



Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Centerpoint Church's Awana Club program for your children! We at Centerpoint are firm supporters of Awana Club, sharing the common goal to raise kids with a strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Awana Club started over seventy years ago and is now available in over 47,000 churches all around the world. It's carefully tailored curriculum, ranging from verse memorization, games, and Bible teaching, aims to teach children how the Bible applies to everyday life. This is our 16th year to have Awana Club at Centerpoint and we are thankful for the opportunity to work with your children.

Attached to this letter you will find a registration form, the Awana policies, a calendar for the 2023-2024 Awana Club, and a payment form, all of which will need to be filled out and turned in before your children can begin Awana. If you wish to save time on the first night of club, you are encouraged to bring your completed packet to church by Sunday September 10th. If you prefer to wait, packets will be accepted on the first night of Awana, which will be Tuesday, September 12th.

Again, thank you for choosing Awana Club at Centerpoint Church for your children. We as a staff are excited to get to know your children this year and see how the Lord works in their lives.

In Christ,

The Awana Leaders

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Awana Policies and Procedures

Time - Awana is held every Tuesday evening consistent with the MISD calendar, with a few exceptions (please see the attached 2023-2024 Awana calendar). Awana begins at 6:00pm and ends promptly at 7:40pm. Check-in will begin at 5:50. Children will not be allowed into the church before 5:50pm, unless they belong to an Awana leader.

Ages - Awana is open to all children ages 3-12, or pre-k through 6th grade. All Cubbies (kids ages 3-4) must be potty trained.

Payment - The average cost for one child to attend Awana for a full year is \$80. Centerpoint Church pays for over half the cost, meaning parents are asked to pay just \$35 per child. This includes uniforms, handbooks, awards, theme night and craft supplies, and snacks. A \$10 price break is given to third and fourth children. This money may be paid in full up front, or half at the beginning of each semester (Please fill out attached payment form). If you are unable to pay the full amount, scholarships are available. Please see Andy Howard. We don't want any children left out of Awana because of money! Payment can be made by check or online at www.centerpointmesquite.org/awana No cash payments will be accepted this year.

Drop-off/Check-in - Your child will be required to check in upon arrival at Awana each week *and must be accompanied by an adult*. The adult will need to sign their children in, leave an emergency phone number, and communicate who will be picking their children up that night. Children will not be allowed to participate in Awana until a parent/adult has checked them in.

Pick-up - Your children will need to be picked up from their individual classrooms, not from the main room. *Please limit visiting with other parents until you have gathered all your children and have exited the building*. Adult supervision is minimal after 7:40 as leaders leave, so please do not be late picking your children up.

Attire - In addition to sending your kids in their Awana uniforms each week, please also send them in clothing appropriate for running, jumping, bending over, sitting on the floor, etc. (i.e. no short skirts, low waist-lines, dangly jewelry, etc.). Athletic shoes are recommended and **your child/ren will not be permitted to play games without shoes.**

Bags - Children are encouraged to bring their personal belongings in a bag or backpack each week to help ensure that they leave with everything they came with. Please label everything you send with your children - Bibles, uniforms, handbooks, jackets, etc. Centerpoint Church is not responsible for lost items.

Verse Memorization - Parents are strongly encouraged to work with their children on Bible verses outside of Awana. Each club is given a 20-minute time slot during Awana to study and recite verses but children are encouraged to come prepared to recite, especially the younger ones who cannot read and study on their own. Club directors may limit the number of sections a child may recite in order ensure that each child is given fair opportunity to recite verses. **(turn page over)**

Friends/Visitors - Kids are encouraged to bring their friends to Awana! Friends are welcome at any time and are not required to fill out a registration packet unless their attendance becomes regular (2-3 consecutive Awanas, or verbal communication with Awana leadership that the parents of the child wish to send their child on a regular basis). At that time, a registration packet will be sent home to the parents and will be required in order for the child to continue in Awana. For the one-time visitors, the parent of the child bringing the visitor will be the emergency contact for the visitor.

Snacks - Children will be fed a small snack during Awana on theme nights only (a cookie, a cup of popcorn, fruit-snacks, etc.). PLEASE INDICATE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!

Communication - Email updates will be sent out as needed and will be the primary means of communication from the Awana staff to you. If you do not have an email account and wish to receive phone calls instead, please tell Andy Howard.

Cancellation of Awana - In the case of severe weather, sickness, or other unforeseen circumstances, Awana will be cancelled at the commander's discretion. In that case, we will email the parents by 2:00pm on the day of Awana.

Sickness - PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO AWANA IF THEY ARE SICK! Sick children at Awana affect more than those particular children, but all those around them, including leaders, other children, and all of their families. Please keep your children at home if they have any of the following:

1. Runny nose with any colored discharge
2. Fever or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
3. Sore throat or cough
4. Any skin infection or unexplained rash
5. Pinkeye or other eye infection
6. If the child *or anyone in their household* has vomited within the past 24 hours.

Discipline - Awana will operate consistently with the Centerpoint Church Children's Ministries' discipline policy. We do not administer corporal punishment, even if the parents have given permission for it. A child having difficulty cooperating in class will be: 1) instructed on good behavior, and if instruction isn't sufficient, 2) given time to consider good behavior in the hall with an adult, and if time in the hall isn't sufficient, 3) sent home early with his/her parent with the opportunity to return on another day.

Child Protection - Centerpoint Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for children who participate in Awana and all other programs and ministries. Our workers are selected carefully and trained according to Centerpoint's Child Protection Policy.



2023-24 Club Calendar

September 2023	January 2024
Sept 12 Opening Night	Jan 2 NO CLUB
Sept 19	Jan 9
Sept 26 Crazy Hair Night	Jan 16 Crazy Socks Night
October 2023	Jan 23
Oct 3	Jan 30
Oct 10 Fall Break - No Club	February 2024
Oct 17	Feb 6 Sports Team Night
Oct 24 Fall Festival	Feb 13
Oct 31	Feb 20
November 2023	Feb 27
Nov 7 Camo/Patriot Night	March 2024
Nov 14	Mar 5 Bring-A-Parent Night
Nov 21 No Club	Mar 12 Spring Break - NO CLUB
Nov 28 Glow-in-the-Dark Night	Mar 19
December 2023	Mar 26
Dec 5	April 2024
Dec 12 Awana Store Night	Apr 2
Dec 19 NO CLUB	Apr 9 Pirate Night
Dec 26 NO CLUB	Apr 16
	Apr 23
	Apr 30 Awana Store Night

Club Year: 2023 - 2024



Parent /Guardian

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Family Church: _____
Persons (other than parents) authorized to pick up the children: _____

Contact Information

Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Other: _____
Emergency*: _____

* Emergency Contact During Club Time (other than parents)

<u>Child's Name (First, Middle, Last)</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Cubbies</u> <u>3-4 yrs</u>	<u>Sparks</u> <u>K-2nd grd</u>	<u>T&T</u> <u>3rd-6th grd</u>
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*Child must be required age BEFORE Sept. 1

Medical Info (allergies, medicines, special needs)

Doctor's Name & Phone: _____
Dentist's Name & Phone: _____

Comments / Questions

Terms and Conditions

1) I understand that my child/children may participate in physical activities such as those held during Game Time. As with any physical activity, there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability, Centerpoint Church and any persons involved in the Awana Club ministry.

2) In the event of an emergency that requires medical treatment for the above named child/children, I understand every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contact. However, if I/we cannot be reached, I give my permission to the Awana volunteers to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary for my child's well being. I assume responsibility for all costs connected to any accident or treatment of my child.

3) I give permission for photo(s) of my child to be used by the Centerpoint Awana Club and Centerpoint Church. Including distribution through social media networks ex. Centerpoint Awana Facebook page.

4) I will pick up and drop off my child(children) by myself or authorized adults according to the specified timelines. I understand that Centerpoint Church is not responsible for early drop off or late pick up.

5) **I have read and agree to the Awana Policies and Procedures (attached).**

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated above

X

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Payment Form

Awana club requires \$35 per child per year to help offset the cost paid by the church. A \$10 price break is given for the third and fourth children enrolled. There will be no additional charges during the year.

Payment can be made by check (checks made payable to Centerpoint Church) or online at www.centerpointmesquite.org/awana

(No cash payments)

*Leaders – up to two of your children are free. Please pay \$35 for each additional child.

Please check below the total number of children you are enrolling in Awana:

- _____ One - \$35
- _____ Two - \$70
- _____ Three - \$95
- _____ Four - \$120

I wish to pay:

- _____ The total cost up front
- _____ Half of the cost up front and half in January
- _____ I am in need of a scholarship (please see Andy Howard)

Check: \$_____ Check #: _____ Online: _____

*Please make checks payable to Centerpoint Church.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name (Print): _____