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# AWANA

## News

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### Dates to Remember:

- **October 21—Last Day to bring Shoe-box Items for OCC**
- **November 11—AWANA Store #1!**
- **November 11—Begin bring Holiday Warmth Items—more info to come...**
- **November 25—NO AWANA—Thanksgiving**

### 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**

## *It's Good to Be Back!*

It's great to be back into the swing of Fall, isn't it? Getting back to school, back to routine and back to AWANA! We welcomed many of our AWANA clubbers from last year and many, many NEW faces this year. We have many service/mission projects planned for this year including our annual Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse (Franklin Graham), a Holiday Warmth Tree (bringing mittens, scarves, socks, jackets the less fortunate in the area), a field trip to the Veteran's home, and in the Spring we will be sending care package to local military personnel serving in Iraq. We had to say goodbye to a few of our leaders and welcomed more into the fold. We also had many youth and TREK students who have been eager to help this year. We thank all of our leaders for the time and effort they make in prayerfully preparing each week. We are so excited about this coming and as always we thank you for sharing your child with us each week!

## *Operation Christmas Child*

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 45 boxes this year. 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 21, 2007.**

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



*We are Growing and we need your Help!*



**AWANA** (*Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed*) at First Baptist Church - Floresville is growing steadily and we need your help!

We are so excited and so privileged to have increased our AWANA enrollment this year! Thank you for sharing your child with us each week. We want to make sure that each child that is attending is getting all the time that they need to work on their book time and lessons.

This is where you, the parents, come in. We would love to have some parent volunteers help out

during AWANA. We are not asking for a weekly commitment, simply a few hours of your time over the course of the year.



We are hoping to get 1-2 parent volunteers for each week to help out our teachers; we are particularly needing assistance in the Sparks group (K - 2<sup>nd</sup>

grades).

There are no skills or training needed for this – the teacher you are assigned with will give you any instruction needed. Most of the help we need is in helping the students say their verses and finish sections and signing off their books.

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering volunteering a small amount of time to the AWANA program here at Floresville. If you are able to donate 1-2 hours of your time a quarter or more, please sign up at the sign up table over the next few weeks.

*Shopping, shopping, shopping!*

Coming up on **November 11**, is our first AWANA Store. Our clubbers love store as it allows them to use the points they have earned (through participation, attendance, preparedness) to purchase age-appropriate toys, projects and other fun stuff. Each “club” has their own store and items are priced anywhere from 5 to 25+ points. Clubbers with the assistance from leaders: shop,

tally their points and make choices during the AWANA Store. Be ready for show and tell from your Clubbers when they get home on Store night— they can’t wait to show you what all they have earned with their hard work. If you have any toys, games, gently used items that you would like to donate to the AWANA store or interested in making a cash donation, please let Cristy Vinson or Judy Herndon know.



**Food for Thought**

"Success is not helping our kids be what they want to be. Success is helping our kids be what God wants them to be."

— **Rob Rienow**