



# 2021-22 Woodmen Heights (WH) Parent Handbook

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**Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed**

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”*

*2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)*

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# Welcome to Awana

## What is Awana?

Awana is an international outreach program leading kids worldwide to know, love and serve Christ. Awana offers a proven approach to help churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Each week at Awana, kids participate in enriching Bible lessons, fun games and powerful scripture memorization alongside loving Leaders and Club Directors.

## When is Awana?

Awana at Woodmen meets Wednesday nights from 6:15-8:00pm during the school year at both our Rockrimmon and Woodmen Heights campuses.

## How much does Awana cost?

The Awana registration fee is \$45 per participant to help cover the cost of entrance booklets, awards, flyers, and supplies. In addition, each participant must purchase uniforms and books separately during online registration or from our Supply Store, available during club, at the Greeter Desk (See page 12 for a full Supply Price List).

## How do I register my child for Awana?

Please visit [woodmenvalley.org/awana](http://woodmenvalley.org/awana) and WH Clubber Register to complete our online registration for each participant.

## What time and where do I go for Awana?

Secretaries and Leaders are available to help check-in and accept children at their designated locations starting at 6:00pm. As kids are dropped off and waiting for club to begin, there is a time of upbeat worship songs and other activities (or coloring pages/activities in Cubbies) from 6-6:15pm. Please try to have all children to their classrooms before we **start club promptly at 6:15pm**.

Each club (age group) has a designated “drop off” location on Wednesday nights. Please review the list below to find your child’s “drop off” location for Awana.\*

**Cubbies** – Woodmen Kids Classrooms

**Sparks** – Gym

**T&T** – Gym

**Trek** – Gym

**Journey** – Gym

\*All of these locations are subject to change

# Awana Club Leadership

## Awana leadership overview

Here at Woodmen, we are blessed to have both staff and volunteers involved with our Awana program every week. Our Woodmen Kids Assistant Director oversees the entire Awana program (at both campuses) and our WH Elementary & Awana Coordinator coordinates the program at Woodmen Heights. We also have over 100 volunteers that serve in a variety of leadership roles within Awana.

## What is a Club Director?

For each club (age group) in Awana, we have (volunteer) Club Directors who oversee the leaders, kids and program every Wednesday night. These Club Directors work hard during the week to make sure each classroom has enough leaders for Wednesday night, address behavior problems and make sure each club runs smoothly during Awana. Your Club Director is a great resource for you! If you have questions, concerns or would like to get more involved in your child's Awana experience, please talk with your child's Club Director!

## Who do I contact if I have questions?

There are lots of people excited to come alongside your family in your Awana experience! We want to provide the best experience possible, so it's important to know who to contact in case of questions or concerns.

For general questions about Awana or registration, please contact the Woodmen Heights Awana Coordinator.

### **Samantha Brandsma**

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949.456.3110

For specific questions about your child's class or experience, please contact your child's Club Director.

### **Cubbies**

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### **Sparks (Position Open)**

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### **T&T**

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### **Trek**

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### **Journey (Position Open)**

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## Club Overview

Each club in Awana consists of a specific age group (For example: Cubbies is for Preschool aged kids). While the overall foundation of Awana is consistent within each age group, there are some key factors that distinguish the different clubs. Our Cubbies club rotates through many more Preschool-oriented activities while our High School students spend more time praying and digging into their small group lesson. Overall, each Awana club at Woodmen is designed to provide a scripture-rich experience that meets kids where they're at and provides an opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.



### Puggles (Birth – 2 years)

The Puggles program at Woodmen is our **childcare program offered to Leaders' kids** who are too young to participate in Cubbies. Puggles is an opportunity for even our youngest kids to learn about Jesus!

Woodmen Heights Puggles Club Directors: Mindy Harrington -  
[whpuggles@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:whpuggles@woodmenvalley.org) // 719.388.4953

### Cubbies (Preschool)



The Cubbies program at Woodmen celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them establish a basic foundation about God, Jesus and the Bible. Cubbies can hardly wait for their next club night where they rotate through games, crafts, story time, worship, snacks and reciting verses to their loving leaders and Directors. Cubbies is open to preschool-aged children 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> (and potty-trained) through 5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten). Cubbies is on a two-year rotation between the AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks - for the 2021-22 club year, Cubbies will complete the **AppleSeed handbook**. For more information about curriculum, supplies and awards, visit the [Awana Cubbies page](#) or contact your campus Director.

Woodmen Heights Cubbies Club Directors: Brianna Pharris & Christine Beasley -  
[whcubbies@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:whcubbies@woodmenvalley.org) // 719.641.1024 (Brianna) & 719.338.9917 (Christine)

### Sparks (Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)



The Sparks program at Woodmen is an exciting opportunity for children (Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) to continue their spiritual training as they learn about the people and events of the Bible. Each week, Sparks rotate through in depth Bible teaching, fun games and an opportunity to recite verses while establishing a relationship with their leaders and other clubbers. Sparks-aged kids have the opportunity to work through three different handbooks (one per year) - **HangGlider**, **WingRunner**, **SkyStormer** as well

as the extra credit Frequent Flyer cards. For more information about curriculum, supplies and awards, visit the [Awana Sparks page](#) or contact your campus Director.

Woodmen Heights Sparks Club Directors: **Position Open**  
Samantha Brandsma - [whsparks@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:whsparks@woodmenvalley.org)



### **T&T (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The T&T program at Woodmen is undergoing some exciting new changes this year! Your 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will love coming to club as they grow in their faith and understanding about God while having an opportunity for discipleship from caring leaders and Directors during small group time. They will also enjoy playing games, hearing in depth Bible teachings and reciting verses. For the 2021-22 club year, all T&T kids will work through the *Evidence of Grace handbook* together (see page 6 for details). For more information about the curriculum changes, supplies and awards, visit the [Awana T&T page](#) or contact your campus Director.

Woodmen Heights T&T Club Director: Kimberly Oelrich -- [whtt@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:whtt@woodmenvalley.org) // 612.865.3718



### **Trek (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The Trek program at Woodmen is an opportunity for Middle School aged students to learn in a Bible study format while developing leadership and serving skills. For the 2021-22 club year, all Trek students will complete the *His Love Bible Study*. For more information about curriculum, supplies and awards, visit the [Awana Trek page](#) or contact your campus Director.

Woodmen Heights Trek Club Directors: Shannon Riker -- [whtrek@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:whtrek@woodmenvalley.org) // 719.650.4700

### **Journey (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**



The Journey program at Woodmen provides high school students with an opportunity to learn about becoming lifelong disciples through a deep study of God's Word. The program also encourages students to live with a godly perspective and a solid faith. For the 2021-22 club year, all Journey students will complete the *Witnesses Bible Study*. For more information about curriculum, supplies and awards, visit the [Awana Journey page](#) or contact your campus Director.

Woodmen Heights Journey Club Director: **Position Open**  
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## **Club Expectations and General Information**

### **Club uniforms**

At Awana, uniforms are an important part of our program. Not only does it provide a sense of belonging for the Leaders and kids, it helps us easily identify each member of our program and the group they serve or attend. We ask our clubbers AND Leaders to wear their uniforms each week at club.

In addition, we encourage all clubbers to wear tennis shoes or other running type shoes in order to safely participate during Game time.

### **Handbook completion**

In Woodmen Kids, we are passionate about helping kids dive into scripture! Awana is an exciting opportunity for kids to learn scripture in a fun and encouraging environment. While we understand the different learning levels of children, we encourage kids to complete ONE handbook per year. This helps them stay on track if they are working toward their Citation Award! Ultimately, though, our desire is that kids would really hide these scriptures in their heart so they can help guide them throughout their life!

### **Earning points**

In our older clubs (Sparks, T&T, Trek, Journey), clubbers earn points throughout each Awana night – finishing sections in their handbook, cheering on their teammates during Games and much more! Throughout the year, these points are celebrated in various ways to encourage clubber participation and teamwork.

### **Awards**

We love encouraging kids to keep learning scripture! In each club, we have an award system that celebrates the little milestones your clubbers achieve throughout the book. At the end of the year, we present our major awards for book completion and to celebrate the hard work of all clubbers! If a child completes 10 years of work in Awana (T&T, Trek, Journey), they receive their Citation Award. This is a MAJOR accomplishment for students and can even qualify a student for college scholarships!

If you would like more information about the awards for your child's club, please visit the links below.

[Cubbies Awards](#)

[Sparks Awards](#)

[T&T Awards](#)

[Trek & Journey Awards](#)

## Volunteers & Awana

### Who are all the volunteers at Awana and what do they do?

With over 350 kids in our Awana program at the Woodmen Heights campus, it takes A LOT of volunteers to make our program run each week! We have a large variety of roles, providing you with an opportunity to serve in your area of interest.

Not only do we have different age groups you can serve in, we also have a variety of unique opportunities within each of these age groups! Would you like to serve alongside a group of kids, building relationships and sharing about Jesus? Then a Classroom/Group Leader (in any club) would be a great fit for you! Are you passionate about using your talent with music to lead kids in Worship? Then sign up to be a Worship Leader at Awana! Here's a list of all the volunteer roles we have in Awana:

- **Group Leaders** – serve alongside a group of kids in any club (age group)
- **Game Leaders** – help kids learn good sportsmanship while having fun
- **Worship Leaders** – lead kids in a time of singing and dancing
- **Secretaries** – help us keep track of our awards and points each week
- **AV/Tech Leaders** – help run our lights and sound system throughout the night
- **Large Group Teachers** – help present our Bible lessons to the kids each week
- **Puggles** – help watch over our youngest kids while their parents serve in Awana
- **Snack Leaders (Cubbies only)** – serve snack while Leaders listen to verses
- **Craft Leaders (Cubbies only)** – help Cubbies complete fun crafts each week

### How can I sign up to be an Awana Leader?

To see a full description of each serving area or to sign up, visit [woodmenvalley.org](http://woodmenvalley.org) and click on WH AWANA LEADER REGISTRATION.

If you have questions about volunteering in Awana, please contact the Woodmen Heights Elementary & Awana Coordinator.

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## **Special Nights & Grand Prix**

### **What are Special Nights at Awana and who participates?**

Throughout the club year, we have “Special Nights” to help kids have fun and engage more with their Awana experience. These Special Nights are optional but we encourage all clubbers AND Leaders to participate in this fun time! Some examples of these nights include: Team Color Night, SOUPer Hero Night, Love Your Leader Night, etc.

### **How do I know when Special Nights are happening?**

At the beginning of the club year, your child will receive a CLUB CALENDAR. Each of these special nights as well as holiday breaks and other important information is listed on these club calendars. You will also receive email reminders from your Club Director reminding you about these upcoming Special Nights.

### **Awana Grand Prix Event**

In addition to the Special Nights that happen during our regular Awana nights, we also have the Awana Grand Prix. This is an optional special event for Awana clubbers (Sparks through Journey) to build their own Grand Prix cars from a block of wood and then race them together. Watch for emails throughout the club year with more details about this event!

## **Parent Requirements**

### **What is Parent Night?**

During the beginning of the Awana year, we invite parents to attend Parent Night (see Club Calendar for specific date). This is an important opportunity for you to experience club with your child, learn about your role within your child’s Awana experience, and understand what you can do to help your child be successful throughout the year.

***Please plan to attend Parent Night on September 29<sup>th</sup>!***

### **Parents Required To Serve Once**

All parents are required to serve once throughout the club year. You may be asked to serve in a different area than where your child participates. Having parent volunteers helps us to ensure our classrooms are staffed and we’re able to maintain our ratios each week.

## 2021-22 Woodmen Heights Awana Club Calendar

Date	Woodmen Heights Schedule
9/8	<b>First Club Night</b>
9/15	CLUB
9/22	CLUB
<b>9/29</b>	<b>CLUB - Parent Night</b>
10/6	CLUB
10/13	CLUB
10/20	CLUB
10/27	CLUB
11/3	CLUB
11/10	CLUB
11/17	CLUB
11/24	NO CLUB - Thanksgiving
12/1	CLUB
12/8	CLUB
<b>12/15</b>	<b>CLUB - Crazy Christmas Night</b>
Saturday 12/18	<i>Grand Prix Workshop at Woodmen Heights</i>
12/22	NO CLUB - Christmas
12/29	NO CLUB - New Year
1/5	CLUB
1/12	CLUB
1/19	CLUB
1/26	CLUB
Friday 1/28	<i>Woodmen Heights Grand Prix (Gym)</i>
2/2	CLUB
2/9	CLUB
2/16	CLUB
2/23	CLUB
3/2	CLUB
3/9	CLUB
3/16	CLUB
3/23	NO CLUB - Spring Break
3/30	CLUB
4/6	CLUB
4/13	NO CLUB - Easter
4/20	<b>CLUB - Celebration Night (older clubs)</b>
4/27	<b>CLUB - Sparks, T&amp;T, Trek, Journey Cubbies - Awards Night @ 6:15pm</b>
5/4	<b>Sparks, T&amp;T, Trek, Journey Awards Night @ 6:15pm in Worship Center</b>

# 2021-22 Supply Price List

*Credit Card payments accepted during online registration. Only cash & check payments accepted at Supply Store (during club).*

*The supplies listed in red are required for each specific club. All other items are optional.*

## **REGISTRATION**

- Registration Fee \$45 per clubber

## **PUGGLES (2yr olds – Leader’s kids only)**

- Puggles T-shirt - \$10

## **CUBBIES (preschool/3 – 4 year olds)**

- Cubbies Vest - \$12
- Cubbies Handbook with audio download - \$10
- Cubbies Handbook Bag - \$7
- Awana Clubs Drawstring Backpack - \$7

## **SPARKS (K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)**

- Sparks Vest - \$12
- Sparks Handbook with audio download - \$10
- Sparks Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards - \$10
- Sparks Handbook Bag - \$7
- Awana Clubs Drawstring Backpack - \$7

## **TRUTH & TRAINING (T&T) (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

- T&T Green Uniform Jersey - \$16 (all T&T now wear the same color)
- T&T Handbook - \$10
- T&T Sling (triangular shaped) Bag - \$10
- Awana Clubs Drawstring Backpack - \$7

## **TREK (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

- Trek Guy's or Girl's T-shirt - \$15
- Trek Handbook - \$12
- Trek Sling (triangular shaped) Bag - \$12
- Awana Clubs Drawstring Backpack - \$7

## **JOURNEY (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

- Journey Guy's or Girl's T-shirt - \$15
- Journey Bible Study Handbook - \$20
- Journey Sling (triangular shaped) Bag - \$12
- Awana Clubs Drawstring Backpack - \$7