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Dates to Remember:

- **April 22— AWANA Grand Prix**
- **April 29—No AWANA (5th Sunday)**
- **May 6—Field Trip: Tejada Veteran's Home (3:30pm)**
- **May 6—AWANA Store #3**
- **May 13—No AWANA (Mother's Day)**
- **May 20—Leader Meeting—4pm (childcare provided)**
- **May 20—AWANA Party 5pm and Awards Ceremony 6pm in the Sanctuary**

Our 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.

II Timothy 2:15



Everything's Coming Up AWANA!

Wow!! This has been a busy AWANA semester! Between clothing collections, bad weather, and cars, cars, and more cars; the First Baptist Church AWANA Club has been VERY busy! Our clubbers have worked hard this semester to finish out books, earn some more valuable points, help out underprivileged students and preparing for the AWANA Grand Prix!!! The Grand Prix will take place next week—our kids are very excited! Everything culminates in May with our last store, our last field trip and our last club meeting. The last club meeting will consist of a pizza party and the AWANA Awards ceremony. Plan to attend the awards ceremony if you are able, all clubbers will be recognized for their hard work. As we wind down the year, remind your child(ren) to keep working hard toward finishing their final goals for the year. As always thank you for sharing your child with us each week!

Rainbow Room

This spring our mission project was to assist the Floresville High School V.A.L.-U. (Voice, Action, Leadership—YOU!) service-learning class with their goal of supplying the Wilson County TDH Rainbow Room with much needed clothing and other items. The Rainbow Room keeps clothing and hygiene items on hand for children who have been removed from their home and are awaiting foster care. Most of the time, these children leave their home only in what they are wearing. The V.A.L.-U. class chose to fill 125+ duffel bags for the children. Each bag contains 3-days worth of clothing, pajamas, underwear, socks, shoes, towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, a few toys and of course, a stuffed animal. Our AWANA club worked very hard to make sure that we could fill the 6 bags that we committed to complete. Each group was able to fill bags for children around their age; this allowed our club members to “connect” with the children for whom they were collecting. We will be presenting the bags to V.A.L.-U. class members on Sunday, April 22nd at our regular AWANA meeting. A special thanks to Ms. Amy Carter and Ms. Stefanie Moore from Floresville High School for helping us facilitate this project. We would also like to thank all of our AWANA parents who really helped pull off this mission project! We could not have done it without you!



Grand Prix: Start your Engines!!!



This year for the first time, we are holding an AWANA Grand Prix Event—which is a pine-derby race. This event will take place on Sunday, April 22nd during our regular AWANA meeting. This event was made possible when Southeast Baptist Church in San Antonio volunteered to allow us to use their hand-crafted track— what a blessing as the tracks are VERY expensive. Although the Grand Prix event takes place only on one evening, it has taken months of preparation

by many volunteers. Our AWANA Grand Prix Coordinator this year has been Rene Hildebrand and boy has she put in the work!!! She has been assisted this year by many people, but primarily, Jeff Pierce, Joe and Claryce Holcombe, and Randy Richards. The AWANA club members each received a wooden car to sand, paint, and decorate. They also participated in decorating a “garage” storage unit for their car, banners, flags and wrote thank you cards for Joe Holcombe,

who generously gave of his time and wood-working skills to cut-out the wooden cars. The clubbers learned valuable lessons during their work on the “Race for Life” which included lessons on “staying on track”, persevering, and taking care of your home and body. Rene has done an awesome job during this time and we so appreciate her work—if you see her around, be sure and tell her thanks!!

Last Field Trip...



This year we have gone on two field trips to the Frank M. Tejada State Veteran’s Home. Our Clubbers, along with Bro. Terry sang and visited with the many wonderful veterans there who are so appreciative. On May 6th, we will take our last visit to the Veteran’s home for the year. If you are able, please think about letting your child participate in this re-

warding mission opportunity. The kids have fun and the veteran’s LOVE to see kids. We will meet at the church at 3:30pm on Sunday, May 6 and ride with Bro. Terry in the church vehicle. We will return to the church in time for the regular AWANA meeting that night. Kids will receive bonus points for attending and will be able to use them at the AWANA store that night.

Coming NEXT YEAR!

TREK for Middle School! Next Year FBC AWANA will be introducing TREK for grades: 6-8. We are still working out the details to collaborate and work with Brother Paul in conjunction with the Youth on Sunday nights. We look forward to this exciting new venture! If you are going to be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade or know someone who will be—we’d love to see you and your friends in TREK!