

# AWANA OVERVIEW

## Awana: Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

### 2 Timothy 2:15 New King James Version (NKJV)

**<sup>15</sup>Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

- Welcome to A W ANA
- Allergies
  - Please provide to your child's Awana Leader information regarding any allergies your child(ren) may have. We especially need to know about any allergies to foods because we will be providing snacks. Also, please let us know about allergies to pollen, grass, or other plants, as we may go outside for Game Time.
- A W ANA Calendar
  - As a youth ministry, the Awana Ministry follows the PG County public school academic calendar. On Wednesdays when there is no school scheduled, or when there is a school break, the ministry does not meet.  
  
*Regarding any updates, please make sure you look at the AWANA Board.*
- Mission Opportunities
  - Missions work and discipleship training opportunities are the most important part of the Awana program. It's the reason why we are here as Christians: To go out and share the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As such, our goal is to make available at least one mission opportunities every other month for the youth to participate in. Additional, information will be made available as the activities are planned.
- Discipline Policy
  - Discipline is unfortunate, but necessary method for helping Awana Leaders maintain order during classes and achieve the goal of the Ministry. In Awana, discipline is NEVER physical; Leaders will not hit, push or likewise interact with your child. However, during times when some measure of discipline is required to prevent, dispel or address a situation, then the following policy will be implemented:
    - On a first offense, your child will be verbally counseled, but kept in class;
    - On a second offense, your child will be sent to the Ministry Office to stay with the Awana Commander until a parent arrives to discuss the behavior with the Awana Commander (usually until Bible Study ends that same evening);
    - On a third offense, the child will be sent into the sanctuary to join parents(s) during Bible Study (or, if the parent is not in Bible Study, a call will be made to the parent requesting immediate pick-up of the child. Until the parent arrives, he/she will remain with the Awana Commander);
    - On a fourth offense, the child will not be allowed to participate in the Awana Ministry for three weeks.

The goal is to share God's Word with as many children as possible. So, the discipline policy is to be used not as an effort to punish, but to stop one child's behavior from being a barrier to other children's learning and spiritual growth.