

GRACE CHURCH AURORA

A WANA CLUBBER MANUAL

2020-2021

**Awana[®]
Cubbies!**



AWANA CLUBS OF GRACE CHURCH AURORA

CHARTER NO. 8628

19001 EAST JEFFERSON DRIVE
AURORA, CO 80013
(303) 693-5900

1gracechurcaurora@gmail.com

<http://www.gracechurcaurora.org/ministries>

APPROVED WORKMEN ARE NOT ASHAMED

***“BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED
TO GOD AS A WORKMAN WHO DOES NOT NEED TO
BE ASHAMED, ACCURATELY HANDLING THE WORD
OF TRUTH.”***

II TIMOTHY 2:15 (NASB)

WELCOME TO AWANA CLUBS OF GRACE CHURCH AURORA!

We are glad to have you in the Grace Church Aurora (GCA) Awana club, and we hope you enjoy all our club programs. You will find new friends, exciting games, challenging contests and important things to learn.

Check the following list to determine your club:

Meeting Sunday Nights (4:00-5:30PM):

CUBBIESPre-School (3 & 4 Year Olds)

SPARKSKindergarten – 2ND Grade

T&T BOYS ...3RD – 6TH Grade Boys

T&T GIRLS ..3RD – 6TH Grade Girls

Meeting Monday Nights (6:45-8:30PM):

TREK.....Middle School (7th – 8th Graders)

JOURNEY....High School (9th – 12th Graders)

It won't take long to see that our leaders really care about you and they want to help you in any way they can. Just like Jesus, these men and women will be getting to know you and using that relationship to teach you many things. By far, the most important investment they will make is teaching you how to be a disciple, a "follower" of Jesus Christ. At GCA Awana, you will learn how to develop your relationship with the Lord and how to live in obedience by serving Him.

We are praying for you and hope to see you at every club meeting this year. Personally, I can't wait to watch each of you grow and develop!

Love from Your Co-Workers in Christ,

Larry Hoskins, Senior Pastor

Duane Spence, GCA Awana Ministry Directory

A NOTE TO PARENTS...

Thank you for enrolling your child in our GCA Awana club! We trust that he/she has had a great time, and will want to keep coming regularly all year!!

The Bible says,

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Realizing that today's children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, the job of every parent is a difficult one. GCA Awana recognizes the primary training comes from you the parent. GCA Awana seeks to be one of many tools that you use for this awesome task. Our Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm biblical foundation which will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to God, and to us. We want them to realize this, know God through Jesus Christ and grow to be mature Christians.

GCA Awana presents an opportunity for each child to grow in self-worth as well as in his or her relationship with God and with others. You can help your child grow in these areas through GCA Awana if you:

- **Encourage him or her to come each week**
- **Help your child to learn at least one section per week**
- **Show interest in his or her achievements**
- **Cover the Club Expectations with your clubber**
- **Communicate any special needs to us**

Feel free to visit our club meetings anytime. If you have questions, we will be glad to discuss them at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Your GCA Awana Leaders

COVID Guidance

Safety while at church

1. All T&T Clubbers, student leaders & adults will wear a mask
2. For Cubbies & Spark Clubbers, a mask is optional
3. Clubbers will stay in the same group during club (cohort)
 1. Cubbies will have a group per room
 2. Sparks will be divided by their colors (may combine two colors at times)
 3. T&T divided between girls & boys
4. Practice Social Distancing as much as possible
5. Clubbers will play games that are non-contact games
6. Clubbers and parents entering building will have their temperature taken @ door & be asked the following questions

Reporting

1. If any family member has a temperature of > 100.4 degrees or cannot answer no to the questions will require the entire family to not attend until they are able to meet these requirements
2. If any clubber or parent at any time is exposed or has COVID-19 symptoms they will need to contact the Awana Director: Duane Spence @ 720-545-6604
3. We will determine if there was any contact with others in the club and will notify them in order for them to follow the appropriate procedures including not returning the next in-person time (i.e. > 14 days)

Extra Information

If you are interested in reading more about General Notes from State & county guidance to schools

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ngmiJ4SWVDG7JunCTsBh3X246mz9Vsm9/view>. Or

https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/sites/default/files/file_attachments/Covid%20Schools%20July%202020.pdf

1. The transmission between elementary age students and adults is lower than adult to adult, thus they are stating that there is less concern for elementary age students (all of Sunday night Awana). Risk is the student Leaders & Adults
2. Using Cohorts (small groups that stick together) is easier to control and the effect of a case reduces impact to the organization
3. For Jr & Sr High age, it is more important to do social distancing, mask & cohorts
4. Adults & Student Leaders should wear a mask at all times and if required to remove for some teaching opportunity, remove for short amount of time

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 3 & 4 Year Olds

TIME	CUBBIE ACTIVITY
4:00 – 4:05	Settle in rooms
4:05 – 4:40	Lesson
4:40 – 5:00	Game Time
5:00 – 5:20	Handbook (Verses) & Crafts
5:20 – 5:30	Snack Time (Parents sign up to provide)

K-6TH GRADE (Week 1)

TIME	SPARKS In Person	TIME	T&T on Zoom
4:00 – 4:15	Opening & Worship Time	4:00 – 4:15	Travel home from GCA
4:15 – 4:45	Small Group Time(verses)	4:15 – 4:45	Large Group Time
4:45 – 5:05	Game Time	4:45 – 5:15	Small Group Time & Prayer
5:05 – 5:30	Large Group Time(Awards)	5:15 – 5:30	Return to GCA for Siblings

K-6TH GRADE (Week 2)

TIME	T&T In Person	TIME	Sparks on Zoom*
4:00 – 4:15	Opening & Worship Time	4:00 – 4:20	Travel home from GCA
4:15 – 4:40	Large Group Time	4:20 – 4:45	Large Group Time
4:40 – 5:10	Small Group Time(verses)	4:45 – 5:10	Small Group Time & Prayer
5:10 – 5:30	Game Time (Awards)	5:10 – 5:30	Return to GCA for Siblings

* NOTE: Sparks may not always do Zoom every other week

**Alternate schedules may be used for days like Store Night and
Missionary Night**

TREK

Contact Dan Cress 303-699-5093

JOURNEY

Contact Dustin & Katherine Bishop 303-819-4652

Or visit www.gracechurcaurora.org

GCA AWANA DUES & SUPPLY COSTS

Dues:

GCA Awana meets from **Sept 13, 2020** to **May 2, 2021** or **30** Sundays. A Registration form is required which the secretary will provide. You are welcome to pay by semester or the whole year (\$2 discount given for full payment by Sept 20th, 2020)

<u>Club</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Year</u>
Cubbies & Sparks	\$12.50	\$25
T&T	\$15.00	\$30

Uniforms:

The GCA Awana uniform shows others you are an Awana clubber. You will want to buy it after you complete the requirements for membership.

Cubbies.....	\$12.00
Sparks.....	\$12.00
T&T Ultimate Adventure (3/4 th grade) ..	\$17.00
T&T Ultimate Challenge (5/6 th grade) ...	\$17.00

*Used uniforms may be available for less - ask!!

Books:

The Awana book provides parents and child an awesome journey through the Bible providing verse memorization and character building.

Cubbies.....	\$11.00
Sparks (includes CD)	\$11.00
Sparks Extra-Credit Book.....	\$9.00
T&T Books	\$10.00

Miscellaneous:

T&T Quiz Participation	\$10.00
Bags Cubbies/Sparks/T&T	\$6.00/\$6.00/\$4.00

Please make checks payable to: **GRACE CHURCH AURORA**

If there are circumstances which would make these dues difficult, please speak with the GCA Awana Ministry Director, Duane Spence. We want to be sensitive to your situation and work with you so that your clubber is able to participate.

3-COUNT DISCIPLINE POLICY

One-Count – Warning: Leader explains offense to the clubber

Two-Count – Clubber is pulled from activity & sent to Ministry Director

Three-Count – Clubber’s parents are called and asked to pick up child

CLUB EXPECTATIONS

Everyone

- Honor God in all we do, say and think
- Love one another, forgive one another

Uniform

- Includes **Awana vest/shirt, pants (below knee), & good running shoes**
- Clubbers wear uniform each week for the whole club meeting.
- Clubbers attach your awards to it as soon as you can
- **Game time leaders may ask kids not to play if they don’t have running shoes and pants that go below the knee.**

Opening Ceremony Etiquette

- Clubbers line up on their club line
- If late, please wait for flag ceremony or prayer to complete
- Flag bearers must be in uniform with shirt tucked in

T&T Sections Policy

- Clubbers prepared prior to club recite sections first
- Every clubber will have a chance to say at least one section
- Clubbers must complete the entire section with no more than 2 helps
 - Read the ***To complete this section:*** in book to know what is required
- Leaders will work with clubbers as time permits

Clubbers are expected to respect the Leaders interpretation of these policies.

Handbook Time Etiquette

- Clubbers who are done with their sections will participate in activities that **do not interfere** with other clubbers working on their sections
- Clubbers **obey** and **respect** their leaders at all times

Leaders

- Model godly character
- Communicate with parents any issues and/or successes of the clubber

Parents

- Work with clubbers at home (for Cubbies through 3rd or 4th grade)
- Communicate with leaders any issues and/or successes of the clubber

WHAT TO DO IF...

YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE MEMORIZING VERSES...

- 1) Dedicate a certain time for review each day.
- 2) Play memorization games – see Power Up website for list
- 3) Put the books in the car and review while on the road (No accidents please 😊)
- 4) Create or buy flash cards & use them 😊 (Verse Reference on front, Verse on back)
- 5) Purchase CDs and listen in the car to and from activities or at home
 - a. New Sparks HangGlider book comes with a CD, use it!
 - b. If you have an MP3 player download it and listen to it any time!
- 6) Visit parent tips, blogs, forums @ www.awana.org for ideas
- 7) Have your older child write out the verse with colorful markers or calligraphy, have your younger child color a page with the verse on it.

YOU CAN'T GET A RIDE...

Call your director or leader before 3:00PM on club night, if possible, and someone will try to pick you up.

YOU ARE SICK AND CAN'T COME...

Bring a note the following week from home and you will get credit for attendance. If someone normally gives you a ride to GCA Awana, call them as soon as possible to let them know that you are not going.

YOU LOSE AN AWARD...

You must buy a replacement. They usually cost between 20 and 50 cents. (Does not apply to Spark jewels.)

YOU BRING A FRIEND...

Take him or her to your team line on time. Introduce them to your GCA Awana friends.

IT'S A BLIZZARD...

The GCA Awana Ministry Director will determine if club time should be canceled for the safety of the clubbers. We will post this on the www.gracechurcaurora.org website and contact each of you via the method you indicate on the registration form. Please make sure that we have current contact information for you.

CONTACT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

GCA Awana Ministry Director:

Duane Spence 720-545-6604
dnsponce143@hotmail.com

Cubbies Director:

Dustin Bishop 303-819-4652
dustyrb23@yahoo.com

Sparks Director:

Kathy Anderson..... 303-680-8158
happykathy@comcast.net

T&T Club Director:

Duane Spence 720-545-6604
..... dnsponce143@hotmail.com

Trek Club Director:

Dan Cress 303-699-5093
dan.cress@comcast.net

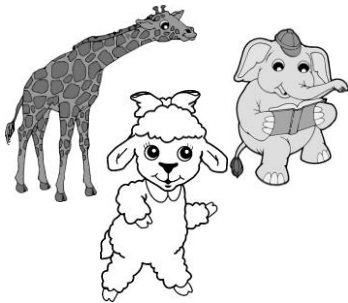
Journey Club Co-Directors:

Dustin & Katherine Bishop 303-819-4652
dustyrb23@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Becky Smith..... 720-876-9933
smithbeckyd@gmail.com

Awana Clubs®



Grace Church Aurora

The Purpose of Grace Church Aurora is to glorify God by