

# ***Welcome to AWANA***

Dear Parents,

It was a privilege for us to have had your child in our AWANA program this week. We trust he or she had a terrific time, and will become a regular part of our club.

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15). It is an international organization dedicated to seeing children learn of God's love for them. The AWANA program here at Kenosha Bible Church seeks to provide an atmosphere in which your child can enjoy growing spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Separate club programs within AWANA have been tailored to preschoolers (Cubbies), early elementary schoolers (Sparks, for K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and upper elementary schoolers (T&T Clubs, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades, with separate activities and groups for boys and girls).

Each week these different clubs participate in the following general components (in different order for each group, to maximize facility use):

--**GAME TIME** stressing healthy competition with emphasis on having fun and good sportsmanship--win or lose.

--**LARGE GROUP TIME** with singing and teaching from God's Word in a way that is fun and relevant to the children's lives.

--**SMALL GROUP TIME** with follow-up activities based on the Large Group teaching to help kids personally apply the Bible lesson.

--**HANDBOOK TIME** consists of time spent where clubbers recite Bible verses from their handbooks (memorized at home during the week).

Our AWANA program meets Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Kenosha Bible Church. Many evenings have special themes for the different clubs; monthly fliers, the KBC e-news (a weekly e-newsletter you can sign up for at [kenoshabible.org](http://kenoshabible.org)) e-mails and the *KBC KidsNews* newsletter will keep you informed about upcoming events. In addition, for the older clubbers (Sparks and T&T Clubs), there are several special events during the course of the year, from Bible Quizzing to AWANA Grand Prix competition to special retreats and outings for the older kids.

Appropriate dress for our AWANA clubs includes the club uniform (once earned). We encourage kids to wear long pants for game time, but this isn't a requirement. For safety, we do require that Sparks and T&T clubbers wear non-marking gym shoes for game time – and please, no heelys at club (wheels will have to be removed while at church). Clubbers who don't have appropriate shoes will have to sit out for many of the games we play.

While Kenosha Bible Church substantially underwrites the cost of AWANA, a club registration fee is collected to help defray the operating costs. The registration fee can be paid for half a year (\$13.00 now and again in January), or for the whole year (\$24.00). In addition, after completing an entrance booklet, clubbers become official members, and are eligible to receive their uniform and handbook (which are sold at our cost – see attached price sheet). You may pre-pay for these items so that your child will receive them immediately when they are earned, or you may wait to pay until the entrance booklet is completed. If you are facing a financial situation that would make your child’s participation in AWANA a stretch, scholarship funds are available (contact the AWANA commander, Pastor Rick).

Within AWANA, a system of rewards encourages children in their handbook achievements and good behavior. Our emphasis is on positive discipline, where children see godly role models in their teachers and leaders. We delight in “catching kids being good!” However, if a child struggles with disruptive, disrespectful or dangerous behavior, the following protocol will be used. The child’s leader, after determining that the issue cannot be resolved by simple methods (changing seating arrangement, etc.) gives the misbehaving clubber a "one" count – a warning that the next offense will bring greater consequences. If a second offense occurs that evening, the clubber is given a “two” and taken to the club director or commander to discuss the problem. (You as a parent will be notified if your child were ever to get to this point.) If the clubber demonstrates continued willful defiance in attitude or action, they are given a “three” and you as parents will be called to take the child home early (at which time the problems will be explained in detail, of course). If this does occur, additional consequences will be discussed (such as missing a club night(s), or having a parent/guardian accompany the clubber during the following club meeting).

We trust this gives you an overview of the AWANA program. Thank you again for partnering with us to teach your child about God and His love for us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, or visit our AWANA clubs with your child (please notify us if you will be staying).

If you do not have a church home, we’d be honored for you to visit KBC. We have Children’s Ministries and church services on Sundays at both 9:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m., with two different service styles offered at 10:30. Please call the office or surf the web for more information.

Serving in Christ,

Rick Roberts, AWANA Commander & Pastor of Children & Family Ministries

Our AWANA Purpose: Evangelism and intentional discipleship of children through the following areas:

- Bible memorization
- Relationship building with Godly role models
- Relevant Bible instruction leading to life changes

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# **KBC PRICE LIST FOR THE** **2009-10 AWANA YEAR**

Registration – \$13.00 per semester or \$24.00 per 32 week year

Sparks Skipper & Hiker books – newly revised\* - \$8.50  
Books (Sparks Climber, all other clubs) - \$7.00

Sparks handbook bags - \$5.00  
Cubbies or T&T handbook bags - \$5.50

Cubbies Vest - \$10.00

Sparks Vest - \$10.00

Truth & Training Polo Shirt (for girls and boys)

Youth sizes	10	12	14	16	\$17.50
Small Medium Large	X-L	XX-L	XXX-L		\$21.00

\* AWANA is revising the Sparks curriculum one year at a time; currently the second year (Hiker) is new. Returning Sparks who finished their second book will continue with the former curriculum; if the 2nd book wasn't finished last year, contact Director Lori Roberts about options – they may finish the old book.

