

Awana

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed
2 Timothy 2:15

2018-2019 Awana Parent Handbook

6:30-8:15pm

Lolo Community Church
11897 Lewis & Clark Dr.
Lolo, MT 59847

Reaching Boys & Girls with The Gospel of
Christ

Dear Dads & Moms,

We want to welcome you and your children to our 2018- 2019 Awana year. This is our 40th year of holding Awana club here at Lolo Community Church. Awana is an international non-denominational program based on 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Bible. At Awana your child experiences biblical teaching that relates to your child's age and experiences, fun physical activity, Bible verse memorization, positive friendships, adult

affirmation and encouragement. They get positive training on how to thrive in a team or group setting, and awards and recognition for their accomplishments. It is our goal to help every child understand who God is and to bring them to a safe knowledge of Jesus Christ. Additionally we want to help foster spiritual growth. Please join us in our journey by being involved in what your child is learning and doing at Awana and by sharing in their accomplishments. Parents are always welcome to come into any Awana meeting. If you do not already attend a church, we invite you to visit ours. We invite you to come as a visitor and leave as a friend.

With God all things are possible,

Commander John Wilson

Awana meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30- 8:15 PM

September 5, 2018 through May 1, 2019

Awana Cubbies:

Cubbies are potty trained three and four-year-olds who are 1 to 2 years from Kindergarten.

Awana Sparks:

Sparks are children who are currently in grades Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd.

Awana T&T:

T&T are children who are currently in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th.

Awana Trek:

Trek are student helpers and they are in grades 7th & 8th

Awana Journey (LIT):

LIT are Leaders in Training that are in grades 9th-12th

What happens on the typical night?

A typical club night begins at 6:30 PM with opening ceremonies in the sanctuary for T&T and Sparks. This consists of flag time, announcements and prayer. The remainder of the evening is divided into three sections:

Game Time, Handbook Time and Council Time. The children have a rotating schedule so that every child gets to participate in every activity. The Cubbies also have activities but, they stay with their leaders downstairs the entire evening. Trek and LIT both help with younger clubbers, have book time and social time. Club ends at 8:15.

Game Time:

Game time is a fun time for children to interact with each other and burn some energy. Many of the games played are unique to the program and allow kids to participate no matter what their skill level is. It is also a great time to learn good sportsmanship. Encourage your children to bring and wear tennis shoes to club so that they can participate in the evening's games.

Handbook Time:

Children are split into smaller groups where they spend time with caring leaders and receive individual attention while working through their books. You can help your child complete their book during the year by spending time working with them at home on the verses ahead of time. Please note that the leader must sign off on handbooks. If you have questions about handbook time please contact the club director.

Council Time:

The children spend the first part of council time with our music leaders singing fun songs and learning about worship. Our council leaders share a short Bible message with kids to help give them a better understanding of who God is, what the Bible says and how to apply it to their lives.

Awana Awards:

We want to encourage the children to continue learning God's word and to complete their handbook during the year. Along with affirmation from caring leaders, we offer awards and incentives that your children earn. While awards vary by club generally speaking the awards are earned by finishing sections in their handbook, bringing handbook and Bible to club, attendance, team dues, wearing uniform, demonstrating positive behavior and working hard. Please talk to your club director for specific questions regarding awards given in a particular club.

Awana Store:

We set up Awana stores for Sparks, T&T and Trek . The children earn shares (Awana Money) by completing sections in the handbook and participating in nightly themes. We encourage them to give. We have a giving box for Operation Christmas Child in the Awana Store. The share can be exchanged at the Awana stores for fun items in the store.

Awana Rules:

Get ready to love God. Matthew 22:37

Get ready to love others. Matthew 22:39

Get ready to learn. Proverbs 9:9

Club expectations:

1. Arrive on time and be prepared. Bring your Awana handbook and Bible each week.
2. Wear your uniform to club.
3. Participate in all club activities and do it with a good heart attitude.
4. Wear tennis shoes. Shoes will be worn at all times for safety and health of the clubbers. If clubbers are not wearing appropriate shoes they may sit out for game time.

5. All toys and electronic device (phones, Ipods, headphones) will be left at home.
6. Stay with your Awana club group at all times unless you have received special permission from the leader.
7. After Awana, clubbers need to stay in the room they end up in while awaiting parent or guardian pick up.

Parent and Guardian:

1. **Clubbers should arrive and be signed -in no earlier than 6:15PM for supervised pre-club activities.**
2. **Clubbers should be signed-out promptly at 8:15PM.**
3. Parents and guardians should escort their clubbers to and from designated Awana drop off and pick up locations. This is a must for all clubbers.
4. Help encourage regular attendance in Awana club as well as Sunday school morning activities at church.
5. Assist clubbers in completing sections in their Awana handbook. Then initial sections below the line for the leader signature. With your support they will learn more, complete more sections and earn the greatest reward of all, knowing God's word in their heart.
6. If your child loses a handbook you will need to pay full price for another one. Handbooks are necessary for Awana.

Discipline:

Discipline is reinforced positively and for the purpose of building character as well as maintaining a positive learning environment for all clubbers. Our club uses the following methods for effective discipline:

Five count:

The five count is used by all leadership and simply involves counting down from 5 to 0 giving clubbers notice of immediate need for silence in order to refocus their attention.

Three strike:

The three strike rule allows three opportunities to understand that posted club rules must be followed.

The first strike is a warning.

The second strike is clubber Director intervention and counsel.

Strike three is Commander/ Director counseling clubber and/ or calling parents.

Discipline 3rd strike a night-Commander's discretion:

1st Time- Call parents & child goes home and may come back to club the next club night. The parent and child sign expectation contract.

2nd Time- Call parents & child goes home and is suspended for club for 1 week.

3rd Time -Call parent child goes home and is suspended for 2 weeks. May only attend club with a parent or guardian present all night.

Commander:
John Wilson 370-1167

T&T Director:
Miriam Boschmann 273-0198

Sparks Director:
Heidi Smalley 829-0891

Cubbies Directors:
Kristie Anderson 396-2562 & Grandma C

Trek Directors:
Brian & Teal Beebe 546-2189 or 529-5189

Journey Directors:
Matt & Kiri Smith 546-3964 or 546-2250

Awana Secretary:
Sarah Wilson 360-7995 or loloawana@gmail.com

Van Coordinator:
Kathy Walton 530-251-6384

Lolo Community Church 273-6367

\$5 share to clubber if parent and clubber read Awana rules and expectations. Email Sarah at loloawana@gmail.com when you have done so with Your name & Clubbers name. Thank you!

About Lolo Community Church:

Lolo Community Church is a non-denominational, community oriented church dedicated to seeing people mature in their faith and serve in the church and community. We offer programs and services for the entire family. If you do not already have a home church, we would like to invite you to join ours. Our service times are below.

Sunday Church Service:
Sunday school: 9:30 AM.
Coffee and Donuts: 10:15 AM.
Worship Service: 10:45 AM.

Youth Group (High School):
Mondays 7:00 PM. Contact
Jeremy & Tara for High School 317-0147

Ladies Of Lolo meets once a month on the second
Tuesday of the month. You can contact
Mary Barndt 251-3096 or Joy Goffena 777-5511

Men's Bible study Thursday mornings at 9 AM
in the blue room.