



Great Start to a New Year of AWANA!

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Thank you parents and clubbers for making the 2006-2007 AWANA year get off to a great start! We have about 40 kids enrolled in AWANA this year and are looking forward to a great year! If you haven't met all of the group leaders, please take a moment to get to know them. These great people are all taking time out of their busy lives to make a

difference to kids! We plan on sending out a newsletter at the end of each month to give you information on the next. This newsletter will include calendar events, nights off from AWANA, and special mission projects that we are working on. Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this great program this year.



**Theme for the month of October:
SHINE FOR JESUS!**

Operation Christmas Child

Special Dates to make note of:

- **October 1—CRAZY HAIR DAY**
- **October 29—NO AWANA**—5th Sunday at FBC Floresville—enjoy the evening with your family.

AWANA provides great opportunities for your children to be ministers of the "Gospel" in the Floresville area and around the world.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Franklin Graham to reach out to children around the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting both empty shoe boxes and items to be placed in the shoe boxes. Items that can be brought to place in the boxes

are small toys (no war toys, please) such as marbles, jump ropes, Barbie dolls, Match box cars, small books, play-doh, etc. Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, washrags and hard candy. School supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, etc. **NO LIQUIDS PLEASE!**

We will pack the boxes in November and ship the first week in December—our goal is 32 boxes this year (10 more than last!). Please

encourage and help your child to participate in this important project. Remember that children will receive points for bringing items.

Our deadline for this project will be: **October 22, 2006**

More information on this program can be found at: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/> then click on Operation Christmas Child.

Getting to Know: Snack Man!



Richard trying on the Armor of God while waiting for his cape!

This year in AWANA, thanks to the generosity of quite a few church members, we are able to provide snacks for all of the club members each Sunday. We are very thankful to these wonderful ladies in giving of their time and talents. On the first Sunday of the month, leaders provide snacks for a birthday surprise for all the kids and leaders who have birthdays that month. In addition, to

these wonderful ladies, a new addition to AWANA this year is Richard Perales a.k.a. Snack Man! Richard has volunteered with his wonderful group of helpers to set out the snacks for each group of kids, make sure they are refilled on drinks and snacks, and then clean up the fellowship hall after each group. We are so grateful for Richard, so if you see him around (with or without his

cape!), be sure and thank him for a job well done!

Snack Volunteers: Jean Evelyn Hughes, Judith Smith, Nadine Miller, Lorraine Young, Bonnie Rice, Barbara Herndon, Amy Carter, Ruth Baker, Peggy Tipton and AWANA leaders.

Crazy Days and Sundays...



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Phil 4:13

AWANA is not just about memorizing bible verses. It's also about learning the reasons for those verses, how they affect us today, and also about responsibility. Responsibility comes into play when we ask the kids to bring their Bible, bag, book, uniform, and offering each week. Based on a point system, each child is rewarded for bringing these

items. Students also get points when they bring items for collection for one of our many mission projects and for AWANA and Sunday School attendance. The kids' **FAVORITE** way to earn points is on our CRAZY DAYS! For example, next week—October 1st is CRAZY HAIR DAY. Wear it anyway you like or any color you like—but wear it

crazy!!! Every one who remembers to wear crazy hair—gets points. Points add up and can be used at future AWANA stores. The more points, the more prizes they go home with.

Please help your child to remember to get Crazy as they praise and worship God.

Don't forget to try to spend 10 minutes a day with your child on their AWANA book—it will pay off as they learn to hide His words in their hearts!

God's World Book Club

New this year also has been the addition of God's World Book Club. We are really excited about the opportunity for your children to order books from this group. If you didn't place an order this month there will be new forms coming out in October. The order forms will come

out every other month or so and be sent home with each child. This is a great opportunity to order some Christian based "fun" books for your kids to have now or for gifts for friends. Completed order forms are to be returned to your child's leader. Due to accounting policies—

please only bring checks—made out to God's World Book Club. We can not accept Cash or Credit Cards. We are sorry for any inconvenience.