent,

We are thrilled to have your child join our AWANA club this year. AWANA is an international, non-denominational, Bible-centered youth organization. The acronym AWANA stands for “Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed” from the Scripture verse found in 2 Timothy 2:15. We are excited about offering the following clubs for three-year olds through the 6th grade:

3 (potty trained) and 4-year olds Cubbies
Kindergarten through 2nd grade Sparks
3rd grade through 6th grade T&T

The weekly AWANA Club consists of three main parts:

1. Handbook Time - The child will be learning, memorizing and reciting Bible verses. Parents are encouraged to help children learn their verses at home. The more sections they can recite each week the more points they get, and possibly a high clubber award!
2. Large Group Time – A group session used for Bible-based teaching.
3. Game Time – The goal during this time is to promote good sportsmanship and teamwork. Points are also earned through team participation. To help prevent injuries, we strongly recommend clubbers wear long pants and tennis shoes.

Clubbers without closed-toed shoes will not get to play running games.

Please note that AWANA begins at 6:00 pm. We want to start on time. The church doors are open at 5:45 pm so your child may check in with their leader and be ready for the opening ceremony. AWANA ends at 7:30 pm. Only a parent or an authorized adult can pick up children. This is for the safety of all of our clubbers.

Your child will be working through a handbook during the year. This handbook and the appropriate uniform are purchased at the beginning of the year and will be awarded when the clubber completes their Entrance Booklet.

Clubbers are expected to wear their uniform each week and bring their handbook and a Bible. Club dues are used to support AWANA's international ministry. Dues are \$7 for the entire year or \$.25 each week.

We pray AWANA will be a positive experience for your child. Please feel free to stop in and observe and/or participate with us anytime. If you have a question, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Jordan Thomas
AWANA Commander
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Regarding FEES:

While AWANA uniforms and supplies do have a cost and Del Rio Bible Church does help to underwrite some of the cost, we realize the personal expense is daunting to some families. We do not want any child to miss this opportunity because of money. If you find AWANA fees to be a problem, please let your child's leader know or see our AWANA Secretary, Steve Plank, to arrange financial aid.

A clubber must have a uniform to receive the awards they earn.

AWANA Nightly Schedule

5:45 pm Doors Open

All club members check-in in the lobby as they arrive at the church.

6:00 pm – Opening Ceremony

	6:00 – 6:10	6:10-6:35	6:35-7:00	7:00-7:20	7:20-7:30
T&T	Opening Ceremony	Game Time	Handbook Time	Large Group Time	Awards (Sanctuary)
Sparks	Opening Ceremony	Handbook Time	Game Time	Large Group Time	Awards (Sanctuary)
Cubbies	Opening Ceremony	Lesson Time	Handbook Time	Snack & Play Time	Awards in Classroom

7:30 pm – Dismissal

Club leadership will dismiss children directly to their parents. If someone other than the parents will pick up the club member, prior arrangements must be made directly with the Club Director of that child. **Children will not be allowed to leave the premises unless accompanied by a parent or authorized adult.**

Handbook Guidelines

AWANA handbooks at DRBC use the NIV Bible translation. While reciting scripture from memory, AWANA has set the guideline of no more than two helps from a leader per section. That means if a leader must give the entire reference (Book name, chapter & verse number) to your child, the child has been helped two times (i.e. – “John”, “3:17”). On the third help, the leader will review the verse with the child and ask them to try again after some more study. **Remember it is two helps per section, not per verse; some sections have more than one verse.**

After your child has completed their entrance booklet (4-6 pages), he/she will get a uniform and the appropriate handbook. Some children may want to skip around while completing their handbook – unfortunately, there are limitations to this. The Sparks rank sections come first in the handbook and must be completed in order before moving on. Once rank is complete, clubbers can complete sections in any order. Once the entire book is completed, clubbers can move on to the next book (if appropriate) or will review the current book. During review, no helps are allowed.

Most children will be adequately prepared for the weekly AWANA club meeting if they spend 10 minutes a day 5 times a week in the club handbook. For the Cubbies and Sparks Clubs, verses have been set to music (find them streaming free online via YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music or you can contact Jordan for the zip files to download for offline use).

Keep in mind, these are only guidelines. Some children will breeze through their book, others will not. What’s important is that your child is learning God’s Word. Remember this and enjoy the time spent with your child in such an important area. You should take time to read the first few pages of your child’s handbook – you will find a lot of important and helpful information there.

Parents often ask, “How much must my child do each week to complete their handbook by the end of the AWANA year?” We have scheduled twenty-eight sessions for book work followed by an awards ceremony on May 7, 2025. Cubbies work together, all following the same schedule, but those who start late can do extra sections each week to complete their book by the end of the year. Sparks need to average 2 sections per week to finish their handbook. T&Ts need to average 2.4 sections per week to finish. Some sections are more difficult than others and consequently will take more effort and time. Remember, we are working to hide God’s Word in the heart; not just complete a handbook.

AWANA Awards

Entrance Booklet – this marks a child’s first achievement and they become an official club member. As official members they are eligible to wear their uniform and receive their club handbook. This entrance booklet is required each year for Cubbies and the first year for Sparks and T&T.

Handbook Awards – Uniform awards are earned for passing sections in their handbooks. Although parental help is encouraged, clubbers must pass sections with a leader during the weekly AWANA meeting to get credit for awards. A maximum of two helps per section are allowed. Because leaders must spend time with each individual child, clubbers should not normally expect to complete more than five sections in an evening.

Club Attendance Awards – Four club attendance awards can be earned each year. Clubbers will earn the award if they miss no more than one night each seven weeks.

Church Attendance Awards – Two church-attendance awards can be earned each year. Clubbers earn this award by consistently attending church (no more than two absences per each half of the AWANA club year).

Club Standards

We encourage good behavior through praise and rewards. We strive to be positive and show a child why his/her behavior was wrong and how he/she can do better next time. Our goal is to disciple children to help them become the person God created them to be.

1. Doors open to clubbers at 5:45 pm for check-in and to assemble with their specific club leader. Clubbers will proceed with their leaders to the sanctuary for the opening ceremony at 6:00 pm. The club meeting ends at 7:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend the weekly awards ceremony from 7:20 to 7:30pm.
2. Clubbers will not be allowed to leave the church premises unless a parent or authorized adult is with them.
3. Respectful language is always expected.
4. Care for and respect church property.
5. Pushing, shoving and rough housing are not permitted, while politeness and good manners are always welcome.
6. The “Five Count” is used to gain attention and quiet clubbers. The person in charge counts from one to five slowly and loudly. By the count of “five” clubbers are to be silent and listening for instruction.
7. The “Three Count” is a method of individual discipline. When implementing the three-count, the leader announces to the misbehaving clubber “one”, and that they are being placed under an AWANA Three Count. The leader also explains why the action is being taken and what will take place if given a “two” or a “three”. When given a “two”, the child is removed from the club group and taken to another room or office where the commander or another leader counsels the clubber. If the offense continues, a “three” is given and the leader or commander will call the clubber’s parents and ask that they come pick up their child. The commander or leader will explain the situation to the parents and emphasize that the clubber may return the following week as long as he/she agrees to show respect for others and act in accordance with these standards.
8. Uniforms and handbooks are earned by completing an entrance booklet. Upon receiving the uniform, the clubber should wear it to every meeting. Awards are presented only to clubbers who have uniforms.
9. AWANA clubbers are encouraged to regularly attend club and church. Clubbers earn church attendance awards by missing no more than twice over a four-month period of time during the AWANA club year.
10. Each clubber is expected to bring \$.25 for dues each club meeting. Alternately, these dues may be paid in a lump sum of \$7 during registration. These dues are used to support AWANA’s international ministry.

Notes

AWANA 2024-2025 Calendar

		9/11/24 Leader Training	9/18/24 Opening Night Jun-Sep Birthdays	9/25/24 Regular Club
10/2/24 October Birthdays	10/9/24 Hero Night	10/16/24 Regular Club	10/23/24 Sunglasses Night	10/30/24 No Club Fall Festival
11/6/24 November Birthdays	11/13/24 Regular Club	11/20/24 Patriotic Night	11/27/24 No AWANA Thanksgiving	
12/4/24 December Birthdays	12/11/24 Regular Club	12/18/24 “When I Grow Up” Night	12/25/24 NO AWANA Merry Christmas!	
1/1/25 NO AWANA Happy New Year!	1/8/25 January Birthdays	1/15/25 Hilarious Hair Night	1/22/25 Canned Food Drive	1/29/25 Canned Food Drive
2/5/25 February Birthdays – Canned Food Drive	2/12/25 Team Jersey Night Canned Food Drive	2/19/25 Regular Club	2/26/25 Zoo Night	
3/5/25 March Birthdays	3/12/25 Regular Club	3/19/25 NO AWANA Spring Break	3/26/25 Silly Sock Night	
4/2/25 April/May Birthdays	4/9/25 What a Hat! Night	4/16/25 Regular Club	4/23/25 Regular Club	4/23/25 Leader Appreciation Night
5/7/25 Awards, Pizza & Ice Cream				