

FAQS for AWANA Club **at Lewisburg Alliance Church (LAC)**

What happens during AWANA at LAC? What's the nightly schedule?

After checking-in, we begin club all together in the gym, each kiddo with their assigned group (*Cubbies 3 years-PreK, Sparks K-2nd, TNT 3rd-5th*). Our Commander Matt Barr, opens with a welcome & prayer, and asks two kids to "present the colors" (the American Flag and the Awana Flag). We recite the pledges to both flags:

Awana Flag Pledge:

*I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for Awana Clubs,
Whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ,
And train them to serve Him.*

Then we take a few moments to talk about the special theme for the night. We then collect any food donations for the local food bank and collect offering money for our specified missionaries.

THIS YEAR -- Our designated missionary for the year is Paradise Mountain Ministries. All money collected all year will all go directly to this Christian ministry partner. The kids will get to present the offering collected to the staff of Paradise Mountain at the closing program in May! This year, we will also collect specific non-perishable food items for Paradise Mountain, on our monthly Missionary Night. Learn more about Paradise Mountain Ministries here: <https://www.paradisemtn.org/>

After praying over our evening, the kids go to their first rotation, and continue through it, until the end of the night, when we Close together, back in the gym.

CUBBIES ROTATION - Opening, Lesson Time, Games, Activity/Snack, Closing

SPARKS ROTATION - Opening, Lesson Time, Activity, Games, Closing

TNT ROTATION - Opening, Games, Lesson Time, Activity, Closing

Can kids bring non-perishable food items to Awana every week?

Yes! We collect food donations every week! Most weeks, the food will go directly to the local food bank. Once a month, the food collected will go to Paradise Mountain Ministries, our special missionary for the year. Check your email each week with reminders about any specific food items needed!

Why is there a cost to participate in Awana?

Simply, it costs money to run the Awana program. The church sets money aside to help pay for the cost each year and for scholarships, but your dues go towards the cost of books, shirts, vests, badges, and other awards, supplies and materials, and special event treats and/or supplies.

Is there a special theme every week? Does my child have to participate in the theme?

Every week, as listed on the Awana calendar, is a special and/or silly theme! Sometimes the theme does not have much of a special meaning or intention, just a fun way to participate (like a theme color) and other times the theme has a significant lesson or topic that will be discussed that night! It is totally optional if your child wants to and/or is able to participate in a theme! Check your weekly Awana email for upcoming themes and reminders!

What is the monthly “Missionary Night” theme all about?

One Wednesday every month, our special theme is “Missionary Night.” This is a night when kids can bring in information about a Christian missionary or organization that they researched, and we pray over them and learn about them! Kids are welcome to use the “Missionary Forms” as a guide to write down information or draw a picture about what they learned. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to take some time during the week, and learn together about Christians all over the world and how they are sharing Jesus with others...learn about a different country, different culture, hardships, and joys of that area, and how we can pray for them! This year, also on Missionary Night, we will ask kids to bring in a special donation of food for Paradise Mountain Ministries!

What if my child is having a hard time memorizing scripture?

It's ok! We love and adore your children! They are precious to us and they are so precious to God. We are **so glad** you are sending them to Awana! Regardless of if they are able to memorize scripture or not, they are being exposed to God's word, the Bible, every single week! They are hearing about Jesus, who He is, and who they are in Him! At Awana, we encourage kids to study their lesson and/or Bible verses throughout the week, as we see it as the most important investment (for all of us!). And we also understand that life is busy and messy! Even if your child is not able to work on their verses or lessons throughout the week, still send them to Awana! It's ok!

What are the “points” that my child is earning at Awana?

The points earned at Awana are a simple incentive for kids to keep trying and doing their best! The kids will earn points for many things throughout the year, such as: bringing their Awana bag, book, vest/shirt, and Bible each week, bringing a friend, bringing offering, bringing food donations, participating in the weekly theme, demonstrating a Christ-like characteristic during Club, and many other ways! The kids will get to “cash in” their points at the end of the year, during our special “Store Night.”

Who are the leaders/teachers/volunteers at Awana?

Each group has a Leader that is the main contact person and main teacher for that age group:

Cubbies - Mrs. Jane Case - “Miss Jane”

Sparks - Mrs. Becky Chappell - “Miss Becky”

TNT - Mrs. Lauren Halteman - “Miss Lauren”

We also have many other significant & valuable volunteers that help every week in every age group. All volunteers have been approved to serve by the LAC leadership/staff, and all volunteers have been cleared by PA state background checks and clearances.

How can I get involved with Awana?

We welcome your involvement! If you are interested in volunteering, in any capacity, let us know! There is room for you to help! New to this year is also an opportunity to lead the game time....we are asking for parent involvement once a month during games!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ABAD23A1F9C34-awana#/>

My child does not have a Bible.

No worries! We can provide them with a new Bible to have, keep and cherish! Just let us know!

Are the children that participate in Awana at LAC all from the LAC community?

Nope! Awana is open to all and any children! There is a mix of kids from LAC, from other churches, kids that do not attend a church, from close and far away, and everything in between! All are welcome!

Is there transportation provided?

The LAC van does provide limited pick up and drop off to children attending Awana. We also help people get connected to others, for carpooling and ride shares!

If you need transportation, in order for your child to attend Awana, please contact LAC's Children's Ministries Director, Lauren Halteman at laurenh@lewisburgalliance.com

Who can I contact for general Awana questions and/or if I have any concerns regarding Awana?

We are here to help and to listen! We value your feedback and desire to get you the answers you are seeking! Please feel free to contact LAC's Children's Ministries Director, Lauren Halteman at laurenh@lewisburgalliance.com.