

If your family does not attend another church, we would like to invite you to join us at New Life Fellowship on Sunday mornings.

> Life Studies 9:30 Worship/Service 10:45

2 Timothy 2:15
Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved, a worker who does not
need to be ashamed and who correctly
handles the word of truth.



# Parent's Handbook 2024-2025

## New Life Fellowship

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> September - May Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:15pm

NLF of Graham Awana Commander: Shawn Thayer (253) 683-1022 ShawnNLFgraham@gmail.com

Join the fun!!

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new year with AWANA clubs! We are looking forward to having your child in our club. We would like to thank you for sending your child to participate in AWANA. We do hope they have an enjoyable year and will come regularly.

#### General Information

For security purposes, please be sure that you check-in your children at the AWANA table. We do our best to start and end on time, so be prompt in dropping off and picking up your children. AWANA may be cancelled due to inclement weather. AWANA Leadership will decide by 3:00 PM and send an email and remind will be sent to AWANA families once the decision has been made to cancel. If you have any questions, please contact:

Commander: Shawn Thayer shawnnlfgraham@gmail.com -- 253.683.1022 Club Secretary: Desiree Thayer DSThayer2012@gmail.com -- 253.683.0433

Please check our Facebook page. (NLF of Graham Awana). For additional Club information.





## What we expect from clubbers:

- We expect clubbers to follow club guidelines and observe the 3 and 5 count.
- We expect clubbers to arrive at AWANA ready to participate in their uniforms.
- We expect clubbers to exhibit Christ-like behavior and be kind to others.
- We expect clubbers to participate fully in the program.
- We expect clubbers to have FUN!

## What to wear/bring to Awana

Your child should wear their designated uniform and sneakers, if sneakers are not available then comfortable closed-in shoes for running and playing. Your child should bring their Bible and Awana Handbook.

## Wellness Policy

Children SHOULD NOT attend Awana if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever 100 degrees or higher within the last 24-hours.
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
- Runny nose if accompanied by other symptoms and/or colored discharge.
- Rash that is suspected to be contagious.
- If you child is prescribed an antibiotic, they must have been on the antibiotic at least for a minimum of 24 hours prior to attending Awana.

## Clubs Age Groups



#### CUBBIES

The Cubbies club is for preschool age children. Three and

four year olds who are eager and ready to memorize Bible verses and earn awards. Must have their 3rd birthday on or before September 1st to participate in Cubbies.



#### **SPARKS**

The Sparks club is for children from kindergarten

through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It focuses on Bible lessons, scripture memorization, and game time.



#### TRUTH & TRAINING

The T&T club is for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th.</sup> grade. Children are

taught biblical truths on how to serve the Lord based on questions, answers, and scripture memorization.





## Club Dues & Expenses

Club expenses are for books, uniforms, classroom material, Grand Prix Cars, and any other special events that take place.

- Club Dues
  - o One Clubber: \$30.00
  - o Three Clubbers: \$75.00
  - o Each additional Clubbers: \$10.00
- Uniforms:
  - o Cubbies \$15-Sparks \$15-T&T \$15
- Handbooks:
  - Cubbies \$15-Sparks \$15-T&T \$15

\*\*If club dues, books, or uniforms are a hardship please talk to Commander Shawn to make arrangements.\*\*

## 6 Principles for AWANA clubs:

- 1. Awana is centered on the Gospel of Christ.
- 2. Awana has high scriptural content.
- 3. Awana is fun and engaging for young people.
- 4. Awana is built on strong leadership.
- 5. Awana trains children and youth to serve.
- 6. Awana strengthens the church/parent partnership.







## Discipline at Club

Discipline at Club Awana uses two "counts," one for group order and one for individual discipline.

The **"5-count"** is used to bring the group to order. As the leader counts to "5" the children should become quiet and still.

The "3-count" is for an individual.

**"one"** the first time they have misbehaved, and their action is discussed with a leader, so they understand their inappropriate behavior.

**"two"** The child now sits down with the Awana Commander to discuss their behavior and will be removed from Club activities for the night.

"three" clubbers and commander will talk with the parents about their kids behavior.

If actions continues for a period of time, clubber will be asked not to come back.

## Awana Meeting Time

The Awana Ministry at New Life Fellowship of Graham is held on Wednesday evenings. Check-in time begins at 6:15pm. We will start the opening flag ceremony promptly at 6:30pm in the main sanctuary. Each club night during handbook time for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T, leaders listen to clubbers recite their verses and other handbook work. When the entrance books are completed, the clubbers will be awarded an official membership and are eligible for a uniform and handbook (to be purchased by the parents). To pass the entire section, verses must be said in one sitting, with no more than two helps.

We will have a closing ceremony downstair in the game room at 8:15pm. Parents will need to sign out their clubber to be dismissed. NO CHILD will be allowed to exit the building without a parent accompanying each clubber. Parents must come inside the building to pick up their clubber.

#### Clubber of the Month / Clubber of the Year

Clubber of the Month & Clubber of the Year will be given out at the end of the month to clubbers who not only have exemplary attendance, uniform worn, participation, but also Christ-like behavior during club. Clubber of the Year will be announced at our Awards Night May 29<sup>th</sup>.











