



AWANA is a ministry intentionally designed to come alongside and encourage parents as they disciple their children in God's Word in the home. AWANA is more effective when parents understand this essential connection with family discipleship. For that reason, parents who sign their child up for AWANA must be actively involved. Parents are expected to work through the discipleship material with their children ahead of time and be ready to serve in AWANA.

### **Parents are Primary**

AWANA serves as a supplementary discipleship tool for parents who are committed to training their children in the Word of God. Parents are expected to go over the assignments and memory verses each week with their child(ren). We understand that from time to time there might be weeks when life is overwhelming and AWANA leaders will be there to help parents and their children. However, the primary responsibility for learning the material and memorizing the verses remains with each parent.

### **Parents Must Sign Off**

If the child's book isn't signed by the parent, showing that the child knows the verse, they won't be able to have their leader sign off that week. If you aren't sure of ways to aid your child in memorization, reach out to your AWANA leaders for tips.

Just like you, we want to see your kids come to know Christ and love Him and His Word! Our ability to foster an environment where that can happen is severely hindered if parents are not actively engaged and working through the material with their child(ren) in the home.

### **Parents Must Serve**

Parents are also expected to be available to serve in some way each semester. If you are a church member and your child is active in AWANA, we need you to help! There are a variety of activities you can be engaged in: volunteering to be a leader, subbing as a leader, engaging our guests in hospitality each week, etc. We understand that not everyone can be involved at the same level. However, for AWANA to be successful, parents who benefit from this discipleship ministry must also seek to contribute by serving in some capacity. We understand that your level of service will vary based on your season of life, other ministries in which you serve at church, work responsibilities, etc. Fill out the form below to sign up your child(ren) for AWANA and/or to register to serve.

## **Our Volunteers Partnering with You in Behavioral Training**

We must make sure that no child's behavior distracts other kids from learning the Word of God or leaders from serving and training. When a child's behavior is too disruptive they will be given a warning. If the child continues in the same behavior they will be asked to step away from the group for a time to gain composure. No child will be isolated or alone. However, they will be kept from the group's activity. If the child persists in the same behavior they will not be allowed to participate in AWANA the next week. If the child's behavior continues to be disruptive the child will be asked to step away from AWANA for the remainder of the semester. Each of these steps will be thoroughly documented and explained to the child and parent. This is to assure that whenever a child is asked to step away it is only for extreme disruption.

The leader will take the responsibility to go over with the parent the exact behavior detrimental to their group's learning so the parent can address that behavior child each week. They will provide as much detail as possible seeking to be understanding of each child.

### **Commitment**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Sign): \_\_\_\_\_