



GHCC
Children's
MINISTRIES

2010—2011



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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Awana team it is my honor to welcome you to the 2010-2011 Awana year. This is a very special year for Awana as we join with clubs across the nation and the world to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Awana! Each week Awana reaches over a million boys and girls in 110 countries with the Gospel of Christ.

This year we also have some exciting changes planned for the T&T clubs as we implement refinement to the Awana program for this important age group. Details on these changes are available in the Children's Ministry Office. We have many fun and exciting events planned that will challenge and help your child grow in their faith. Each clubber is part of a small group that has a dedicated leader to encourage your child and guide them as they work through their handbooks. I would encourage you to get to know your child's small group leader.

As parents you are an integral part of our club, we want to encourage and support you in your efforts to raise Godly children. To learn more about the Awana program and how it can be used in your family please plan on attending the Parent Orientation scheduled for September 8th at 7:00 pm.

Communication is very important in a large club like ours, the most accurate and up to date information concerning activities and events can be found on the GHCC website>Ministries>Children>Awana . The Awana theme this year is-- Kids for Christ, For Life, Forever. We could not agree more!! Thank you for allowing us to minister to your children! We are looking forward with great anticipation to what the Lord is going to do in the lives of His children this year.

In His service,
Bob Fischer
AWANA Commander

Awana Leaders

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From the Directors

Cubbies:

Cubbies is a wonderful time of learning God's Word through Bible stories, puppets, games, crafts and Bible memorization. What a privilege it is to partner with you as we introduce our Cubbies to a life long relationship with Jesus.

Serving Him together,
Jeanne Miller

Sparks:

We appreciate the blessing of helping you to "train up a child in the way he should go" as we foster your little one's interest in memorizing scripture. We plan to have fun together as we learn more about Jesus and His amazing love for us! We are excited to see how God will work in the lives of your children and your family through our Awana club.

Serving Joyfully,
Karen Colson, Lita Curtis & Lenora Greenway

T & T Girls:

We are very happy to have the opportunity to not only spend time with your daughters on Wednesday nights, but to also have several special events for the girls again this year. Our Mother / Daughter tea party was such a hit last year that we are bringing it back again this year!! Not to mention the AWANA store, sleepover and Grand Prix. We have some very big changes for our 5th & 6th graders also. I am very excited about all the upcoming changes and I know God will be with us. I want to thank you for trusting us with your daughters in club. We are very blessed to have a lot of our leaders come back this year and for all the new leaders that have signed up. God is GREAT!!!!!! I am looking forward to another wonderful year .

*In Christ,
Donna Sullivan*

T & T Boys:

It is a privilege to welcome your family to the Truth and Training (T&T) AWANA club. We want your child to have fun but most importantly that they come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. This year we are very happy to implement some very exciting changes for the club. The Fifth and Sixth graders will have new shirts, award system, and their own council time. Also they will have the opportunity to put their faith into action with service opportunities that reinforce what they have been learning in their handbook and council times. We will be happy to answer any and all questions. Please feel free to contact myself or Mike Hall (Assistant Director).

In Christ,
Joe Sullivan



Cubbies

Cubbies is the Awana program for preschoolers during the two years prior to entering Kindergarten, usually 3 & 4 year olds. Cubbies is unique because it supports and maintains parents as the primary source of spiritual nurturing by directly involving them in the teaching and learning process. Cubbies uses the fundamental Awana elements of games and activities, Bible memorization, handbooks, and awards.

Sparks

Sparks is the Awana Club for kindergartners, first-graders, and second-graders. Each club meeting has three parts. In Game Time, Sparkies enjoy entertaining games played on the Awana Game Circle. During Green Meadow Time, Sparkies gather for their age-appropriate Bible lesson. During Sparkle Time, clubbers recite Bible verses from memory, complete handbook sections, and earn awards.

Sparky, the friendly firefly, appears throughout the Bible-based materials to encourage clubbers to complete their handbook achievements.



T & T

T & T is the Awana Club for third thru sixth graders. Each club meeting has three parts. In Game Time clubbers play exciting games on the Awana Game Circle. During Handbook time they have a Bible lesson. During Handbook Time, clubbers recite Bible verses from memory, complete handbook sections, and earn awards. The T&T Clubs are divided into an upper and lower division. The lower division is called the Ultimate Adventure Club and is for 3rd & 4th graders. The upper division is for 5th & 6th graders and is called the Ultimate Challenge Club.

GHCC Awana Policy for 6th graders—All 6th grade students will be encouraged to participate in Middle School ministry as first line of preference. Only those 6th graders who wish to continue on in Awana (they must have completed their 5th grade year as a minimum) will be allowed to remain in club. No new 6th grade student will be admitted to club.

Club Schedule

Each week the club meetings will begin sharply at 6:45 PM. Check in begins at 6:30 PM (no earlier, please) at the kiosks in the lobby. Parents must check their children in and then take them to the MPR (except Cubbies who are taken to their classroom after check in). Due to safety concerns we do not allow dropping off of children for self-check-in. Visitors must check in at the CM Office.

Club ends for Sparks and T & T at 8:30 PM sharp! Cubbies end at 8:00 PM. Parents, thank you for picking up your children at the designated time and pickup locations. Please be considerate of our Awana Leaders and their families and pick up your children at their check-out locations no later than 8:30 PM. For your children's safety and everyone's peace of mind, we will not allow children to exit the building in order to meet you at your car. Children must be picked up by an adult with the correct pickup tag number. Children not picked up by 8:45 PM will likely be found with the Awana Commander or Children's Ministry Staff in the Lobby of the Education Center.

Pick-Up Locations:

Cubbies	Room 160, 161, 163, 134
Sparks	Multipurpose Room
T&T Boys	Rooms 210-211
T&T Girls	Rooms 151-153

Communication

In an Awana club of this size communication is key. We use three primary avenues to communicate with you:

1. Awana website at www.goldenhills.org. Click on **Children's Ministry** and then onto the **Awana** webpage.
2. Signs in lobby on club nights.
3. Awana Happening section of the church bulletin.

What can parents do to help?

At Home: Work with your child on a regular basis to learn and understand sections. Your support, such as praying with your children and memorizing scripture with them, is a great encouragement to them.

Special Events: Parents may be asked to attend a special night with their clubber or may want to help with some of the overnighter events or fundraiser nights. Be sure to ask your clubber's director how you can help.

Club Rules: Rules are designed to promote a smooth flow for a club meeting while protecting the clubbers, staff, property, and rights of others.

Game Time: Clubbers must wear closed-toed shoes (tennis shoes if possible) at game time. It is recommended that long pants be worn for the protection of their knees.

Guests/Visitors: Guests of a clubber or a visitor may attend 3 times before registration is required to attend again. **If you wait the full 3 times you may not have a space as all clubs fill quickly. When a club is full visitors are not allowed.** All visitors must check in at the office each time and get a nametag until they are registered.

Bring a Friend: All clubbers have handbook requirements to invite a friend to club. This is an important part of learning to share their faith. Visitor restrictions if in place do not apply. The bring a friend requirement can be completed anytime during the club year and can also be filled by bringing a friend to church or any Awana event.

Club Membership: Sparks and T&T are open to all boys and girls who are going into Kindergarten through 6th grades. After completing an entrance booklet, the children will start on their handbooks.

Cubbies is open to boys and girls ages 3 & 4. Parents of Cubbies who are not Awana leaders are required to help out in the Cubbies program.

Discipline Policy

In the event that discipline is required, the following procedure will be used by all clubs.

If a child is disrespectful or is disruptive to the club, the following procedure will occur:

- ⊗ A “1” count will be given for the first offense. This is usually done by the clubbers leader.
- ⊗ A “2” count will be given for the second offense, and the child will be counseled by the Club Director outside of the club room and then returned to club.
- ⊗ A “3” count is given for the third offense and the child is taken by the leader to the Children’s Ministry Office. The Club Commander will be notified and the child’s parents will be called for pick-up. If this occurs, there will need to be contact between parents and the Club Director before the next club meeting in order for the child to return to club. The clubber will miss the next club meeting.
- ⊗ If the clubber has to be sent home a second time, they must miss the next two club meetings, and a parent must meet with the Club Commander to discuss returning to club.
- ⊗ If a clubber is removed from club a third time, a meeting will be arranged with the Children’s Ministry Pastor and the parents to determine the proper consequences (which may include dismissal from the club for the remainder of the year).

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

Getting God's Word

Golden Hills Awana Clubs

"I delight in your decrees; I will not

This handbook pacing schedule provides suggested milestones for clubbers should be completed by the end of the quarter.

Club	Handbook	End of First
Sparks	HangGlider & Flight 3:16	Red Jewel 1 Section 2
	Wing Runner	Red Jewel 1 Section 6
	Skystormer	Red Jewel 1 Section 6
T&T Ultimate Adventure	Book One & Start Zone	Discovery 2 Section 2
	Book Two	Discovery 2 Section 7
Ultimate Challenge	Book One & Start Zone	Challenge 2 Section 7
	Book Two	Challenge 2 Section 7
Club nights in Qtr.		8
Date		October 27

One of the things that makes Awana unique is it's emphasis on men encouraged to read, understand and memorize God's Word. This is with your child at home on their handbook sections helping them un guide can help you and your clubber stay on track. At the end of ea Sunday. Clubbers are encouraged to wear their uniform to church a keep up with where your child needs to be in their book.

Special Events (See calendar in back of handbook for dates)



Grand Prix

All clubs will have the opportunity to participate in the Awana Grand Prix held each Spring here at Golden Hills. Clubbers will make their own race cars out of a kit and then get to race against other clubbers. This is an event for the entire family.

T & T Overnights

The T & T Boys and Girls clubs each have their own overnights each year. Look for more information coming home with your child.

Sparkie & Cubbie Drive In

The Sparks & Cubbies have a Drive in movie afternoon in the MPR. They make their own cars out of large boxes and watch a family movie on the big screen. They also get to pick items from the concession stand to munch on.

Super Section Sundays

Clubbers wear their uniforms to church and leaders are on hand to listen to verses and sign off sections.



Awana Games & Spark A Rama

A team of clubbers from our Awana club competes against teams from other Awana Clubs playing games on the Awana Circle.



T&T Bible Quizzing

Competition between Awana clubs answering quiz questions from their Awana Handbooks.

Awards

The Awana program has a variety of awards recognizing the progress that clubbers are making. There are three major types of awards that clubbers earn on a weekly basis.

1) Handbook Awards—As the clubbers progress through their handbooks they earn awards for completing certain sections of their handbooks. The awards are presented each night during the club year and should be proudly displayed on your clubbers uniform. Awards can only be handed out to clubbers who are in uniform.

2) Awana Attendance Awards—The Awana year is divided into quarter. Clubbers are awarded attendance awards if they have no more than 2 unexcused absences per quarter.

3) Sunday School Attendance Awards—Awana encourages clubbers to be regular attendees at their local church. It does not have to be Golden Hills. For Sunday School attendance the Awana year is divided into halves. Clubbers are recognized for their Sunday School attendance when they have no more than two unexcused absences per half year.

What is an excused absence? Sickness, family vacations, and other circumstances outside the clubbers control are considered excused absences.

A Word about Awards:

While the awards system is an important part of the club experience and is designed to help motivate a clubber to progress through their handbooks it is not the reason to attend club. We very much view awards as training wheels that are present until a strong love for God's Word is developed. Some children will need very little encouragement in this area and as they grow in their walk with Jesus the awards will become secondary to their hunger for God's Word. You can help us by putting awards in the proper context. Having God's Word is the greatest award that we can possibly have!!!

Special Needs

Not all children will be able to complete the Awana material. Some will find memorization difficult, others will not be capable of reading or otherwise completing materials. If your child is having difficulties please contact your clubs director or the club commander and we will do our very best to create an Awana experience that will work for your child. The sooner you let us know of an issue the quicker we can modify the program to meet your child's specific needs. We have seen God do breathtaking things in the lives of special needs clubbers.

Registration Information

Club Fees

Club registration fee of \$30 is collected at registration along with monies for uniform and handbooks (if needed). Registration will begin on August 1, 2010. Awana fees cover some but not all of the operating expenses of the club. **NO CHILD WILL EVER BE DENIED ACCESS TO THIS MINISTRY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. IF THERE IS A GENUINE NEED, PLEASE CONTACT Children’s Ministry Staff.**

2010—2011 Costs for Uniforms and Handbooks

	<u>Uniform</u>	<u>Handbook</u>	<u>Bag (optional)</u>
Cubbies	\$15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.00
Sparks	\$15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.00
T&T	\$15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.00

Uniforms and handbooks will be given to the clubber after they have completed:

- Cubbies Bear Hug brochure
- Sparks Flight 3:16
- T & T Start Zone

Extra Credit

Upon completion of all required handbooks, supplementary extra credit materials may be purchased and completed. The materials are priced as follows:

- Cubbies Character Builders \$5.00
- Sparks Frequent Flyer \$10.00

Lost Items

If your clubber loses a handbook or uniform they may purchase a new one. For replacement expenses please refer to the costs above. If we have a used uniform shirt available the clubber may use it. Ask at the Children’s Ministry Office about availability.

Old Uniforms

If you have a used Cubbies or Sparks vest or T&T shirt you may donate it to Awana to be used by someone in need. Please clean and remove any awards prior to donation.



Theme Night Descriptions

(See calendar on next page)

Life Savers Night—Everyone brings a pack of life savers to club. At story time and council time we pass them around and talk about the real life savers, firemen, policemen, paramedics, and of course the ultimate life saver Jesus Christ.

Parent Night—Parents come and go through club with their children.

Bible Hero Night—Come dressed as your favorite Bible hero.

God and Country Night—Wear your patriotic colors and write letters to service men and women.

Canned Food Night—Bring a canned food to donate to the Community Outreach Center.

Light to the World Night—Bring a flashlight and light up the night for Christ.

Christmas Celebration—Celebrate Jesus' Birthday with singing, cake, and the reading of the Christmas story.

Sports Night—Come to club dressed for your favorite sport.

Crazy Hair Night—Clubbers are encouraged to wear a crazy hair style.

Hearts Night—Clubbers cover their uniforms with hearts.

Coin Drive—Bring money to donate to our Adopt a Club in Chad.

Purple Robe Night—Wear purple tonight, paper sashes are fine.

Crazy Hat Night—Wear your craziest hat to club.

Leader Appreciation Night—Children can make and bring things for their leaders.

Beach Party Night—come dressed in your best beach wear. Girls—please no bathing suits.

Pajama Night—come to club dressed for bed.

GHCC Awana Calendar 2010 - 2011

All special nights will be preceded by an informational flyer the week prior. Open Night indicates “clubs as usual”.

September

- 8 First Regular Club Night
- 15 Open Night
- 22 Life Savers Night
- 29 Open Night



October

- 6 Open Night
- 13 Adopt a Club Night
- 20 Parent Night
- 24 Super Section Sunday
- 27 Bible Hero Night—End of 1st Quarter
- 31 GHCC Annual Harvest Carnival

November

- 3 Bring a Can of Food Night #1
- 6 T&T Girls Tea
Cubbie & Sparkie Drive In
- 10 God & Country Night
- 17 Bring a Can of Food Night Final Night
- 24 No Awana—Thanksgiving Eve Family Service in the
Worship Center at 7:30 PM



December

- 1 Open Night
- 8 Light to the World Night
- 15 Christmas Celebration
- 22 NO CLUB
- 29 NO CLUB



January

- 5 Open Night
- 9 Super Section Sunday
- 12 Sports Night-End of 2nd Quarter
- 15 Awana Games Practice #1
- 19 Open Night

January (Continued)

- 22 Awana Games Practice #2
- 26 Crazy Hair Night
- 29 Awana Games Practice #3



February

- 2 Open Night
- 5 Awana Games Practice #4
- 6 T&T Boys Superbowl Party
- 9 Hearts Night
- 12 Awana Games & Spark A Rama
- 16 T&T Awana Store Night
- 23 Open Night
- 25 T & T BOYS ONLY Overnighter
- 26 Grand Prix Workshop #1
- 27 T&T Quiz Practice #1



March—Missions Month

- 2 Coin Drive Begins
- 6 Super Section Sunday
- 9 Coin Drive Continues—End of 3rd Quarter
- 16 Wear Green
Coin Drive Continues
- 23 Coin Drive Continues
- 26 T & T Quiz Meet
- 30 Last Night to bring those Coins!

April

- 2 Grand Prix Workshop #2
- 6 Crazy Hat Night
- 14 Pajama Night
- 16 Grand Prix
- 20 Purple Robe Night
- 27 Leader Appreciation Night
- 29 T&T GIRLS ONLY Overnighter



May

- 4 Beach Party Night
- 13 Awards Night

