



Welcome to AWANA, 2019-2020

AWANA Club is one of the ministries designed to assist families in meeting the spiritual needs of their children. Qualified adults provide caring leadership, and children have a lot of fun as they discover life-shaping principles from the Bible.

We are glad that you have decided that Mililani Community Church (MCC) is a place where your child can get to know and grow in the Lord. We are sure that our AWANA club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child. The AWANA program is divided into several age group clubs that range from pre-school aged children, 3 and 4 years old, through High School, grade 12.

The focus of AWANA is designed to assist families in meeting the spiritual needs of their children. AWANA offers several opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and a basic understanding of biblical principles and doctrines. AWANA also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just as individuals. They will learn to win and lose with a proper attitude of fair play and sportsmanship.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their handbook materials prior to each club meeting. This way, we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their everyday lives.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work with and minister to your child – it is a trust and responsibility that we do not take lightly. Please accept our invitation to become a part of our caring church family.

In Christ,

Dave Hallstrom, *AWANA Commander*

The History of AWANA

Since 1950, AWANA has grown from a one-church program into a ministry that includes more than 6,500 churches in the United States and another 1,300 in more than 80 countries worldwide. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the AWANA program. The goal of AWANA is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

AWANA stands for **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed, and comes from 2 Timothy 2:15:

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

AWANA is a fun and exciting way for children to learn Scripture, make new friends, and foster a relationship with The Lord Jesus.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to acquaint you with the AWANA ministry of Mililani Community Church and how it can benefit not only your child, but your entire family!

What We Expect from Our Leaders

We basically have very few requirements that our leaders must meet; however, we have some expectations we encourage them to consider.

Requirements:

- A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A leader must have a desire to work with and a compassion for children.
- To help ensure a safe church environment, MCC has contracted with Protect My Ministry to implement background checks for all leaders and volunteers.

Expectations:

- We expect our leaders to be on time.
- We expect our leaders to be examples by wearing clean, neat uniforms every night.
- We expect our leaders to follow the rules.
- Leaders will promote general respect and a proper attitude for fellow clubbers and adult authority, which results in respect for God’s authority.
- We expect our leaders to pray for our Club on a regular basis.
- We expect our leaders to realize AWANA is not just another program, but it is a ministry of the church, and a place of service to God.
- Leaders will observe the five-count and three-count methods.
- Leaders will promote attention/courtesy during AWANA.
- Leaders will actively work to ensure a safe environment for all clubbers and volunteers.

What We Expect from Parents/Guardians

- Always encourage your child. Children have much more fun when mom and dad show interest in their accomplishments. Also, please be willing to help with an activity or volunteer in your child's club at least one time during the year.
- Help children to attend AWANA every week and to arrive on time, as consistency builds friendships, achievement, and self-discipline. Sign your child in with his/her club at the start of the night.
- During the week, help your child prepare at least two sections. This will ensure they will complete their handbook and will receive their special awards.
- Attend special events. Parents/guardians are always welcome and are encouraged to attend special events to show support and approval for your child's accomplishments.
- Please review the discipline guidelines in this handbook with your child. AWANA has very few rules of behavior, but to ensure all clubbers have an opportunity to learn and have fun, some rules of behavior will be enforced.
- Please plan to pick up clubbers promptly from their club at 8:30 p.m. Clubbers will not be permitted to leave their class without a designated adult to pick them up.
- If your child needs to be excused from participating in Game Time, please send a note to his/her leader; otherwise, your child will be expected to participate.
- Use the "school rule" for illness. Do not send children to club if running a temperature, throwing up, or have been sick in the last 24-hour period.
- Have a Bible available for children to use. If you do not have one at home, we have a few at church to lend out, or we can help order an age-appropriate one for you.

What We Expect from Clubbers

- Follow all rules. AWANA rules are for the safety and well-being of everyone.
- Check-in with your club when you arrive at night to avoid losing your perfect attendance status.
- All children must attend their age-appropriate class (no skipping ahead/staying behind).
- Follow the instructions of your leaders.
- Move quietly between rooms. Walk; do not run in the church (unless it is instructed during Game Time). Show respect for all church property as well as other's property.
- Stay in your room unless a leader has given permission for you to leave.
- Treat others with respect - no swearing, fighting, hitting or pushing. Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself, at all times.
- Be responsible. Keep track of your books and backpack. Do not bring personal toys or electronic devices to AWANA. AWANA staff and Mililani Community Church will not be held responsible if these items come up missing.

Discipline

Discipline is used to teach Christ-like behavior. 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. The 5-count and 3-count methods of disciplining are used in each club, which results in an organized and smooth-running club. Children are expected to behave according to club standards.

5-count

When a leader needs to get the attention of the clubbers to be still, quiet, and/or line up, he/she will count from 1 to 5. All clubbers need to stop talking immediately and be still.

3-count

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

- A "1" count will be given for the first offense.
- A "2" count will be given for the second offense, and the child will be counseled by a leader outside the club room and then returned to club.
- A "3" count is given, and the child is given a time-out. If this occurs, contact between parents and the Club Director is necessary before the next club meeting for the child to return to club.
- If the clubber must be taken to the parent a second time, they must miss the next club meeting, and a parent must meet with the Club Director and AWANA Commander to discuss returning to club.
- If a clubber is removed from club a third time, they will not be allowed back into the program for the remainder of the club year.

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

Uniform Guidelines

Clubbers and Leaders are expected to wear their AWANA uniform to each meeting as soon as they are qualified by their club and have earned a uniform. The goal of each AWANA Club is to have 100% of its attendees in uniform. A properly worn uniform helps AWANA clubbers and leaders earn respect, credibility and show belonging.

- Uniforms are to be clean, neat, complete, and worn correctly.
- Uniforms for new students are earned after completing entrance/starter booklets.
- For safety reasons during game time, always wear tennis shoes instead of boots or open-toed shoes or slippers.
- Also, because of game time, it is better for children to wear shorts or pants. If girls do wear a dress or skirt, please wear shorts underneath.
- Clubbers not adhering to the above dress code will not be permitted to participate in game time for safety reasons.

Dues for 2019-2020

We ask all parents to pay a yearly fee (considered dues) as follows:

- \$25.00 for the first child
- \$15.00 for each additional child enrolled in AWANA

Included in Clubber Dues:

Entrance/Starter booklet
All club activities
All awards and ribbons

Not Included in Clubber Dues:

Club handbook
Replacement books & awards
2nd handbook or extra-credit cards
Uniform vest or shirt
Bible (we have a few copies available to borrow at MCC)

Each clubber will also need to purchase a Handbook and a Uniform vest or shirt. Please see the Order Form for the list of individual club products that are available. Each level has a uniform and a handbook. Families may purchase optional items, if desired.

The yearly dues/fee amounts to about \$0.86 per week. Please see the AWANA Commander, AWANA Secretary or MCC Pastor if dues are a challenge for your family. Our desire is to make sure any child who wants to attend AWANA will have that privilege.

Payment may be made in one of two ways:

1. Payment in full at time of registration (**checks payable to: MILILANI COMMUNITY CHURCH**)
2. Payment for multi-child families may be made at the rate of one child per month, beginning with September; with all dues paid by January 2020.

MCC AWANA Clubs

Club meetings are carefully organized according to ages and school grades to provide maximum interest and appropriate activity for all children.

Cubbies: Ages 3 & 4. Designed for 2 years prior to Kindergarten. Must be 3 by August 31st and must be potty trained (no diapers).

Sparks: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

T & T: Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 6

Trek (Middle School): Boys and Girls in grades 7-8

Journey (High School): Boys and Girls in grades 9-12



AWANA verse

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)

AWANA Nightly Schedule (subject to change)

Journey

5:30-6:55: Sign-in and join leaders for time going through the “Advocates” handbook. We will eat together in the kitchen. Teens are required to participate in Journey if they want to assist as helpers with the other MCC AWANA Clubs.

ALL OTHER CLUBS:

6:45-7:00: Sign-in, Flag Ceremony, announcements, and worship songs. Leaders will then break up by club and go to their designated area or activity.

T & T and Trek

7:00-7:25 Games

7:25-8:00 Handbook

8:00-8:20 Council

8:20-8:30 Snack, Closing, and Awards

Cubbies

7:00-7:25 Council

7:25-7:50 Games

7:50-8:25 Snack & Handbook

8:25-8:30 Closing and Awards

Sparks

7:00-7:30 Council

7:30-8:00 Handbook

7:50-8:15 Games

8:15-8:30 Snack, Closing, and Awards

For Cubbies through Trek, your child will participate in the following activities during each club night (Journey will start at 5:30 p.m.):

Flag Ceremony

Beginning promptly at 6:45 p.m., the Flag Ceremony and prayer open our evening with all clubbers reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and AWANA pledge. Announcements are made, and Clubbers are dismissed to their respective clubs following a time of singing.

During the pledges and prayer all clubbers and workers shall remain standing. **If clubbers arrive late, show them how to respect the flags by encouraging them to stand at attention where they are.** Do not disturb the color line until after they have been presented and posted. We will recite the pledges to the American flag and the AWANA flag. **Please refrain from talking; remove your hat, and place your right hand over your heart while in the Sanctuary during the Flag Ceremony.**

Game Time

AWANA goes into high gear with team and individual competition during Game Time. Dozens of organized games encourage each Clubber's participation.

Handbook Time

Using achievement-oriented learning segments, AWANA emphasizes the importance of God's Word for practical living. Handbook time is when leaders work individually with clubbers as they progress through their entrance booklet and handbooks. Parents are strongly encouraged to work with clubbers at home on sections and activities so that the clubber is prepared each week. Clubbers must pass sections with no more than 2 helps. A help equals a hint of three words or less. Clubbers are encouraged to pass sections "word perfect." References are required to be known and recited by all school aged clubbers. When a clubber completes his/her handbook, if there is time left in the AWANA year, all of verses may be reviewed and recited again for a leader. No helps are allowed during the review of a handbook.

Council Time

This is a general session for each club where God's Word is brought to life through Bible stories, testimonies, songs and prayer time.

Award Time

Each AWANA Clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. During this Award Time clubbers are recognized for individual progress in their handbooks and their attendance in his/her club. Children earn awards which are worn on the uniform vests or shirts. These awards should be displayed and worn proudly as they represent good achievement and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His Word. We will encourage all young people to strive for their highest potential. Each child works at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader. Award time is very special! NOTE: Awards may only be given when a child is in uniform.

We will close the year with our special annual Awards/Parents' night. Please make sure your clubber is there.

Snacks

We will have a sign-up sheet available for parents/guardians who wish to volunteer to bring snacks for children in their club. These may range from chips, fruit, cookies or other "grab-and-go" type of items. Please avoid bringing snacks containing peanuts or peanut-products as often have children with severe allergies to these items.

Theme Nights

We use theme nights to keep things fun and exciting. This year we are going to also take a few of those nights and incorporate the theme into our club night. It's going to be a fun and exciting year! Stay tuned for the announcements!

Handbook Guidelines

- Sections must be passed in order.
- Discoveries & Challenges must be done in order.
- Silver & Gold level sections (T&T) may be done at any time.
- If you do not bring your handbook to the weekly club meetings, sections may not be passed or checked off by your club leader.
- To complete a handbook in one year, a child should have two to three sections ready to be completed when they arrive each week.
- Parents may initial work completed at home.

Other Information:

- **Club Attendance:** Clubbers can only have one unexcused absence in each quarter of a club year in order to receive the club attendance award. (Sickness, family vacations, and other circumstances outside a clubbers control are considered excused absences.)
- **Sunday School or Church Attendance:** Clubbers can only have one unexcused absence in any period (3 months) in order to receive this award. Attendance at another church is accepted. If you attend a different church tell your teacher each week if you attended Sunday School or worship.
- **In case of inclement weather:** You may call the MCC Office at (808) 625-6205 or email mcc@mcchawaii.org to confirm club will still be held that night. Please also make sure we have your correct phone number and email to ensure you receive timely updates.

To Parents/Guardians:

We hope you have read this entire handbook for the MCC AWANA Program. This is the best way to make sure you have complete information regarding this ministry.

Should you have any questions that are not addressed in this handbook, please feel free to contact your child's leader or any member of the leadership team at any time.

If you desire to help in the Cubbies, Sparks, or other clubs, please contact your respective Director. There will be opportunities to help with crafts, snacks, and/or clean-up on a weekly, monthly, or as needed basis.

MCC AWANA Contacts

The **MCC AWANA email is mcc@mcchawaii.org**. Contact the MCC Office at **(808) 625-6205** or visit the church website (mcchawaii.org) for a listing of weekly worship times and other opportunities available for all age groups that meet at various times throughout the month. Additionally, if you have specific questions about our clubs, you may contact the following:

Commander	Dave Hallstrom	(808) 626-0059	miki-dave@hotmail.com
Secretary	Ann Biggers	(808) 375-9520	ann@mcchawaii.org
Cubbies Director	Carol Domen	(808) 291-2570	math101@hawaii.rr.com
Sparks Director	Joshua Shiroma	(808) 372-2962	joshua73@hawaii.edu
T&T Director	Sean Shiroma	(808) 954-5848	setapartsean2@gmail.com
Trek Director (Boys)	Jayson Saito	(808) 268-4345	jayson@mcchawaii.org
Trek Director (Girls)	Rachelle Saito	(808) 268-3602	6mauimonkeys@gmail.com
Journey	Steve Knapp	(808) 342-9584	4steveknapp@gmail.com

Pledges (please stand and place your right hand over your heart)

Pledge of Allegiance (U.S. Flag)

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands
One nation, under God, indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.

AWANA Flag

I pledge allegiance to the AWANA flag
Which stands for the AWANA Clubs
Whose goal is to reach boys and girls
With the Gospel of Christ
and train them to serve him.

2019-2020 AWANA Calendar

September 2019

Sep 6	Opening Night
Sep 13	Regular Club
Sep 20	Regular Club
Sep 27	Regular Club

October 2019

Oct 4	Regular Club
Oct 11	Regular Club
Oct 18	Foreign Missions Night*
Oct 25	Glow-in-the-Dark

November 2019

Nov 1	Regular Club
Nov 8	Honor the Military*
Nov 15	Canned Food Drive*
Nov 22	Regular Club
Nov 29	No AWANA-Thanksgiving

December 2019

Dec 6	Regular Club
Dec 13	Christmas Party*
Dec 20	No AWANA-Christmas Break
Dec 27	No AWANA-Christmas Break

January 2020

Jan 3	Regular Club
Jan 10	Regular Club
Jan 17	Crazy Sock Night*
Jan 24	Regular Club
Jan 31	Regular Club

February 2020

Feb 7	Regular Club
Feb 14	Share a Heart for Jesus!*
Feb 21	Regular Club
Feb 28	Regular Club

March 2020

Mar 6	Regular Club
Mar 13	Regular Club
Mar 20	Crazy Hat Night*
Mar 27	Regular Club

April 2020

Apr 3	Regular Club
Apr 10	No AWANA-Good Friday
Apr 17	Regular Club
Apr 24	Parents' & Award Night*

***Foreign Missions Night:** We want to raise awareness of missionaries and how we can help. Special guest missionaries will come share about their lives serving in the mission field.

***Glow-in-the-Dark Night:** Bring your flashlight! A glow-in-the-dark surprise for passing off handbook sections! Come have FUN and let your light SHINE for Jesus!!

***Honor the Military night:** We'll share photos of parents who have served/are serving and have a guest(s) speaker.

***Canned Food Drive:** Bring a canned good to club to help share the bounty of Thanksgiving with those in need.

***Christmas Party:** Come to our Christmas! Parents are invited to fellowship too and celebrate Jesus as the reason for the season.

***Crazy Sock Night:** Wear a crazy pair of socks and remember it's okay to be bold when sharing Christ!

***Share a Heart for Jesus:** Valentine's Day is the perfect time to share your heart for Jesus! Dress up in red, pink or other Valentine-themed wear and be ready to learn about what it means to share God's love with others.

***Crazy Hat Night:** Have fun and wear a crazy hat to club!

***Parents' & Award Night:** This will be the last night for AWANA. We will have our end of the year Awards Night and dessert fellowship potluck before we break for the Summer.