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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Awana!

Awana is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed". 2 Timothy 2:15 states; "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Our goal is "to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him."

To accomplish our goal, our program consists of three parts: games, handbook time and a council time (awards, lesson). Your child will be placed in the appropriate club:

Cubbies; 3 yrs.-5 yrs.

Sparks; Kindergarten-2nd grade

Ultimate Adventure; 3rd-4th grade boys and 3rd-4th girls

Ultimate Challenge; 5th-6th grade boys and 5th-6th grade girls

Each club has a Director (or two) and then in a small group (4-8) with his/her own leader.

The handbook is the tool to motivate your child to learn God's Word and apply it to their life. Your child will be sent home with an Entrance pamphlet. Once that is completed, they will then be sent home with a copy of the first section from the appropriate Awana handbook and instructions to purchase their Awana handbook and uniform if needed. Once payment is made (see Awana secretary in the southwest corner) your child's uniform will be awarded in our Opening Ceremonies. Books are \$9 - \$10 and uniforms are \$10 to \$14 depending on the club. There are awards for finishing their books plus lots of incentives along the way (pins, jewels, points, shares!) We charge a \$30 registration fee to cover our weekly needs and awards. We also ask that you fill out our registration form which doubles as our medical release form.

Each week has a different theme (see calendar on the back). We have lots of fun with these and encourage you to help your child participate each week. Team points are usually given for participation. ☺ Please encourage your child to work in their handbooks during the week. This is a vital part of the program.

Our program runs from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For Kindergarten - 6th grade we hold an Opening Program in our Family Center. We make this an exciting time so please try to have your child on time.☺ Cubbies will begin in their rooms. Our Cubbies and our Sparks (K-2nd grade) will need to be picked up from their rooms by a parent at the closing of Awana (8:00 pm.). We do have a security crew that works the parking lot at the close of Awana.

We are excited to work with your child/children and we see it as a privilege and a responsibility. You, as a parent, are welcome to visit anytime but we would ask that you check in at our Awana office first (southwest corner of the Family Center.) If you have any questions, please call Sandy Parker (Children's Director) at 435-0190, sandy@riverpark.org.

For His glory,

Sandy Parker

Children's Director