



# Parent Guide

**2017-18**

**Calvary Baptist Church  
Derby, KS**

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## About Awana

Awana is an international, non-denominational, Bible-centered youth organization providing weekly clubs for children. It operates through thousands of local churches that share Awana's vision for evangelical outreach and effective discipleship of young people. The goals of Awana may be summarized by these words from their pledge, "[Our] goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, and train them to serve Him."

Awana provides a structured and disciplined program of activities that includes games, Bible lessons, scripture memorization, singing, and awards. The word "Awana" is an acrostic that comes from the first letters of this phrase in II Timothy 2:15, "Approved Workmen are Not Ashamed."

- 100% of the children who come to Awana hear the gospel
- Over 30 thousand churches in over 100 denominations have Awana programs
- Awana has clubs in 119 countries
- Over 2 million children are reached with the gospel each week around the world

## **From the Commander**

*Dear Parents,*

*As a parent myself, I know that raising children in today's society requires a great commitment on the part of every parent: a commitment to provide the best possible childhood experiences for them in education, in moral and spiritual training, in relationships with their peers, and in relationships with adults as role models. I believe that Awana can help you provide your children with these necessities through adult-directed games, Scripture memorization and spirit lead Bible teaching.*

*Our goal in Awana is "to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him." This goal reflects the direction of 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." With your commitment and support, these goals are achievable. I look forward to serving your family through this ministry in the 2017-18 Awana year and God bless you and your family.*

*Your Awana Commander,  
Jim Schwab*

## **From the T&T Directors**

*Dear Parents,*

*We welcome your children to another exciting Awana year. We trust and pray that the Lord will work mightily in the heart of each clubber this year as they are challenged to not only memorize but internalize God's word in their hearts during Small Group time, learn more about God and Jesus during Large Group Time and have fun during Game time. Your involvement throughout the year is also key to helping your child to learn and pass their sections by working with them and encouraging them each week. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your children as well as your willingness and commitment to have them in the Awana program.*

*Your T&T Directors,  
Melissa Schwab(Girls)  
Brian Hartzell (Boys)*

## Goals and Stats

Awana – Equipping kids with life-lasting faith in Christ.

Goals of Awana at each age:

- Preschool – Learning respect for God and the authority of His word
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> – Building a Biblical knowledge base
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Learning how to live in God's grace and show grace to others
- Middle School – Learning to follow the calling and will of God
- High School – Developing perspective to trust in God's sovereignty over all things

By completing all levels of the Awana program, your child will have:

- Read all 66 books of the Bible at least once
- Memorized over 800 Bible verses
- Awana Kids = Christ Centered Adults

	<b>Awana Alumni*</b>	<b>National Average*</b>
<b>Believe Christ is the only way to heaven</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Trust the Bible as God's Word</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Attend church regularly</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Read Scripture several times a week</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Serve in a local church</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Share their faith at least once a month</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>35%</b>

\*Information taken from Awana ministry catalog 2014-2015

# **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and WHY**

## **WHO MAY COME:**

Any child that is at least 8 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and in third, fourth, or fifth grade

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

Bible  
Start Zone Booklet/or handbook  
Desire to learn and have a good time  
Friends

## **WHAT TO WEAR:**

Uniform shirt  
Modest bottoms and tennis shoes

## **WHEN:**

Wednesday evenings 6:25-8:15  
August 30 through May 16 (see calendar)

## **WHERE:**

Calvary Baptist Church  
1636 E. Patriot Ave.  
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## **WHY:**

That all children may come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Behavior and Discipline Policy**

Clubbers are expected to behave in a manner that is conducive to learning, both for themselves and others. Clubbers are also expected to have a respectful attitude to Awana leaders and staff.

### The 5 Count

Used by the Club Leaders to get the group's attention. Leader counts, "1-2-3-4-5" and expects clubbers to be quiet and ready to listen.

### The 3 Strikes

Used by the Awana Staff to address individual clubbers' misbehavior.

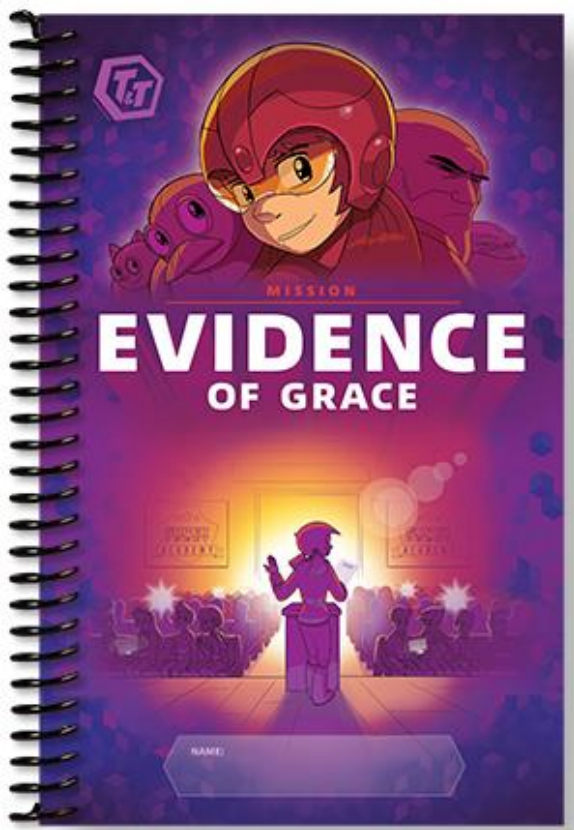
1. When a clubber acts inappropriately after gentle reminders, the clubber is given one strike.
2. If a clubber continues to create disturbances and disobey leaders, the clubber is given second strike. At this point the leader will redirect behavior and make any environmental changes that need to be made to help the child get back on track.  
(ie. moving the clubber to another seat)
3. If a clubber fails to correct his/her behavior and continues to create problems then he/she will be given a third strike. This will result in an immediate suspension. If the parents are not available the child will sit with an approved adult until the end of club. The clubber may be given an opportunity to return to club the following week, but only after the Commander and Director meet with the parent(s).

If this becomes a recurring problem additional measures may be discussed between the Director and the parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's Director or Commander.



## Handbooks

This year all T&T clubbers will be in the same handbook, Evidence of Grace. The clubbers will be working the same sections together as a group week to week. All clubbers will also need to complete the Start Zone before working sections in the handbook.



### HANDBOOK COMPLETION AWARDS

Each T&T child that completes a Handbook will receive a Book Completion award at the Year End Awards Ceremony.

## PASSING SECTIONS

There are four parts to completing a handbook section each week;

### ***Start Here – Explore – Memorize – Review***



Clubbers will need to complete each part to get the section sign off as complete.

### **EXTRA CREDIT (to earn Extra Credit Emblems)**



Clubbers can earn up to four silver emblems and four gold emblems per year. These sections are located within each lesson. They may be completed anytime throughout the year. They do not count towards completion of the handbook.

## Rewards and Incentives

### ***Mid-year Plateau***

At the halfway point of the year, January 10<sup>th</sup>, clubbers will have the opportunity to be invited to a plateau celebration. The goal is to be current with sections completed matching the lesson schedule. If a clubber is not quite there, absences and date entering the year will be evaluated to determine eligibility.

### ***Handbook Party***

There is also an incentive for completing their handbook. If a clubber completes their handbook for the year, they will be invited to the year end handbook party.

## **Tips on How Parents Can Help**

1. Please bring your child to club on time (Check-in starts at 6:10pm). Pick up your child at 8:15 p.m.
2. Make sure your child wears the uniform shirt to club. Proper display of clubbers awards contributes greatly to their sense of achievement.
3. Help your child prepare for Club each week, learning handbook material at home. Children enjoy and excel in Awana in direct proportion to parental interest. Take the time during the week to work with your child on the handbook activities and memory verses.
4. Visit club anytime. Your child will be thrilled to have you take part in club activities.
5. Encourage your child each step of the way. Learning is hard work!

## **T&T Club Expenses**

### **UNIFORMS AND BOOKS**

T&T clubbers are required to purchase a shirt and Handbook. Please talk to the Commander if the purchase of these items presents a problem for your family. We will do whatever we can to help you.

T&T Jersey Uniform \$17.00

T&T Handbook \$12.00

T&T Sling Bag (optional) \$9.00

Visit [www.store.Awana.org](http://www.store.Awana.org) for other optional gear and stuff.

# Awana Go

Clubbers are encouraged to perform home activities like extra chores to earn money to provide financial assistance to national and international Awana clubs that cannot afford handbooks, uniforms, and other items needed for an Awana club. We will be supporting clubs around the world.

Each clubber that brings money during Awana Go (Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>), receives an Awana Go region patch to put on their uniform.

For every \$10 that is raised, a child will have the chance to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!



## **Nightly Schedule**

6:10-6:25 Check-in

Parents check in their clubbers electronically (Gym)

6:30-7:00 Large Group Time (E16/18)

Prayer

Devotional

7:00-7:30 Games (Gym)

7:30-8:00 Small Group Time – (East Wing)

Leaders and clubbers work together in small groups discussing the Biblical concept for that week and reviewing the memory verse

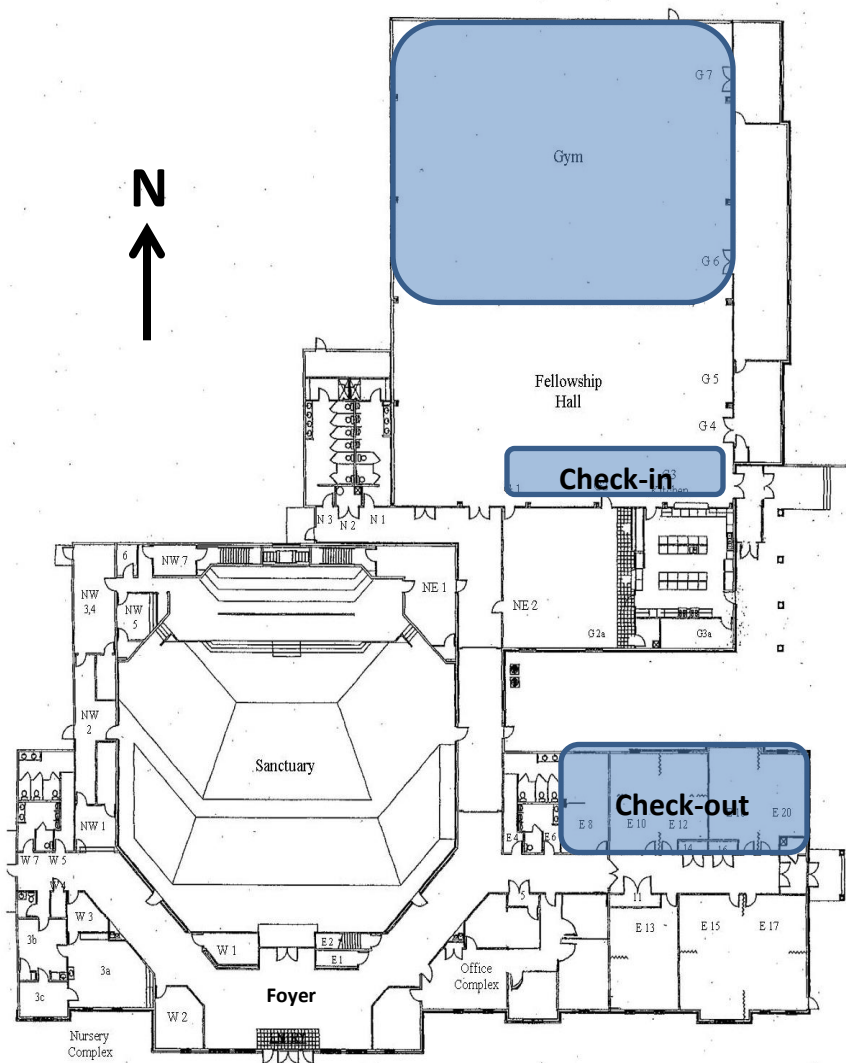
8:00-8:15 Fast Track (East Wing)

Clubbers will have opportunity to get there sections signed off by showing completed work and reciting required memory verses

8:15 Clubber Check-out

Parents check out their clubbers with receipt (Girls-E10/12, Boys E18/20)

Facilities Map



# Emergency Map

## EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

### EMERGENCY EXITS ○

### SEVERE WEATHER / TORNADOS

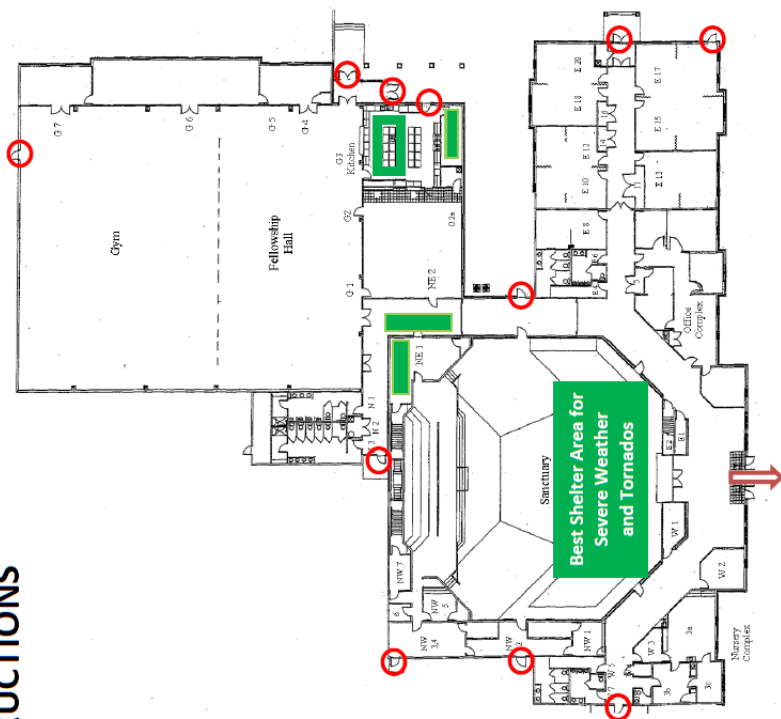
Proceed to the areas designated by GREEN:

1. Sanctuary — south (back) of auditorium
2. Gym Complex — hallway
3. Bell Choir Room (NE 1)
4. Kitchen and Pantry

### FIRE EMERGENCY

Alarms will sound and strobes will flash

1. Exit the building by the closest exit marked with a sign and noted on the map with a RED arrow.
2. Proceed safely to the south lawn at the front of the church.
3. Stay clear of emergency workers, and connect with family members.



In case of FIRE, go directly to the front lawn.

# T&T Calendar 2017-18

## T & T Large Group Time Schedule

The lesson marked in the third column is what the clubber should be working on the week following that lesson. For example, Lesson 1:1 will be taught on 9/6/2017. Your clubber should be working all lesson 1:1 activities and memorizing Jeremiah 10:10 Sept 7th through the 13th.

		Lesson	Lesson Title	Key Thought	Memory Verse
30-Aug	Night #1	Start Zone pt. 1 & 2	The Gospel & The Bible	God created, man sinned, Jesus saves.	Ephesians 2:8-9 Romans 10:17
6-Sep	Night #2	Lesson 1:1	God Is Truth	God is truth; He speaks truth, and we can trust Him.	Jeremiah 10:10
13-Sep	Night #3	Lesson 1:2	God Is All-Powerful	God is omnipotent; His strength is unlimited.	Jeremiah 10:12
20-Sep	Night #4	Lesson 1:3	God Is Everywhere	God is omnipresent; He is everywhere all at the same time.	Psalms 139:7-10
27-Sep	Night #5	Lesson 1:4	God Is All-Knowing	God is omniscient; He knows everything.	Psalms 139:1-3
4-Oct	No AWANA	CBC Mission Conference			
11-Oct	Night #6	Lesson 1:5	God Is Three in One	God exists as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	2 Corinthians 13:14
18-Oct	Night #7	Lesson 1:6	Unit 1 Review		(All Unit 1 verses)
25-Oct	Night #8	Lesson 2:1	Books of History	The Bible tells us the history of God's people.	Genesis 12:1-2
1-Nov	Night #9	Lesson 2:2	Books of Wisdom	The Bible teaches us wisdom and how to call out to God.	Proverbs 1:7
8-Nov	Night #10	Lesson 2:3	Books of Prophecy	The Bible contains God's messages to His people.	Deuteronomy 18:18-19
15-Nov	Night #11	Lesson 2:4	The Gospels	The Bible describes the life and teachings of Jesus.	1 Corinthians 15:3-4
22-Nov	No AWANA	Thanksgiving Break			
29-Nov	Night #12	Lesson 2:5	Acts	The Bible gives us the history of the early church.	Acts 13:48-49
6-Dec	Night #13	Lesson 2:6	The Epistles	The Bible instructs us through the teachings of early believers.	2 Thessalonians 2:15
13-Dec	Night #14	Lesson 2:7	Revelation	The Bible inspires us with a vision of the future reign of Christ.	Revelation 1:1-2
20-Dec	Night #15	Lesson 2:8	Unit 2 Review	(All Unit 2 verses)	
27-Dec	No AWANA	Christmas Break			
3-Jan	Night #16	Lesson 3:1	Image of God	We are in His image, giving us the will to choose what we do.	Genesis 1:26
10-Jan	Night #17	Lesson 3:2	Satan	Satan chose to be against God, seeking to deceive and destroy.	Genesis 3:1
17-Jan	Night #18	Lesson 3:3	The Fall	Adam and Eve chose to disobey God with dire consequences.	Genesis 3:6
24-Jan	Night #19	Lesson 3:4	Sin and Suffering	Sin and suffering are part of our world, but God gives us hope.	Romans 5:12
31-Jan	Night #20	Lesson 3:5	Jesus Christ	Jesus came as the Son of God, our Savior from sin.	Romans 5:19
7-Feb	Night #21	Lesson 3:6	The Lord's Return	Jesus will return and establish His reign; we have this hope.	1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
14-Feb	Night #22	Lesson 3:7	Eternity	Jesus will reign forever in the new heavens and new earth.	Psalms 102:25-27
21-Feb	Night #23	Lesson 3:8	Unit 3 Review	(All Unit 3 verses)	
28-Feb	Night #24	Lesson 4:1	Faith	Faith is believing in Jesus and what He has done for us.	Hebrews 11:6
7-Mar	Night #25	Lesson 4:2	Prayer	Prayer is an ongoing and personal conversation with God.	1 John 5:14
14-Mar	No AWANA	CBC Revival Week			
21-Mar	No AWANA	Spring Break			
28-Mar	Night #26	Lesson 4:3	Studying God's Word	God speaks through His Word, and we need to study it.	2 Timothy 3:16-17
4-Apr	Night #27	Lesson 4:4	Worship	Worship is a response to show God we love and glorify Him.	John 4:23-24
11-Apr	Night #28	Lesson 4:5	Serving	We follow Jesus' example when we serve with humility.	Matthew 20:28
18-Apr	Night #29	Lesson 4:6	Fellowship	It matters to God how believers treat each other.	Ephesians 4:1-3
25-Apr	Night #30	Lesson 4:7	Witnessing	We can show others what Christ has done in our lives.	Matthew 5:16
2-May	Night #31	Lesson 4:8	Unit 4 Review	(All Unit 4 verses)	
9-May	Night #32	Closing Night	Opportunity to finish hand books.		
16-May	Awards Night				