

Dear Parents and Clubber:

**Welcome back!!** Or, if you are new, **welcome to AWANA**, a club whose goal is to “reach boys & girls with the Gospel of Christ & train them to serve Him.” We are thrilled that you have decided to enroll your child(ren) in AWANA! Thank you in advance for making your child(ren)’s spiritual growth a priority.

**AWANA Club will begin on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm with a dinner welcoming everyone back. The whole family is invited! Club officially begins on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The times are 6:15 pm to approximately 7:45/8 pm for Sparks and T&T. Trek will start at 6:30pm and end at the same time.**

Each new Clubber will receive a uniform and their first handbook that will be theirs to keep upon completion of an entrance booklet, which takes approximately 2 weeks. Each Clubber has the opportunity to earn many prizes and awards throughout the year. **Each week, your Clubber should come with his/her uniform, handbook, Bible, and an offering.** (The offering can be as little as a penny or as much as you are comfortable.) At the end of the year, we donate the offering to a worthwhile cause. So far, we have made donations to Center of Hope’s Bicycle Program, the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls, and to a family from George who lost their daughter to a fire. We ask that your child comes with a bag, cinch sack or backpack to keep his/her items in and clearly marked with their name. If your child doesn’t have a Bible, we will be able to provide one.

**We have some changes this year!! We will be offering a program for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders called Trek!! So if you have any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your home, sign them up!! Also, the T&T Adventure (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades) and T&T Challenge (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades) have new curriculum. Any clubber in these groups will be starting with an entrance booklet in the new format.**

The registration fee for AWANA is \$25 per child. There are financial options available. If you are unable to pay for the registration fee (whether up front, through weekly payments or a payment plan), our church will help. We will let the Clubbers “pay” the registration fee by doing helpful chores before or after club. **We don’t want the cost to interfere with your child participating in AWANA.**

We want to encourage you as parents to look at your Clubbers entrance booklet and handbook and help him/her memorize the verses. It might be a great challenge for *you* to memorize them with your Clubber! Your child must recite all the verses (verse and reference) in a section. They are allowed only 2 helps in order to pass the section. **We would like each Clubber to come prepared to recite at least one section every week.** If he/she knows more than one, that’s great! If your Clubber has difficulty memorizing, we have some tips-just let your Clubber’s Handbook Leader know.

Your child will check in with their group’s secretary at the beginning of each AWANA night, where we will take attendance and receive offering and payments. We also would like to encourage the Clubbers to attend Sunday School regularly. At the end of the night, please come into the church sanctuary to pick up your child. We also do Awards each night, so you can cheer on the clubbers as they earn awards!

We hope this helps you understand AWANA, and we are delighted to have your child join our club! You are welcome to visit at any time. It is our desire that your Clubber learns God’s Word better, and that each Clubber makes a commitment to accept Jesus Christ as his/her Lord and Savior.

If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering with this fabulous program, please feel free to contact Teresa Harms at the church office: 725-2366 or email [frcboyds@premieronline.net](mailto:frcboyds@premieronline.net).

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Registration Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 per child                      Total \_\_\_\_\_

Other options:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to set up a payment plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my child/ren to do helpful chores before/after club to pay for their cost of attending AWANA.

Contact Information:

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

"The best way to get ahold of me is email/phone." (Circle one)

You may either turn the completed form in to Shari Fedders, Boyden Library or mail/drop off at First Reformed Church, 901 Pleasant St, PO Box 339, Boyden IA 51234. You can also bring the form to the supper on September 12<sup>th</sup>.





## **IT'S TIME FOR AWANA!**

The Boyden AWANA is back at First Reformed Church! This program is open to area children ages kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

AWANA is scheduled to start Wednesday September 12, 2018, 6:15 pm, with a meal for all clubbers and their families!! There is no charge for the meal.

Classes will be Wednesday nights starting September 19, 2018 from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm for Sparks and T&T (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade). Trek starts at 6:30 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>).

For more information or to register a child, please contact Teresa Harms at Boyden First Reformed at 712-725-2366 or email [frcboyds@premieronline.net](mailto:frcboyds@premieronline.net).

# Club Information

As you may have heard, this club is one of thousands of AWANA clubs in churches around the world. The International Headquarters is in Streamwood, Illinois. These church-based, community programs are open to all children regardless of faith or home church. Each club meeting consists of: opening time, large group, handbook time, games, and closing/awards.

During Opening, we all meet in the sanctuary and gear up for the night! Sometimes we sing songs, share talents, and answer questions. We say the AWANA prayer and say a prayer for the night.

Large Group Time is when all of each section (Sparks, T&T Adventure, T&T Challenge – see below) meet with their handbook leaders to learn a lesson given by the Large Group Leader.

Handbook Time is when the Handbook Leaders meet with their clubbers to listen to verses and help children with their handbook exercises.

Game Time is probably the Clubbers favorite time!! Competition during Game Time is exciting!! Clubbers are encouraged to play fair, cheer for their team and to have fun! They are also provided a drink and snack following their game time.

Closing Time is when we all meet back up in the sanctuary. Any awards earned are given and the clubbers are cheered for their accomplishment!! We update the clubbers on how much they've raised with the offering. We end with prayer, offering clubbers to share prayer requests.

The schedule for AWANA night is as follows: (times are approximate/schedule is subject to change)

Opening Time – Sparks & T&T – 6:15 pm

6:25 pm

Handbook Time – T&T Adventure

Game Time – T&T Challenge

Large Group Time – Sparks

6:55 pm

Handbook Time – Sparks

Game Time – T&T Adventure

Large Group Time – T&T Challenge

7:20 pm

Handbook Time – T&T Challenge

Game Time – Sparks

Large Group Time – T&T Adventure

Closing Exercises – ALL – 7:45 pm

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm – Trek

Sparks – Kindergarden thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

T&T Adventure – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

T&T Challenge – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Trek – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades