

Especially for T&T Leaders

Find the Especially For T&T Leaders interactive training module associated with this resource under the Club Specific category at awana.org/clubclinic.

Key Principles

- T&T is the Awana club for the lively third- through sixth-graders. The T&T program engages these kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible and guiding them to grow in Christ's grace in their relationships.
- Children this age are fully capable of knowing, loving and serving Christ. In fact, statistics show that children are more likely trust Christ as Savior before they turn 14.

Club Overview

T&T is one program with two clubs. T&T Ultimate Adventure is for third- and fourth-graders and teaches clubbers that salvation in Christ is the ultimate adventure. T&T Ultimate Challenge trains fifth- and sixth-graders that walking faithfully in Christ is the ultimate challenge.

Handbook Time

Handbook Time is when kids gather in small groups with their leaders to recite verses they've memorized from their handbooks. This is where relationships are built and discipleship happens.



Leader's Role

- Build relationships
- Listen to verses and sign off on sections passed
- Help clubbers apply Scripture to life
- Use games to help clubbers memorize

Resources

- *T&T Pocket Guide*
- *Club Clinic: Section Standards*

Game Time

Game Time is filled with team-oriented games that gives everyone a chance to have fun. The best game times are fast-paced, disciplined, have variety and are well-organized.



Leader's Role

- Keep your team organized
- Explain and enforce the rules
- Encourage participation
- Model good sportsmanship

Resources

- *The Official T&T Game Book*
- *Game Director Role Book*

Large Group Time

Large Group Time is when all the T&T clubbers meet to sing, hear Bible teaching and receive awards.



Leader's Role

- Sitting with or near your clubbers
- Sharing a testimony or Bible lesson
- Leading in singing
- Pass out awards

Resources

- *Large Group Time lesson books*
- *WHAT and WHY books*
- *Living' in God's House* and *Living Proof* worship CDs

Handbook Overview

Handbook Time is one of the three main segments of an Awana club. This is where relationships are built and discipleship happens. In handbook time, T&T leaders gather with a small group of children to pray and listen to verses recited from handbooks.

On a child's first night of T&T, he should receive a Start Zone, the starting point for all T&T clubbers.

Each T&T handbook is divided into "sections" or individual units. Take a look at some of the features that make up this Ultimate Adventure section:

Handbook Themes:

Ultimate Adventure

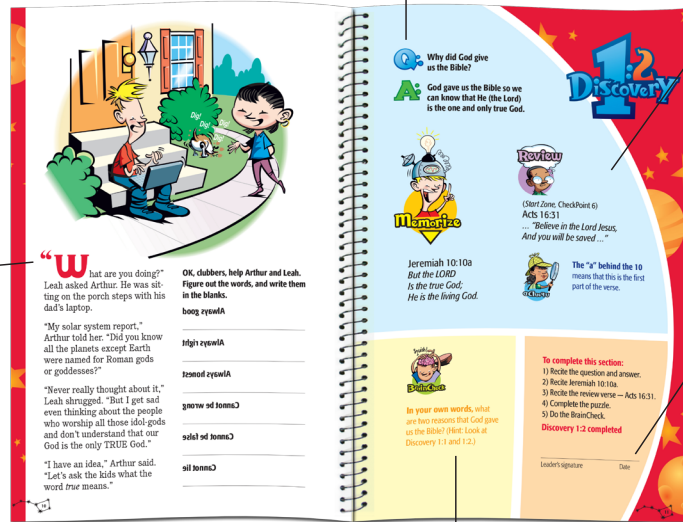
Book One: Space
Book Two: Deep Sea

Ultimate Challenge

Book One: Archaeology
Book Two: Canyon Camping

Q&A:

Third- through sixth-graders are developing their faith and often have questions about God and the Bible. Each handbook discusses these questions so that clubbers learn the answers along with verses to back them up. These question and answer series are the foundation of every section.



Activities:

Sections contain a wide-variety of exercises including character stories, puzzles, word games or even service projects - all crafted to help a child apply Scripture to life.

Memorize and Review:

Each section contains a new verse or verses to memorize that support the answer to the question above it. In addition, reciting a review verse keeps previously memorized verses fresh. As a child recites verses to you, help her think of ways to apply the verses to her life.

Leader Signature:

When a clubber completes all elements listed, your job is to sign his or her book and mark your record keeping form. Remember a section must be said in one sitting with no more than two "helps." Check out the Club Clinic module "Section Standards" to learn more.

BrainCheck:

The BrainCheck keeps kids on their toes and their brains from getting squishy! In this instance the clubber must answer the question.

Uniforms and Awards

Uniforms, for both leaders and clubbers, are important because they display achievement awards and create a sense of community. Clubbers earn awards that are displayed on their uniforms by completing Discoveries and Challenges in their handbooks.



Ultimate Adventure clubbers colorful emblems which can be placed on the uniform using our standard method, or clubbers can create custom patterns for a unique look.



Ultimate Challenge clubbers can customize their uniforms by choosing the emblems they earn after each Challenge. Kids can place emblems anywhere on the white spaces on their uniform.

Book Awards



Alpha
First Book Award



Excellence
Second Book Award



Challenge
Third Book Award



Timothy
Fourth Book Award

Leader Training

Awana Leadership Structure

In many ways, an Awana club is as strong as its leadership. Jesus built His church by equipping 12 men who would train others. Awana follows a similar discipleship model of multiplication. Commanders equip directors, directors equip leaders and leaders equip children and youth.

Child Protection

As part of your Awana ministry program it's important that your church leadership develop and follow a Child Protection plan. If your church doesn't have a Child Protection policy, encourage your commander to work with the appropriate people in your church to create one. This policy should be developed with the help of a qualified legal attorney. A good Child Protection policy should include guidelines for screening workers, retaining records, leader to child ratios, and a process for reporting suspected abuse.

On-Going Training

Becoming certified is just the beginning in leadership development. There are many resources available to Awana leaders for on-going spiritual growth. Every Awana leader can benefit from annual training and renewal at an Awana Ministry Conference. These local events are a perfect opportunity to meet other leaders, learn new skills and get more invigorated for the new club year. Visit awana.org/amc to learn about the current conference theme and find the dates and locations of a conference near you.

Awana Leader Certification

Awana is committed to providing training and resources for those who work with children and youth. It's important that every Sparks leader become certified. There are four steps in this process:





Stop and Think

What excites you most about serving children in third through sixth grade?

What questions do you still have serving in T&T or being a T&T leader?

Share your answers with your commander or director. He or she will be able to provide you with additional information and training options to grow as an Awana leader. Thank you for stepping up to serve!



Resources

Watch the Club Clinic module *Section Standards* to learn about the standards for passing handbook sections.

Find it: awana.org/clubclinic under the Handbook Time category

Find answers to your T&T club questions at awana.community.org

Questions? Contact us at leadershiptraining@awana.org.