

Greetings, AWANA Parents,

Our AWANA leaders and CM Team are missing you and your kids on Tuesdays. We are praying for you that you will know God's peace and provision, and that you've been able to do AWANA at home. Check out our COS Kids Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/COS-Kids-111878780450485/> where you'll see a video of our Kdgt. Bible teacher, Leticia Altamirano, and her husband Rudie, leading us in our AWANA pledges / song. Also, visit [www.coswayne.org/coronavirus](http://www.coswayne.org/coronavirus) for lessons and resources.

We know how much effort clubbers are putting into working on their handbooks and finishing them for book awards. We want to see them excel and receive ribbons, plaques, and the regular book jewels / patches. Even though we cannot meet in person, with your support, we are ready to help kids finish strong and even have a unique AWANA celebration.

We are setting **May 12<sup>th</sup> as the last day of club** for parents to submit their child(ren)'s handbook work and any awards due them (i.e. Patches, jewels). Please email [cindyr@coswayne.org](mailto:cindyr@coswayne.org) what sections have been completed and deserving of an award(s). The handbooks will inform when an award is due. Our desire is for **May 26<sup>th</sup> to be our Award Night** (virtual or in person – to be confirmed).

Below are individual club group notes from our Coordinators that will guide you in how to help your child(ren) work on their handbook:

### **CUBBIES 3-5 yrs. old –**

During this time our we hold our Awana Cubbies verse - 1 John 4:10 - God loved us and send His Son very close to our hearts. Our Cubbies motto is Jesus loves Me! He sure does love us and is with us every step of the way. We find rest in that.

> Parents please continue to read the Cubbies handbook with your child. For March 31<sup>st</sup> the lesson will be Bear Hug 23.

> Please continue each Tuesday until the handbook is completed.

> Please sign the handbook when your child has memorized the verse and when we are able, we will get the stickers for the handbook and emblems for their vest to you for the sections completed.

> Please contact Cindy Casey, Cubbies Coordinator at 610-517-519 or at [cindyc@coswayne.org](mailto:cindyc@coswayne.org)

### **SPARKS K-Gr. 2 –**

> Clubbers must work in their handbook from cover to cover, not skipping any sections.

> Clubbers can receive 2 helps for each handbook section. Give the next word or two to help the child continue.

> The bible reference should be quoted with each verse – aiming to be word perfect.

> When a section has more than one verse, the clubber must say all the verses one after the other, without taking a break to study the next one. The leader can give a prompt for the next verse by saying the reference's bible book name.

> Any Review Flight sections should be quoted without any helps given, since these are verses already learned and now being reviewed (found in blue boxes).

> Red jewel, section 1 - "Bring a friend to club" If a clubber is still needing to complete this section, we are ready to offer an option that will meet this requirement: viewing a missionary video ([Click HERE](#)). We ask that parent and child view together and then discuss the questions supplied by our team. The parent can always follow-up with asking their child to share what they learned about God from the story and how they can follow the missionary's example to live more for God. The parent will simply write on their child's red jewel/section 1 page: name of the missionary story and the date viewed / discussed.

- > Please review the child's handbook to make sure a leader or parent's signature is written in each section. Clubber should complete what might have been overlooked.
- > If any questions about completing the handbook, please contact Cindy Rumsey, Sparks Coord. – 610-329-2444 or [cindyr@coswayne.org](mailto:cindyr@coswayne.org).

### **T & T Gr. 3-4 & WANAJAM Gr. 5 –**

- > Clubbers must work in their handbook from cover to cover, not skipping any sections.
- > Clubbers can receive 2 helps for each handbook section. Give the next word or two to help the child continue.
- > The bible reference should be quoted with each verse – aiming to be word perfect.
- > Go through your kids' books to work on verses that might have been skipped or not completed so they can catch up and finish the book with the rest of the group.
- > *Silver Credit = Additional Bible Study that is optional to complete*
- > *Gold Credit = Additional memory verses that are optional to memorize*
- > Your child will still receive awards for the Gold & Silver sections, if completed
- > Please review the child's handbook to make sure a leader or parent's signature is written in each section. Clubber should complete what might have been overlooked.
- > If any questions about completing the handbook, please contact Katerina Simbo, T&T / Wanajam Coord. – 267-625-8199 or [katerinas@coswayne.org](mailto:katerinas@coswayne.org)

These are undoubtedly times that are testing our faith, for adults and children alike. Below is a special resource for each family as parents navigate for their kids what to share and how to build courage and trust in the Lord. We invite you to consider the suggestions offered in this excellent article from AWANA's CEO, Valerie Bell. [https://www.awana.org/2020/03/17/how-to-help-our-kids-deal-with-fears-about-the-coronavirus/?utm\\_source=tribe&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=03252020](https://www.awana.org/2020/03/17/how-to-help-our-kids-deal-with-fears-about-the-coronavirus/?utm_source=tribe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=03252020)

We find comfort and hope in knowing our God is still on the throne, caring for His own and walking with us through these days of uncertainty. He can be trusted. He will continue to redeem this virus situation and bring honor to His name. God is present and near to you and your family. Don't hesitate to reach out to our CM Team if we can be of any assistance, to just chat, or for prayer. We are family here at AWANA.

Psalm 32:7 – “You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”

Psalm 46:1 – “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear...”