

**2012-2013**



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## Welcome to Awana 2012 – 2013

## NOTES

We are excited to begin our eighth year of the Awana program at Mountain View Chinese Christian Church, and look forward to much growth as a ministry, both spiritually and numerically. As we have been praying for this ministry, we eagerly expect God to work in the hearts of our children so that they would grow up to be Kingdom workers for God. We would ask that you as parents would pray along with us as we embark on this new year!

As always, **Awana's** Theme verse is

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

Our vision for this program is to bring children to the saving knowledge of Christ, to encourage and motivate their discipline in the Word of God, and to facilitate evangelism to parents.

Our goals for this year are as follows:

- Involve all church children.
- Build our clubbers' understanding and love for God's Word.
- Encourage 100% attendance and discipline.

We thank God for parents and loved ones like you who care so much about your children! If any of you would like to be involved in anyway, please let us know! We hope you and your children have another blessed year in Awana.

Love in Christ,  
MVCCC Awana Leadership Team

**Parent's Agreement  
(Redeemable for One (1) Awana Share)**

Awana Club Parents' Quizzes

1. Awana stands for the phrase "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed".  
 True       False
2. AWANA club starts at 7:00pm and ends at 9:00pm.  
 True       False
3. Clubbers' progress depends solely on their leaders.  
 True       False
4. List three (3) things clubbers can do to earn Awana shares.
  
5. List the dates when AWANA club does not meet.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read this handbook and fully support Awana leaders to administer the discipline as mentioned on the page titled Parental Support for Positive Discipline.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and grade

\_\_\_\_\_

## Awana Leaders

**Commander**                      Patrick Yao                      314 288 5345

**Secretaries**                      Jodie Hsia                      650 948 1936  
Christina Chieng

**Cubbies**  
Director                      Karen Tsai                      408 554 6127  
Leaders                      Shiao-Ching Chung/Xueping Qu  
Vicky Xiong/Minrui Yu  
Jane Li/ Lillian Chen

**Sparks**  
Director                      Yaofang He                      408 732 8630  
Game Director  
Leaders                      Yan Xu, Huang Gao  
Quxiang Fang, TatKee Tan  
Yu Zhong, Susan Chang  
Amanda Zhang, Victor Chen  
Kevin Huang, Patrick Leung  
Joseph Li, Jashee Yang, Sandie Luo

**T & T**  
Director                      Kegean Wong/ Jack Hsia      650 508 9702  
Game Director                      Jack Hsia  
Leaders                      Linong Huang/Neal Wang  
David Shen/Letitia Lai  
Shouliang Dong, Jiwei Yang  
Christina Chieng, Anne Hsia, Beau Hsia,  
Chelsea Hu, Jesse Wang, Victor Wang

If you have a question regarding a club, or a concern about your child's special needs, please feel free to call the Club Director or the Awana Commander.

## What is Awana?

Awana is an international, Bible-centered children's ministry providing local churches with weekly clubs, programs and training. Awana's goal is to equip churches to reach children and their families with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

Ten standards of excellence for Awana Clubs are listed below:

1. We reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.
2. We recruit, train and motivate leaders to serve the local church.
3. We use positive discipline and maintain order throughout the entire club meeting.
4. We attract children with games and activities.
5. We encourage memorization, understanding, and application of Scripture.
6. We use the elements of Council Time effectively.
7. We motivate children through incentives.
8. We manage God's resources with faithfulness and integrity.
9. We minister to parents and family members.
10. We magnify the impact of our church's ministry through cooperation with national Awana ministry.

Mountain View Chinese Christian Church's AWANA Program is consisting of the following clubs:

Cubbies	2 years before Kindergarten
Sparks	Grades K-2
Truth in Training	Grades 3-6

## Parental Support for Positive Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to teach Christ-like behavior, not merely a set of rules. To discipline is to teach or mold. Discipline is done for your child. By setting a model of Christ-like conduct at home, clubbers will see the reinforcement of Awana standards in you.

In Awana, all leaders are trained to use positive discipline which encourages good behavior through rewards, such as verbal praise, extra points and special recognition. We will never emphasize punishment for misbehavior.

We use a Five-Count to bring order during activities. The Commander or Director will count 5-4-3-2-1. Each clubber should become quiet and listen to instructions.

However, when a child is deliberately misbehaving or distracting other clubbers, we will administer the Three-Count rule which is listed below:

1<sup>st</sup> strike: a warning

2<sup>nd</sup> strike: talk with Director or Commander

3<sup>rd</sup> strike: must sit out for the rest of Awana night and parents are called.

## Special Notes About Physical Offense:

Our commitment as the Awana staff is to as best as we can, ensure a safe environment, and one that is conducive for spiritual growth for every clubber. Here are the consequences for deliberately hurt another clubber physically:

1. First time offenses will result in the clubber's suspension from any Awana activities for three weeks.
2. Second time offenses will result in suspension for an entire month.
3. More than two offenses could lead to suspension for an entire semester.

## Calendar 2012 – 2013

### September

8 **Opening night!**  
 15 Open  
 22 Open  
 29 Open

### October

6 Open  
 13 Open  
 20 Open  
 27 Open

### November

3 Open  
 10 Open  
 17 **NO CLUB**  
 Thanksgiving  
 24 Open

### December

1 Open  
 8 Open  
 15 Open (Store Night)  
 22 **NO CLUB**  
 29 **NO CLUB**

### January

5 Open  
 12 Open  
 19 Open  
 26 Open

### February

2 Open  
 9 Open  
 16 Open  
 23 Open

### March

2 Open  
 9 Open  
 16 Open  
 23 Open  
 30 Open

### April

6 Open  
 13 **NO CLUB**  
 Spring Camp  
 20 Open  
 27 Open

### May

4 Open  
 11 Award & Store night  
 Closing of 2012-  
 2013 AWANA  
 program



## Cubbies

Cubbies is the Awana program for preschoolers during the two years prior to entering Kindergarten, usually 3 & 4 year olds. Cubbies is unique because it supports and maintains parents as the primary source of spiritual nurturing by directly involving them in the teaching and learning process. Cubbies uses the fundamental Awana elements of games, activities and Bible memorization.

## Sparks

Sparks is the Awana Club for kindergartners, first graders and second-graders. Each club meeting has three parts. In Game Time, Sparkies enjoy entertaining games played on the Awana Game Circle. During Large Group Time, Sparkies gather for their age-appropriate Bible lesson. During Sparkle Time, clubbers recite Bible verses from memory, complete handbook sections, and earn awards. Sparky, the friendly firefly, appears throughout the Bible-based materials to encourage clubbers to complete their handbook achievements.



## T & T

T & T is the Awana Club for third-through sixth-graders. Each club meeting has three parts. In Game Time clubbers play exciting games on the Awana Game Circle. During Council Time they have a Bible lesson. During Handbook Time, clubbers recite Bible verses from memory, complete handbook sections and earn awards.



## Notes to Parents

Welcome to Mountain View Chinese Christian Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to participate in our Awana program this year. We trust the Lord will bless the efforts of your children as they study His Word.

While a large part of the success of the Awana program will be dependent upon our faithful and dedicated directors, leaders and helpers, parents' active involvement will be critical as well. The following are a few ways you can get involved:

- **Encourage** your children to be faithful in working through their Awana books. You could work with your children on a regular basis during the week to study God's Word together. Be sure to explain difficult words or concepts to your child to help make the material meaningful.
- **Offer** your child lots of praise. Nothing is a more powerful motivator for children than the praise and acceptance of their parents. Let your child know that you are behind him or her and that you are proud of what has been accomplished.
- **Communicate** with your child's leader. You know your child better than we do and our leaders would appreciate as much insight as possible.
- **Help** with snacks. Signup sheets are posted on the Awana bulletin board.
- **Become** an Awana leader. Please let one of the directors know if you can help. No previous Awana teaching experience is required since training will be provided.

## Awana Shares

It's an award of recognition that clubbers earn through efforts made in Awana.

### I. CHECK-IN TIME & COUNCIL TIME

Check-in on Time	100 points
Wear uniform properly	100 points
Bring your own Bible	100 points
Bring Handbook in Awana bag	100 points
Due	100 points

Clubbers that earn 500 points will receive 1 Awana share. Extra shares will be rewarded for good behavior.

### II. GAME TIME - Team Competition Point System

While not desiring to over emphasize competition, Awana club does utilize team competition. Teams will be assigned the first night of AWANA and may be changed periodically to ensure balance. A visitor may join the team of the clubber who brought them on the first night.

At Closing, each team's total points will be calculated. Each clubber on the first place team will get two (2) Awana shares. Each clubber on the second place team will get one (1) Awana share.

### III. BOOK TIME

Sparks and T&T clubbers get 100 points for passing each section. If their parents have worked with them on a section and signed on the page, they get an additional 50 points for that section. A clubber gets one Awana share if he/she gets at least 300 points but less than 700 points, and two Awana shares if he/she gets at least 700 points. A clubber can get at most two Awana shares from book time each night.

### Extra Credit

Upon completion of all required handbooks, supplementary extra credit materials may be purchased and completed. The materials are priced as follows:

Cubbies Character Builders	\$4.00
Sparks Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards	\$8.00

### Lost Items

If your clubber loses a handbook or uniform they may purchase a new one. For replacement expenses please refer to the costs above. If we have a used uniform shirt available, the clubber may use it. Ask your clubber's director about availability.

### Old Uniforms

If you have a used Sparks vest or T&T shirt you may donate it to Awana to be used by someone in need. Please clean and remove any awards prior to donation. You get 2 shares for each item.

### Space Availability

Although we would like to accept as many students as possible, the number of students that we can actually accommodate may be limited by the safety code, church facility, or teacher availability. If a child is not placed in an Awana club right away, he/she will be put on a waiting list until additional resource becomes available. In the mean time, alternative programs will be provided for those waiting-listed children.

## Club Schedule

Each week the club meetings will begin at 7:00pm sharp. Check-in begins at **6:45pm (no earlier)** in the locations listed below. Parents, please stay with your child until he/she is checked in. Due to safety concerns we do not allow dropping off of children for self-check-in.

Check-in Locations:

Cubbies	Room 29
Sparks	Main Lobby at Reception
T & T	Main Lobby at Reception

All clubs end at **9:00pm** sharp. Cubbies parents must sign out your children from the Cubbies classroom. Sparks and T&T parents do not need to sign out your children, who usually have some light snacks after the closing ceremony at 9:00pm.

Please note that the responsibility of the Awana leaders officially ends at 9:00pm, although some of them will stay longer with the children. Please be considerate of our Awana leaders and their families, and pick up your children no later than 9:15pm. For your children's safety and everyone's peace of mind, we will not allow children to exit the building in order to meet you at your car.

Check-out Locations:

Cubbies	Room 29
Sparks	Dining Room
T&T	Dining Room

## Club Rules

Rules are in place to promote a smooth flow for a club meeting while protecting the clubbers, staff, property and rights of others. **All our Church general rules and Sunday School rules also apply in our Awana club time.**

1. Full participation by all clubbers is required. A clubber needs to plan to take part in the entire club night unless the clubber brings a note from home or the clubber's parent contacts the Director.
2. A clubber can only have four (4) unexcused absences. Sickness, family vacation and other circumstances outside of clubber's control are considered excused absence.
3. A clubber needs to come to attention whenever he/she hears a leader give a 5-count.
4. Clubbers shall show respect for club leaders.
5. No clubber is allowed on the game square once the flag ceremony has begun until its completion. It is the clubber's responsibility to be on time.
6. Rough play or foul language will not be tolerated and is grounds to call parents to take the clubber home.
7. **All clubbers must remain on church property during club hours.**
8. While awards may be earned while out of uniform, clubbers must be in uniform to receive them.
9. Inappropriate behavior will result in the clubber being removed from the given activity and parents may be called to pick up their child / children. Parents will be told of the problem and the clubber will be welcomed back the following week if he/she is ready to comply with rules.
10. Clubbers must wear closed-toed shoes (tennis shoes if possible) at game time. It is recommended that long pants be worn for the protection of their knees.
11. Guests of a clubber or a visitor may attend 3 times before registration is required to attend again.
12. No food or drinks is allowed outside of the Dining room.
13. No running and chasing outside of the game square is allowed.
14. No toys from home are allowed.

## Information

### Uniform

Every Awana club has a special uniform. Clubbers must earn the privilege to purchase and wear the uniform. This is done by successfully passing the Club Entrance Test which is provided to your clubber the first time he or she attends. Replacement of a lost test is 50 cents. A clubber is ready to purchase the handbook and the uniform when the test is passed.

### Club Fees

Club registration fee of \$30 is collected at registration. A clubber needs to bring \$0.50 due for each week's meeting. The dues are used to purchase treats and awards for Awana store.

2012-2013 Costs for Uniforms and Handbooks

	Uniform	Handbook	Bag
<b>Cubbies</b>	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$6.00
<b>Sparks</b>	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$6.00
<b>T&amp;T</b>	\$24.00	\$10.00	\$6.00

Uniforms and handbooks can only be purchased and given to the clubber after they have completed:

Cubbies	Bear Hug brochure
Sparks	Flight 3:16
T&T	Start Zone