



Parent Handbook

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East Bay Trinity Chinese Church

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to East Bay Trinity Chinese Church's AWANA program. We strive to partner with you to instill godly values, biblical teaching, and personal development in all we do. We trust you will find a team of committed teachers, dedicated to lead your child during these critical years.

AWANA presents learning in a fun way, memorizing Scriptures, playing games while learning truth and gaining lifelong skills. Character development, gaining in knowledge, and practical living skills are highlighted during our times together.

In order to take advantage of all AWANA has to offer, please have your children here at least 5 minutes before the start of the program and promptly pick them up when we dismiss. We thank you for allowing your child to attend and we count it a privilege to partner with you in training your children.

We also want to welcome you to our church. As a bilingual bicultural church, you will find many ministries and gatherings where you will be able to connect with your church. Here is our Sunday schedule:

	Chinese Ministry	English Ministry	Children Ministry
Worship	10:00 am	11:30 am	10:00 am
Sunday School	11:30 am	10:00 am	11:30 am

We trust you and your family will find a church home here at East Bay Trinity Chinese Church and you will find friendship, fellowship, and God.

God's best for you and your family,

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Club Meeting Information

When: Friday Evenings, 7:30-9:20pm.

Where: East Bay Trinity Chinese Church
12943 Alcosta Blvd.
San Ramon, CA 94583

Who: Awana welcomes all children

- 3 years old - PreK (Cubbie)
- Kindergarten- 2nd Graders (Sparks club)
- 3rd-6th Graders (T&T club)

Each club meeting is divided into three segments (Handbook time, Game time, and Council time). Clubbers are divided into four teams (red, blue, green and orange). Each member will be assigned to a team. We may rotate them to different teams through out the year. Throughout the night they can earn points for their team by passing sections in handbook time, listening in council time, and participating in Game time.

Nightly AWANA Club Schedule

Sparks	T&T adventure	T&T Challenge
Grades K-2	Grade 3-4	Grades 5-6

7:20	Parents Drop Off & Registration (Registration Desk)	Parents Drop Off & Registration (Registration Desk)	Parents Drop Off & Registration (Registration Desk)	7:20
7:30	Flag Ceremony (Youth Room)	Flag Ceremony (Youth Room)	Flag Ceremony (Youth Room)	7:30
7:35	Handbook Time (Room B)	Handbook Time (Room A)	Handbook Time (Room C)	7:35
8:10	Message (Room B)	Game Time (Youth Room)	Game Time (Youth Room)	8:10
8:25	Worship Time (Sanctuary)	Game Time (Youth Room)	Game Time (Youth Room)	8:25
8:45	Game Time (Youth Room)	Message/Worship (Sanctuary)	Message/Worship (Sanctuary)	8:45
9:15	Presentation of Awards (Youth Room)	Presentation of Awards (Youth Room)	Presentation of Awards (Youth Room)	9:15
9:20	Parents Pick Up (Youth Room)	Parents Pick Up (Youth Room)	Parents Pick Up (Youth Room)	9:20

(Rooms and Time might vary)

The Opening

Opening Ceremony includes the American Flag Pledge, the AWANA Flag Pledge, the AWANA Club Song, and an Opening Prayer.

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

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

Handbook Time

Clubbers meet in small groups and recite their work individually with their handbook leader. Leaders strive to ensure that children understand the scriptures, not just memorization. Parents are encouraged to work in the handbooks with their children during the week.

You child will receive individual awards each week for the awards earned the prior week. They may also receive team awards at this time.

Each week, for T&Ts, we require them to finish at least one session (Bible Verse Memorizing Sessions). They will not allow to play games if they did not pass any sessions.

Game Time

Clubbers will participate in a variety of games on the AWANA game “square”. They will learn about good sportsmanship, develop team spirit, coordination skills, and build self-confidence.

Council Time

Clubbers will sing to worship. Then leaders will present a message in a fun and exciting way.

Rules

We **respect God, our church and each other.**

1. We pray during praying time.
2. We sing during singing time.

We treat others **kindly:**

1. No hitting, biting, scratching, pinching, kicking
2. No name calling, picking on or laughing at others.
3. We treat others the way we would like to be treated.

We work and play **safely:**

1. No running in the classrooms or hallways.
2. No climbing on the furniture.
3. Don't slam the doors.

We are **polite:**

1. Only one person talks at a time.
2. We listen when others talk,
3. We follow leader's instruction.
4. We don't talk with food in our mouth.
5. We remember to say please and thank you.
6. We sit during class time.
7. Say sorry when you hurt someone

Discipline Policy

AWANA Clubs use positive points, the five-count and the three-count methods to discipline our club members.

The positive points are given to clubbers who have positive behavior. This method will encourage children to make good choices and minimize negative behavior.

The five-count is for group discipline. As the leader counts to “5”, the children should become quiet and still.

The three-count is for individual discipline. After a clubber acts inappropriately after gentle reminders, give him a one-count. If a clubber continues to create disturbances and disobey leaders, the clubber is given a two-count. This results in a conversation with the AWANA commander. If a clubber fails to correct his behavior and continues to create problems, then he should be placed on three-count. This step results in a suspension. The clubber is taken to his parent or guardian for the rest of the evening. The leader will explain to the parent or guardian what happened.

The AWANA leaders realize that there are many family situations that may affect a child’s behavior. We encourage you to let your child’s leader know if there is any situation that may help us minister to your child.

What to Bring to AWANA

Clubbers should bring Bible, and AWANA handbook each AWANA night. If a clubber brings other items which do not pertain to AWANA and a leader sees it, the leader will confiscate the item until the end of the AWANA club night.

There will be some nights with special theme. In this case, your child will bring information home to inform you of the upcoming theme night and the items to bring.

Uniform and Tennis Shoes

Each child will get a uniform (vests or shirts) after completing the entrance booklet. No extra fee for the uniform. Clubbers should wear uniform to every meeting.

Uniforms are an important part of AWANA clubs which instill unity and pride, promote a disciplined atmosphere and provide a place to display the earned awards. The same uniform may be worn for two or more years provided the child is in the same club.

Due to the fun activities during Game time, tennis shoes are required. Flip flops and sandals can be dangerous.

Attendance and Awards

AWANA not only encourages club attendance, but also Sunday School attendance. The AWANA ministry desires for your family to be involved in a local church somewhere. If you don't have a church home, we would love for you to be part of ours. For your child to be successful in completing awards, Sunday school and Club attendance are important.

At East Bay Trinity Chinese Church we offer: Children Sunday School for age 1 to 5th grade from 10-12:30pm.

Each year clubbers with no more than one excused absence will earn club attendance and Sunday school attendance awards. Situations beyond the child's control including sickness or vacation are excused, but it is the parent's responsibility to make the Handbook Leader aware of individual cases.

Drop-Off Process

All clubbers are to come to the registration desk to check in. They can start checking in at 7:20pm, so that they are ready at 7:30pm for the opening ceremony.

Pick-up Process

All clubbers will be picked up by parents at 9:30pm from Youth Room. Please pick up your child no later than 9:40pm. We will start to charge \$1 per minute after 9:40pm.

Wellness Policy

As we all know, sickness can keep going around with children, affecting not only the other children in your child's AWANA group, but also your family and other families as the illness goes "back and forth" between the children. Here is our established health policy for the AWANA ministry. Children **SHOULD NOT** attend AWANA if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever- 100 degrees or higher within the last 24-hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge

- Bad Cough – coughing increases the chance of infection being spread to others
- Any rash that is suspected to be contagious
- If your child is prescribed an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic for a minimum of 48 hours prior to attending AWANA.

AWANA Awards

Handbook Awards

Once a clubber finishes the entrance booklet, he/she will receive a handbook. AWANA handbooks are designed to last for one year. In order to finish the book by the end of the year, the clubbers need to work on their handbooks at home.

Clubbers work at their own pace. They have opportunity to earn exciting awards. These awards are worn on their uniforms. If your child progresses at an average of 2-3 sections per week, he/she will be able to complete the handbook, and be awarded either a ribbon, a plague or a trophy at the end of the year. Please refer to the handbook for further explanation and illustration.

AWANA Bucks

AWANA bucks are given to each clubber for:

- Team points at the end of the night.
- Having their handbook, bible and being in complete uniform.
- Sunday school and AWANA Club Attendance.
- Bring friends to AWANA club.

The leadership may also award AWANA bucks at their discretion to reinforce/reward positive behaviors. We will have an envelop at the bottom of each clubber's handbook for them to collect bucks. We will have shopping day twice a year at club time for them to buy prizes using their AWANA Bucks.

AWANA Websites:

www.awana.org/parents

www.awanafamilyconnection.com