



*Alleluia, What a Savior, Amen*

## Parent-Clubber Guidelines



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*We are very happy to have your children at our Awasa Club this year. Our hope is that our program will offer a balance of good, positive and spiritual qualities. Such things as Bible, prayer, positive values and morals are all part of the Awasa program.*

### **Parent Expectations**

- Encourage your child/ren. Kids have much more fun when mom and dad show interest in their accomplishments.
- Help children to attend AWASA every week and to arrive on time, as consistency builds friendships, achievement and self-discipline.
- During the week, help your child complete the lesson sheet and memorize the bible verses for extra rewards.
- Attend all major events. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend special events as a way of showing your support and approval for your child's accomplishments.
- Parents are asked to volunteer two nights per year as we need listening ears.
- Please review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. AWASA has very few rules of behavior, but in order to ensure that all clubbers have an opportunity to learn and have fun, some rules of behavior will be enforced.
- Please plan to pick up clubbers promptly after club in the Church hall. Parent/Guardian must sign out their child/ren when picking up. Please speak to a commander when making other arrangements for pick up. Our doors will be locked for security reasons. A door monitor will open the door at 8:25 pm.
- If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, please send a note to that effect to their leader; otherwise, they will be expected to participate with all other clubbers in all activities.
- Please remind clubber to bring back their lesson sheet and bible each week.
- Please, NO SMOKING on Church property.

## **Clubber Expectations**

All rules in the AWASA clubs are for the safety and well-being of the children and adults who are participating.

- Check-in and pay dues with the Clubs secretary when arriving.
- Come on time and prepared.
- Be responsible. Keep your bible and lesson sheet in a backpack or tote.
- Follow the instructions of your Leaders and Commanders.
- Move quietly between rooms. Walk - do not run except during game time.
- Stay in your room unless a leader has given permission for you to leave. You must have a bathroom pass to leave the sanctuary.
- Treat others with respect - no swearing, fighting, hitting or pushing. Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself at all times. BULLYING will not be tolerated in any form.
- Please respect all areas of the Church. Remember this is God's house and he sees and hears everything!
- Use the school rule for illness, don't come to club if you are running a temperature or have been sick in the last 24 hour period. Let us know so we can keep you in our prayers 😊
- Clubbers are encouraged to attend Sunday school. The Dover First Baptist Church provides free transportation to and from service for clubbers 5 and up. Please see your leader for information. No child may ride the bus without a permission slip.

## **Attendance Guidelines**

Attendance is important to the Club as well as the Clubber. We are now following a lesson plan. It's not an individual handbook program. Please contact us if your child is going to miss a night. If your child misses 3 weeks in a session, we may ask your child to leave the program to open a spot for a child on the wait list. This program needs a commitment from the parents as well as the children.

Fall Session: Sept-Dec.

Spring Session: Jan-Apr.

## **Discipline**

In the event discipline is required, we have two procedures that will be used by all clubs, the 5-count and the 3-count. The 5-count is for all clubbers, while the 3-count is for an individual clubber.

### **5-count**

*When a leader needs the clubbers to be still and quiet, he/she will count from 1 to 5. All clubbers need to stop talking immediately and be still. Clubbers who are not quiet by the count of 5 run the risk of losing points towards for their team and will be given an individual 1-count.*

### **3-count**

If a child is disrespectful or is disruptive to the club, the following procedure will occur:

- A “1” count will be given for the first offense in a night.
- A “2” count will be given for the second offense in a night, and the child will be counseled by a leader and commander outside the clubroom and then returned to club.
- A “3” count in a night, the child will be removed from participation and will have to sit in a TIME-OUT chair for a period of 5 minutes and/or forfeit 5 minutes of game time.
- If a fourth occurrence happens in a night then Commander, Clubber and Parents will have a meeting to talk about the situation and give the child an opportunity to correct the behavior.

If the child commits a second “3”-count offense in a session (Fall/Spring), they will sit out of game-time for 2 consecutive weeks and have council with the Pastor, Commander and Parents.

If the child commits a third “3” count offense in a session, they will be removed from the program.

We pray that no child will ever have to be removed from the program but it is our #1 goal to protect the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of all the clubbers.

## **Uniform Guidelines**

- Dover First Baptist will provide uniforms for the Sparrows and Doves. These uniforms will stay at the church every week. Please remember to leave your uniform with your leaders. The Eagles club will be required to purchase uniform shirts.
- Always wear sneakers instead of sandals, flip flops or boots. Because of game time, it is better if the girls wear leggings, jeans or shorts. If they do wear a dress or skirt, please have them wear shorts underneath.
- Clubbers without their sneakers will not be able to participate during game-time for safety reasons. Unpreparedness will result in loss of rewards. Continued unpreparedness will result

in disciplinary action at the commander's discretion, which could include a meeting with the parents.

- You will not be able to participate in the Grand Prix or other major events unless you are in uniform.

## **Lesson Take Home Sheets**

Have your parents read and sign back of lesson sheet. Clubber is responsible to complete the inside of lesson sheet to earn their rewards. Unpreparedness will result in loss of rewards. Continued unpreparedness will result in disciplinary action at the commander's discretion, which could include a meeting with the parents.

## **Awasa Rewards**

All Clubbers can earn rewards a number of ways. Rewards are earned by completing take home lesson sheets, coming prepared for Awasa, competitions, etc. An Awasa reward is "MONEY" that can be spent at special Awasa occasions like the Christmas Store, Auction night and the end of year carnival. The more prepared they are every week, the more they have to spend.

## **Dues / Misc. Payments**

Each club requires a weekly due, which pays for weekly snacks, awards and Bibles. You can pay this in advance for the season but we prefer to teach the children about tithing each week. Dues are \$0.50 per week per clubber. If you have more than 2 children in the club the 3<sup>rd</sup> child does not have to pay dues.

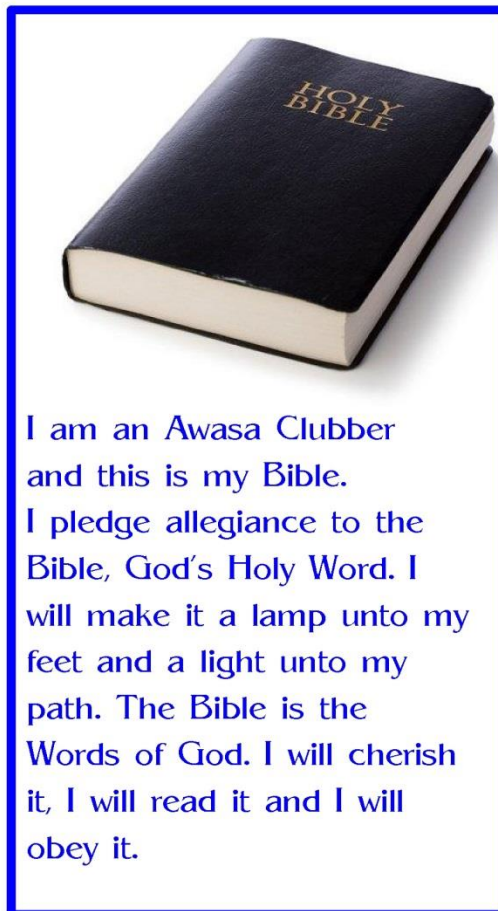
The price of uniforms and lesson kit is as follows:

Lesson kits: \$6.00

Eagles Uniform: \$7.00

## Opening Ceremony

Pledge to the US Flag, Pledge to the Christian Flag, Pledge to the Bible, Awasa Theme Song



## Awasa Theme Song

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia, Praise ye the Lord  
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia, Praise ye the Lord  
Praise ye the Lord, what a Savior  
Praise ye the Lord, alleluia  
Praise ye the Lord, what a Savior  
Praise ye the Lord  
AMEN!