



Dear T&T Parents,

The 2017-18 AWANA year is here, and we are excited to partner with you in teaching your child the truths found in God's Word! Here are few things to keep in mind throughout the year.

- ❖ **Fast Track happens before club from 6:15-6:29 p.m. in the game room!** This is for ALL kids in the Evidence of Grace handbook. Kids need to come early to get their section signed off on. If your child isn't able to come early, they will need to complete their sections in a separate room before joining their small group discussion.
- ❖ **Regular club starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m.** You will drop your child off and pick them up in the sanctuary. They should bring their uniform, handbook, and Bible each week to club. **Please be prompt in picking your kids up!**
- ❖ We will be using the 3 count in Awana for any discipline issues that may arise. The goal of leaders is to teach self-discipline in a loving way. The 3 count is as follows: 1-verbal warning, 2-separating your child from the activity/group for a short time, 3-removal of your child from their group until the end of club, at which time you'll be notified.
- ❖ Each quarter, your child will earn an attendance sticker, if they don't have more than one unexcused absence. Sickness is excused, but please let your child's leader know through a note or by speaking with them. Vacations and sports are not excused. Those clubbers who receive all 4 stickers will get a DQ gift certificate at the end of club!
- ❖ All kids in the Evidence of Grace handbook, as well as new 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, will complete a Start Zone before beginning their handbook.
- ❖ Clubbers in Adventure 1, Adventure 2, Challenge 1 or Challenge 2 can move through their handbooks at their own pace, but handbooks must be completed in order. Parent pages must be signed and activities completed before clubbers can complete later sections. The only exceptions are the "Bring a Friend" and "Missionary" sections. The goal is to complete one handbook each year, if possible. Kids are encouraged to "do their best."
  - Kids receive one patch after every Discovery or Challenge they complete. There are also additional patches they earn if they complete the extra credit Silver and Gold sections at the end of each Discovery and Challenge.
- ❖ Clubbers in the Evidence of Grace handbook also work through their handbook at their own pace. Kids in this handbook are encouraged to complete sections in order; however, there can be exceptions to this. For example: a child misses a week and chooses to skip a lesson in order to complete the current section his group will focus on in small group time. Please talk to your child's group leader about this if you have further questions. To complete sections, kids usually have a "Start Here" activity, "Explore" section, "Memorize" verse, and "Review" verse. Kids receive an award patch for each four sections the complete, ending up with 8 if they complete their entire handbook. See back page of their handbooks for where
  - Those in Evidence of Grace can complete silver and gold sections along with their main section each week, if they so choose. They'll receive one gold or silver patch for completing ALL silver or gold sections in each unit.
- ❖ If your child has a friend that they can bring to club to complete their "Bring a Friend" section, that is great! We'll also be providing at least one alternate opportunity for your child to complete that section in their handbook. A handout will be sent home detailing this later. Your child's leader also has a list of alternative activities to help your child complete this section, if needed.
- ❖ In the back of your child's handbook, you'll see what awards your child will earn throughout the year as they complete sections and also where those awards go on their uniform. To attach emblems and patches to uniforms, just iron them on.
- ❖ Your child will receive 2 helps, if needed, for each section they complete. This includes knowing the scripture reference (John 3:16). If they are unable to complete a section with the 2 helps, they'll be asked to continue to study and try the following week. If there are any special circumstances that would affect your child's ability to memorize or recite scripture, please let your child's group leader know. We want to help in whatever way we can to encourage your child in their study of scripture.
- ❖ T&T will have store on three different nights. These dates are on the calendar and attached is an explanation of how clubbers earn bucks to spend at the store. Each clubber will have an envelope in their handbooks to keep their bucks in.

I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us, and what He will accomplish in the lives of our clubbers this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me! I am here to help and look forward to partnering with you to help your child develop their God-given potential to SEEK Him diligently, SERVE Him faithfully and SHARE Him boldly, which is what AWANA is all about!

Sincerely,  
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(Please turn over to see the T&T calendar! →)