



2021-22 Parent Handbook



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A Message from Jericho

August 18, 2021

You are resilient!
Your child is resilient!
Our God is faithful!

Dear Parents/Guardians and Kids,

We are so excited that you have decided to join our AWANA program this year. We know that our God is unchanging and infinite in his love and resources for us.

I know you parents are resilient. You are strong and you are tougher than you thought. Your kids are so resilient. We the church exist to partner with you in what you are already doing. We are coming alongside you to parent these little ones that God has entrusted you. We know this is our highest calling to help you and love your kid well with you.

We are excited to start AWANA with a Parent Night on September 22 at 630 pm. Then we are excited to welcome kids back by September 29 at 630 pm. We want your family to get a hang of what this next school year will be like, then we are ready for another year of AWANA.

If it's your first time doing AWANA, welcome and we are excited to go on this journey with you. If this is your first time in person with us, welcome and we know this year God has something in store for you and your child.

If this is your 3rd year with us, thank you for investing in your child's spiritual life and letting us help along the way.

Thank you in advance for reading this Parent Handbook. After reading, please sign the Parent Commitment at the end and bring it to our first night of club.

Sincerely,

Jericho Almiranez
Family Life Pastor
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About Christ Pacific Church

Christ Pacific Church mission is to cultivate a vibrant community of faith, hope and love that follows Jesus into the world so that our neighbors may also experience God's goodness.

Pacific Kids Ministry's goal is to nurture the spiritual lives of the next generation. We want to see kids become worshippers and lovers of Jesus who impact people around them wherever they may be.

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings to attend one of our worship gatherings at either 9 am or 1030 am. Kids Church is at 1030.

If you already attend a church, we would love for you to continue getting plugged in at your local congregation; but if you are searching for a church family, please come check us out.



Alongside AWANA, we are offering MOPS. Looking for a tribe of moms that support, care and love each other, consider joining our MOPS group. If you're a mom of an infant, preschool or elementary age or older, consider joining. Please contact Robyn at rholcomb@cpchb.org

For more information about Christ Pacific, please visit our website at www.cpchb.org or email jalmiranez@cpchb.org.

About AWANA

AWANA is a global ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship. We are excited to use this program to reach preschool to elementary age kids in our area. AWANA gives children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus, no matter what background.

The founders of AWANA derived the name from the first letters of "Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed" as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 of the Bible.

We count it a privilege to offer this program to families in our church and community. This night is all about helping families in our church and community as they raise their children to know, love and enjoy God. **Bible memorization is the heart of the program.** As the children complete work in their handbooks, they receive a uniform and a variety of awards which reflect their accomplishments. In the process, they have **LOTS OF FUN!**



CUBBIES: Preschool (3 to 5 years old)

This club is for Preschoolers to TK/EK. Cubbies helps develop respect for God, His Son and His Word. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about

His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes.

SPARKS: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. Kids are introduced to Bible characters and events and learn why they are important. Sparks materials focus on helping children learn to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ.



Truth & Training: 3rd to 5th Grade

This club is especially designed for older elementary kids. T&T introduces kids to the foundational truths about the character of God, the authority of Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ and the life of grace. Students learn that the Bible is true and they can firmly put their trust in God's Word.



CALENDAR + Info

We intend to have 25 weeks of club during the school year. Each night we have a theme to encourage kids making friends and having fun. Each club will be using one HB (Handbook) they'll be following this year. There are verse your child needs to learn/memorize before coming to AWANA.

#	Date	Theme	Cubbies Appleaseed HB	Sparks WingRunner HB	T&T Grace in Action HB
	Sept 22	Parent Meeting at 630 pm			
1	Sept 29	Welcome to AWANA PAJAMA Night – wear your favorite PJ's	Bear Hug A 1 John 4:10	Flight 3:16 (John 3:16)	Start Zone S1 Eph 2:8-9
2	Oct 6	Stuffed Animal Guest – Bring your stuffed animal	Bear Hug B Jesus Loves Me	Flight 3:16 (John 3:16)	Start Zone S2 Rom 10:17
3	Oct 13	MISMATCH Night – wear mismatched socks	Bear Hug 1 A is for Rom 3:23	S is for Savior (1 John 4:14) P is for Power (Ps 147:5)	1.1 God is Creator Rev 4:11
4	Oct 20	When I Grow Up – dress up as someone in a profession	Bear Hug 2 C is for Rom 5:8 (Award)	A is for ATTScrip (1 Cor 15:3) R is for Raised 1 Cor 15:4	1.2 God is Holy Rev 4:8b
5	Oct 27	AVENGER Night – Dress up in your favorite superhero costume	Bear Hug 3 Gen 1:1	K is for Keep (James 2:10) S is for Saved Acts 16:31 (Wings Award)	1.3 God is Just Deut 32:4
6	Nov 3	B.A.R.F Night (Bring a Real Friend)	Bear Hug 4 Ps 33:9	God Talks to Us (John 20:31) We Talk to God (Ps 118:1)	1.4 God is Love Eph 2:4-5
7	Nov 10	Can Food Drive – Donate canned food to Robyne's Nest	Bear Hug 5 Gen 1:31 (Award)	The Gift (Rom 6:23)	1.5 God is Eternal Ps 90:2
8	Nov 17	Cookie Party- We are having cookies for snack.	Special Day 1 – Thanksgiving (Ps 118:29)	NT Books (Say 27 books of NT)	2.1 The Bible is Ps 119:160
	Nov 24 to Dec 29	Winter Break		Join us at our Tree Lighting Event Sunday - Dec 5	Join us for our Christmas services Dec 24 - 4 & 8 pm

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9	Jan 5	Luau Night – Dress up in your Hawaiian shirt	Special Day 2 – Christmas (Lk 2:11)	Red Jewel 1	2.2 The Bible Helps Jn 20:13
10	Jan 12	Snowman Night – Use TP to make your leader a snowman	Bear Hug 7 (Jn 17:17)	Red Jewel 1.2 (Deut 6:5; Ps 96:2)	2.3 The Bible Should 2 Tim 2:15
11	Jan 19	FISH Night – Dress up as a fish, best dressed gets a Beta Fish.	Bear Hug 8 (Ps 51:4)	Red Jewel 1.3 (Jer 32:27, Lev 19:2)	2.4 The Bible Teach Rom 15:4
12	Jan 26	Crazy Hair Night –	Bear Hug 9: (Jn 3:36)	Red Jewel 1.4 (Prov 20:11)(Award)	2.5 The Bible Teach Ps 119:11
13	Feb 2	Superbowl Night – Which team will win?	Bear Hug 10: Rvw (Jn 17:17) (Award)	Green Jewel 1.1 (Ps 23:1-3)	2.6 The Bible is Heb 4:12
14	Feb 9	Glow in the Dark Night	Bear Hug 11 (Lam 3:23)	Green Jewel 1.2 (Ps 23:4-5)	2.7 The Bible is Ps 119:105
15	Feb 16	Pastor & Popcorn – hear a Pastor with popcorn	Bear Hug 12 (Ps 4:8)	Green Jewel 1.3 (Ps 23:6, 1 Pt 5:7)	3.1 Jesus is John 10:30
16	Feb 23	Dress Like Your Parents Night	Bear Hug 13 (Gen 9:13) (Award)	Green Jewel 1.4 Ps 23:1-6 (Award)	3.2 Jesus is John 1:14
	Mar 2	ASH WEDNESDAY	Join our church as we start our Lent season		
17	Mar 9	Missions & Green Day – wear green for	Bear Hug 15 (Ps 147:5)	Red Jewel 2.1	3.3 Jesus is 1 Pt 2:24
18	Mar 16	Pie Night – we will eat pie tonight.	Bear Hug 16 (Ps 124:8)	Red Jewel 2.2	3.4 Jesus Rom 6:9
19	Mar 23	B.A.R.F Night (Bring a Real Friend)	Bear Hug 17 (Ex 15:2)	Red Jewel 2.3	3.5 Jesus 1 Jn 2:6
20	Mar 30	Drive-In Movie – bring a decorated box.	Bear Hug 18: Rvw (Ps 147:5)	Red Jewel 2.4	3.6 Jesus is Eph 1:7
21	Apr 6	Cookie Party – decorate Easter cookies	Special Day 3 – Easter (1 Cor 15:4)	Green Jewel 2.1 (1 Pt 1:25)	3.7 Jesus is Mk 16:15
	Apr 13 & 20	EASTER SPRING BREAK OFF			
22	Apr 27	Sibling Night – Bring 1 sibling	Bear Hug 19 (Ps 47:7)	Green Jewel 2.2 (1 Thess 5:17-18)	4.1 What is... Rom 8:1
23	May 4	Star Wars Night - dress up but no weapons.	Bear Hug 20 (Mk 12:30)	Green Jewel 2.3 (Col 3:23)	4.2 Grace & Law Gal 3:11
24	May 11	Mustache Night – wear your best mustache.	Bear Hug 21 (Ps 56:11) (Award)	Green Jewel 2.4 (Rom 6:23, Deut 6:5)	4.3 Grace to be Jm 4:6
25	May 18	Favorite Night – kids vote on favorite theme	Special Day 4 – Missions (Acts 1:8)	Review	4.4 Grace to Eph 4:32
	May 25	Awards + Blessings			

AWANA CLUB

AWANA used to be held in person inside at Christ Pacific Church every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Our regular club meetings normally consist of four components, but exact schedule and activities vary from club to club.

Opening Ceremony – Welcome, pledges to the American flag and the Bible, putting on the Armor of God, review of rules and announcements, award theme participants.

Handbook Time – Kids recite to their leaders the sections they've learned during the week or take time to learn additional verse.

Game Time – Game Directors lead the kids in a variety of fun, but safe games, races, and contests. Snacks will be provided after games.

Large Group Time – A Bible-based story or a moral lesson, songs, prayer, and awards.

Clubbers are encouraged to participate in all nightly activities. Opening Ceremonies, Games, Handbook time and Large Group lessons are all important parts of AWANA.

If your child cannot participate in Game Time because of an injury or illness, please send a note or talk to his or her leader.

We also have lots of fun theme nights throughout the year. Leaders will send email reminders about special theme nights. You can also get a general idea of how to prepare for each theme night by referencing the Club Themes and Calendar on page 6 of this handbook.



Club Fees

Dues are required to help cover some of the cost of awards, badges, and other AWANA expenses from the church. Discounts are available for families who serve weekly in the AWANA program, or special circumstances. Please talk to Jericho for more information.

The whole year costs \$40 per child; \$35 for additional children.

NO CHILD WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION IN AWANA BECAUSE OF AN INABILITY TO PURCHASE A UNIFORM OR PAY THEIR YEARLY DUES.

We do not wish to exclude any child from AWANA because of financial hardship. Please decide what your family is able to pay for the registration. Email jalmiranez@cpchb.org about an AWANA scholarship.

Entrance Booklet

When a clubber starts AWANA for the first time, he/she will be given an Entrance Booklet. These booklets are free and include each club key verse. All clubbers must complete the entrance booklet before they are given their handbook and uniform, even if registration and items have been paid for. In Cubbies, the entrance booklet is Apple Acres, In Sparks the entrance booklet is called Flight 3:16 and in T&T they are called Start Zone.

We spend 2 weeks at the beginning of the year in these booklets so kids can get the hang of AWANA.

Handbooks and Uniforms

All handbooks for each club are \$15 each. **Handbooks are required** but not the uniforms.

Uniforms for each club is \$15 each. The uniform is a privilege that the clubbers earn upon completion of their entrance booklet. Cubbies wear Blue vests, Sparks wear red vests, and T&T wear jerseys. Uniforms enhance the club experience and provides belonging and identification for the leaders, parents and kids. They are also great to show the achievements the kids have earned.

**If you are interested in donating to sponsor another clubber or help with our AWANA Scholarships please talk to a leader let them know your desire to bless another family this way.*



Kid Handbook Guidelines

Handbook time is a special time where clubbers and their leaders can connect and build relationships. Clubbers are assigned to groups and will take turns reciting and explaining the verses they have studied throughout the week.

It is important to have your clubber ready to recite their verses, but it is even more important to ensure that they know what the verses mean. We emphasize memorization with *retention* and *understanding*.

Parents encourage the learning of these verses throughout the week, at home, during bedtime so that your clubber comes ready for club.

Here are other simple guidelines:

- One lesson is assigned every night.
- Cubbies (preschool) verse memory is if the kid can echo/repeat back the verse.
- Sparks and TnT can receive no more than 2 helps per section. A help is 1-2 words or motions.
- **Memory Tip:** Every clubber should practice their sections at home and prepare during the week. Handbook CDs are included with the Cubbies and Sparks books to help clubbers learn their verses. Music CDs with songs for all the verses are available on Amazon and at www.awana.org.

Leader Expectations

At Christ Pacific Church we desire to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. All our AWANA leaders are volunteers who have completed an application process and background checked. Here are a few requirements to be a leader.

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Must have a completed background check.
- Must have compassion for children.

Here are our expectations for our leaders:

- We expect our leaders to be on time.
- We expect our leaders to be examples.
- We expect our leaders to follow the rules and wear their uniforms.
- We expect our leaders to pray for our club, leaders, clubbers, and clubbers' families on a regular basis.

Parent Expectations

Parents are key to a child's discipleship. We hope to encourage you and provide resources to help you guide your children. Parents are welcome to stay during AWANA.

We are also looking for Parent Volunteers in their kid's clubs, would you consider serving?

Engage your child!

Take an active role in supporting your child. Talk with them about what they are learning in their handbook and at AWANA club. Help them complete their sections. Always encourage them. Children have much more fun when a parent/guardian or grandparent shows interest in their accomplishments. Some kids might be self-sufficient at moving through their book, but they still need you!

Help your child to attend AWANA every week and to arrive on time.

Consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline. Some of our club awards are based on attendance and children really look forward to earning their awards. We have volunteers who are giving up their Wednesday nights to serve your family. Don't leave them hanging!

Bring your child fully fed.

Making sure your child has enough dinner before attending club helps them to focus and have fun while at AWANA. Some children are so excited to get out the door and get to AWANA they might rush through dinner. But it can be difficult for them to enjoy the whole night if they are still hungry.

Help your child prepare their sections.

Each week we will have one to two verses to memorize. This will ensure they will complete their handbook each year and will receive their special awards.

Tip: help your child set a goal of verses (or sections) to be memorized each week. Read them aloud with your clubber three times and do this each day. After three or four days, they will be able to begin to recite it with you.

Sign your child's sections.

Have them recite their verses to you completely. Practice it as if they are reciting it at AWANA with a maximum of two helps per section. Your signature shows us your child prepared in advance. Please review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child.

Review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. (review on page 13)

AWANA has a couple rules of behavior, but in order to ensure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn as well as have fun, our rules of behavior will be enforced.

Consistently attend church.

AWANA also has awards for church attendance and we want to encourage your family to be a part of a healthy church community where the truth of the Bible is preached accurately. If you do not already have a church family please visit us on Sunday mornings at 1030am. For more details please go to www.cpchb.org

AWANA Parent Resources

Awana.org has parent resources and tips to help you encourage your child to memorize their verses and prepare their sections at home.

<http://parenthelps.awana.org/>

AWANA Plus – videos and music:

Cubbies: <https://www.awanaplus.com/appleseed>

Sparks: <https://www.awanaplus.com/wingrunner>

T&T: <https://www.awanaplus.com/graceinaction>

Join our FB Group to get information as well:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/awanacpc/>

Or our Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/awanachristpacific/>



Wellness Policy

As we all know, sickness can make its rounds in your home and in your child’s group settings. It is for this reason we ask that you follow a few guidelines in determining if your child is well enough to attend AWANA for our in-person meeting. Children who have had any of the following within the last 24 hours should not come to AWANA in person:

- Close contact with anyone with COVID-19
- Fever
- Heavy Coughing, croup or sneezing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Green or cloudy runny nose Inflamed throat or mouth
- Runny or pink eyes
- Any skin inflammation such as rashes, ringworm, impetigo
- Symptoms of any childhood disease (chicken pox, measles, mumps, etc)

* No medications can be dispensed by the child or your child’s leader unless by written consent by the parent/guardian accompanied by detailed instructions.

Clubber Expectations

Preparedness

- Bring Handbook
- Bring Bible
- Have LOTS of fun
- Be respectful to leaders and other clubber

Commitments

- Always be prepared. Each week you will need to watch the Large Group lesson and memorize a verse.
- Always be respectful to those around you. Watch your surroundings and see where you can help others.
- Wear your uniform and bring your Bible and handbook each club night.
- Participate in your club each week during Game Time, Handbook Time, and Large Group Time.
- Please review the discipline guidelines found below with your parents. You are responsible to know and follow the guidelines on page 13.



Discipline Guidelines

A. THE 5-COUNT (Group)

The person in charge will count to five slowly and loudly enough to be heard by all clubbers. By the count of “5,” all clubbers should be quiet and ready to follow further instructions.

B. THE 3-COUNT (Individual)

We want everybody to have the best night they can. For that to happen we adhere to AWANA’s “3 Count” system.

1) If a child is disruptive, they will be verbally addressed.

2) If they continue they will sit out of the present activity so that one of the leaders can talk to them one on one. During this time the leader, in a positive manner, will reinforce participating appropriately with the clubber.

3) If disruptive behavior continues, the last step would be for the child to take a break from the club activities for the duration of the night. They will spend this time with the AWANA Director.

Again, we want a friendly and positive environment where every kid can have a fun night and engage with their peers and leaders in respectful ways.

C. Let’s Put On the Armor of God

At our Opening Ceremony, we recite the Armor of God to remind us to be responsible with our bodies and behaviors for the night with the help of God. There are motions that accompany this that your clubber can learn and teach the parents.

“Let’s put on the Armor of God

The Belt of Truth

The Breastplate of Righteousness

The Shoes to walk in Peace

The Helmet of Salvation

The Shield of Faith

The Sword of the Spirit, God’s Word.

Amen.”

We want to be responsible citizens who are honest and kind, who are humble, fair, and respectful to others, who are peacemakers, who know that God forgives us, and we are to forgive others, and who hide God’s Word in our hearts.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

Please sign and date and return to Club Director.

I have read the Parent Handbook for Christ Pacific Church's AWANA Program. I understand and agree to the expectations described in it as they pertain to my child/children and to me as the parent/guardian.

I will strive to maximize our family's participation as outlined in the Parent Handbook. I understand that the AWANA program is designed to assist parents/guardians to disciple their children and that this responsibility is part of what it means to be in the AWANA program.

I will, as the responsible party, ensure that all my fees and dues are met for the child/children registered under my name. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the AWANA Director (Jericho Almiranez) if I need financial assistance.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____