

# COVID-19 EDITION

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

#### Well... welcome to Awana?

You can chalk up Awana as yet another activity heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The end of last club year was bizarre and it seems we're in for another strange few months as we move forward. The information contained in this parent booklet is often pretty predictable (and rightfully so): here's what Awana is, here's what we do, here's what we expect of you, etc. While there will be carry-over from previous years, you can expect this year's booklet to look pretty different in key areas.

The biggest changes will concern where we meet. We're doing our best to keep everyone safe and to abide by governmental restrictions. Because of this, the "feel" of an average club night won't be like it's always been. Our whole-club assemblies won't be taking place for the foreseeable future and game time will look a bit different.

Despite the changes, our core desire remains the same. As we pledge to the Awana flag, our purpose is **to reach** boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

Whether there's a pandemic going on or you're struggling to find a few minutes to rest at home, everything is about Jesus. We pray that all we do is about Him. Awana isn't about being good (though we're all for respect and obedience). Awana is about being reconciled to God. We can't memorize enough verses or get enough Awana bucks to be right with God. Only Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection three days later makes us right with God. The Gospel is our foundation and our lifeblood.

We're glad we get to play a role in your child's spiritual development, but it's clear in the Bible that the overall spiritual health of your clubber is *your* responsibility. In light of that, we'd love to have you join us whenever you'd like. For safety's sake, all first time visitors must wear a visitor's badge if he or she wishes to stay. If you'd like to be here regularly (for whatever reason), ask Commander Caleb about undergoing a background check.

Awana is a time-tested program, but it can't thrive apart from you, the parents. We want to partner with you in the discipleship of your clubber and will be glad to know of any special needs your child has. We typically ask several things of you, the grown-up, in encouraging your clubber. This year, those things will look a bit different. Whatever the specifics, we'd ask that you:

Encourage your clubber's involvement in Awana regularly.

Model for your clubber faithfulness
to a local church body (and Sunday school).

Work with your clubber in his or her book
so he or she can complete sections.

Celebrate hard work and achievements.

All of our leaders have been born again by God's glorious grace. Each of them are committed to helping our clubbers know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether it's helping clubbers apply their learning to their fun in **Game Time**, memorize and apply portions of God's Word in **Handbook Time**, or listen to Scripture taught as it applies to our daily lives in **Counsel Time**, we're excited to see what God has in store for your family in this strange year of Awana.

Ever only by God's grace,

Pastor Caleb Walker – Awana Commander

## COVID-19 RULES/PRECAUTIONS

By registering your clubbers to be a part of our club, you are signifying your assent to PCC's Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to Coronavirus/COVID-19

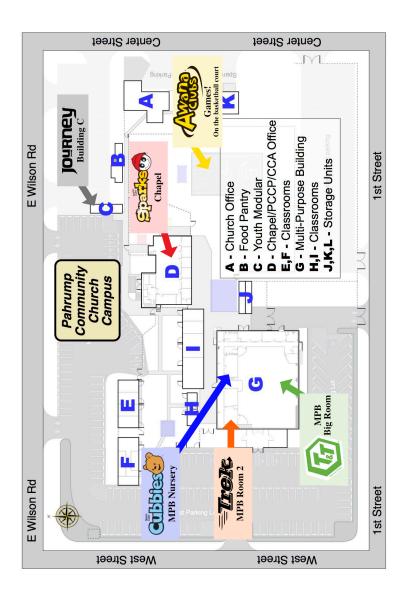
On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. COVID-19 is highly contagious and known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people over the past several weeks.

By attending Pahrump Community Church ("PCC") services or any associated activities, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, PCC leadership, employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against PCC and any other listed parties, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

Our desire is the health and safety of our clubbers and their families. Consequently, here's our COVID-19 plan:

- ALL LEADERS will be required to wear face masks throughout the evening.
- CLUBBERS TEN YEARS OLD AND OVER will be required to wear face masks throughout the evening (in accordance with Governor Sisolak's directives). Those under ten will be welcome to wear face masks but will not be required to do so.
- We will try to maintain the SIX-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE between people when possible.
- Our clubs will be SPREAD ACROSS CAMPUS to minimize large group interactions.



All clubbers will be starting the evening with their age groups. Rather than coming to the MPB, each club will check in at and depart from the locations mentioned above.

## CLUB RULES

The club rules are designed with your child's safety in mind. Your assistance in adhering to these few rules will greatly improve the safety of your child and all of our clubbers.

- Each clubber must cooperate with and obey his or her leaders.
- Each clubber must remain on church grounds during club hours (except for Trek or Journey outings).
- Each clubber must stay with his or her group from arrival until departure.
- Each clubber should not run or play in any of the buildings unless otherwise directed.
- Each clubber must participate in every portion of the club meeting unless he or she is injured or provides a note from a parent or guardian.
- Parents or guardians of Cubbies, Sparks, and T&Ters must sign their children out no later than 7:45pm. No one under 18 years of age is allowed to pick up children.

## CLUBBER DRESS CODE

We desire your child to be happy and healthy every week. Since we strive for the education and safety of each clubber, we do require adherence to a dress code.

- Once qualified to wear it, all clubbers should wear the official Awana uniform every club night. It must be worn in the proper manner and with the proper awards displayed.
   (Without a uniform, clubbers will be inelegible to receive awards.)
- Long sleeve shirts or sweaters can be worn under the club uniform/shirt. As we will spend more time outside this year, coats are recommended for cold weather.
- Long pants are recommended. If your girl wears a dress or a skirt, her leader can choose to keep her out of certain games if appropriate.
- Tennis shoes or a soft-soled tennis-like shoe must be worn. For safety reasons, sandals, stocking feet, and bare feet likely will not be allowed during game time.

### 5-COUNT DISCIPLINE

Awana's wonderful approach to crowd-control is known as the "five count." When a leader needs the clubbers' attention, he or she will hold up his or her fingers and audibly count from one to five. By the count of five, we expect all clubbers to be quiet with their hands to themselves and to be paying full attention to the adult in charge. If a clubber does not respond to the five count, his or her leader will proceed to what is known as the "three count."

## 3-COUNT DISCIPLINE

If a problem arises in a clubber's conduct, behavior, attitude, etc., and every effort has been made to correct it, we will begin the three count.

#### **One Count**

This is a warning given by the leader to the clubber.

#### **Two Count**

If the clubber does not respond to the warning, he/she will be taken to the Director who will issue him or her the two count.

When a clubber receives the two count, he or she will sit out the rest of the club night.

#### **Three Count**

The clubber is taken to the Commander who will decide, based on the seriousness of the issue, whether or not to call the parent/guardian and have the child taken home. If a clubber receives the three count and is excused from club, he or she is automatically suspended from club for one week. The Commander will then dialogue with the parents to reach a resolution to the issue.

## IMPORTANT ETCETERAS

We have found stuffed animals/dolls/robots/shapes to be distractions to our clubbers in years past. We request that clubbers leave these at home.

We have also found phones/mp3 players/tablets to be distractions to our clubbers in years past. With the exception of texting parents/guardians, we request that clubbers put these away after 5:45 and until the end of club.

## SUNDRIED ISSUES

We have several additional policies regarding issues that have arisen in past years. Though this page typically offers a condensed breakdown of these policies, the COVID-19 restrictions and accommodations render these policies temporarily irrelevant. We will be far more flexible with requirements this year than usual. Let's just summarize, shall we?

Most of our handbooks have sections regarding bringing friends to club. We want you to have an outreach-y mindset, but we'll work with you on this.

We don't know whether or not Scholarship Camp will convene again next year (though we assume it will). We have policies regarding requirements for camp and for fundraising.

We want you to be involved in the life of a local church. To qualify for "church" related rewards, you'll need to fellowship in a worship service. Again, COVID-19 renders this trickier.

Clubbers will be assigned a club based on their current school grade.

Any exceptions will need to be run through Commander Caleb.

In addition to the costs for materials, each year we ask for \$15.00 for dues. This will offset the cost of awards we purchase.

We don't believe this price is oppressive, but we are glad to talk to families who aren't sure they can afford our club.

We want everyone to be a part of our Awana family!



# Preschool (3 & 4 Year Olds) - MPB Nursery -

Director - Danielle McKee

Each Cubbie will need to say verses by him or herself to receive credit. Each Cubbie will receive one or two helps. Cubbies must say verses and references together. In longer sections, Cubbies must say the verses in the order they appear.



# Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Chapel -

Director - Diana Hill

Each Spark will need to say a section's verses in order by him or herself to receive credit. Each Spark may receive one or two helps.

Red Jewels: Except for the "Bring a Friend" section, they must be completed in consecutive order.

Green Jewels: They may be completed in any order, but sections within the jewels must be done consecutively.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - MPB Big Room -

Each clubber must pass each section in a single sitting.

Each clubber may receive no more than two helps per section.

Each clubber must recite references and verses. Each clubber must complete all section activities.



7th and 8th Grade

- MPB Room 2 -

Director - Shannon Coibion

Each clubber must read the Scripture passages every week and complete the accompanying questions.

Each clubber must recite all verses in a section in a single sitting.

Each clubber must read and summarize the yearly required books of the Bible according to the Two-Year plan.

Clubbers should see the Trek Director for instructions regarding summaries.



## **High School**

## - Building C -

Directors - Pastor Keith and Kim Walker

Each clubber must complete all portions of the lesson and the questions each week.

Each clubber must read and summarize the yearly required books of the Bible.

Clubbers should see the Journey Directors for instructions regarding summaries.

Clubbers must complete the "Citation Requirements" as listed in the back of their books.



Senior Pastor - D. Keith Walker Awana Commander - Caleb Walker Awana Secretaries - Tracy Wright and Angie Lansciardi Games Director - Don Sutton PCC Secretary - Karen Crispell Awana Missionary - Jeff Gilpin

## MATERIAL COSTS\*



Bear Hug Brochure - Free, then \$.25 Handbook - \$11.00 • Vest - \$11.00 Bag (Optional) - \$7.00



Flight 3:16 - Free, then \$.25 Handbook - \$11.00 • Vest - \$11.00 Bag (Optional) - \$7.00



Start Zone - Free, then \$.25 Handbook - \$11.00 • Shirt - \$17.00 Backpack (Optional) - \$13.00



Trek Check - Free, then \$.25 Handbook - \$11.00 • T-Shirt - \$15.00 Backpack (Optional) - \$13.00

# **Journey**

Faith's Foundations - Free, then \$.25 Handbook - \$20.00 • T-Shirt - \$15.00 Backpack (Optional) - \$13.00

<sup>\*</sup>Each clubber should have a uniform and a handbook. We ask that each family pay its fees as early in the year as possible. We also recognize that not all families can afford these costs. Please see Commander Caleb if the financial component of our Awana club is an issue for you. We don't want anyone to feel they can't fully be a part of Awana.

## **BOOK AWARDS**



The **Sparky Award** for completion of all three Sparks handbooks.

The Excellence Award for completion of any two 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade handbooks.



The **Challenge Award** for completion of any three 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade handbooks.

The **Timothy Award** for completion of any four 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade handbooks.



## **BOOK AWARDS**



The **Meritorious Award** for completion of any six  $3^{rd}$  -  $12^{th}$  grade handbooks. Clubbers must be graduating (or have graduated) the eighth grade to receive this award.

The Citation Award is the highest honor bestowed in Awana. Only high school seniors and adults who have completed ten 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade handbooks and all the activities required therein can receive this award.



There are currently thirty-seven different colleges offering scholarships for the Citation Award ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000. Some of these college also offer scholarships for the Timothy and Meritorious Awards.

Check out https://awanaym.org/scholarships for more information.

## OUR PLEDGES

## The Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

## The Pledge to the Awana Flag

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

## The Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible,
God's holy Word.

I will make it a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
I will hide its words in my heart
that I might not sin against God.

## THE AWANA THEME SONG

Firmly Awana stands, led by the Lord's commands.

"Approved workmen are not ashamed."

Boys and girls for His service claimed!

Hail! Awana! On the march for youth.

Hail! Awana! Holding forth the truth.

Building lives on the Word of God Awana stands!

Our Savior following with steps unfaltering,

and love unaltering, His praise we sing.

His banner over us, in service glorious,

we'll fight victorious for Christ our King!

YOUTH ON THE MARCH!



An Oasis in a thirsty world offering the hope and joy of knowing Christ, encouraging people in the faith, and enabling them for ministry.



Classes for all ages
Parents Encouraging Parents
Adult Studies

Sundays @ 9:30<sub>AM</sub>

Check out our website - www.pahrumpcc.com or find us on Facebook: fb.me.pahrumpcc For more information and more ministries, check out http://www.pahrumpcc.com/school-year-schedule.html

## CALENDAR

#### (LORD WILLING)

If this were a normal year, this page would include theme nights, projected dates for special activities, and a general feel for the next eightish months. Another commander may make tentative plans for theme nights - right now, we're going to stick with just some basics.

Because we're starting later this year than normal, our current projections include a finale later in May than normal.

Every year is an "if the Lord wills, we will do this or that." This year, that's much more obvious. We will try to put out monthly calendars with more information.

Rather than creating a year-long calendar that will require constant alteration, here are dates about which we're (mostly) sure:

September 23 - First Night of Club

November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 23 - Christmas Break

December 30 - Christmas Break

April 7 - Easter Break

May 26 - Last Night of Club