

Fund Raising

Encourage dues, or an offering. Some clubs collect these upon check-in and some take an offering during handbook time or council time. Let the clubbers know they are contributing to the Lord's work.

Put a bank or basket on the check-in table to collect a special offering for missions or a club project.

Put a large jar of water on the table, with a small glass in the bottom. Clubbers earn a prize if their offering goes in the glass.

Take a special offering for Awana once or twice during the year, maybe during a Sunday night program.

Ask adult Sunday school classes to sponsor a clubber or a club.

Ask for donations of store items.

Outreach CONTEST!

Cubbies, Sparks and T&T clubs will love to compete for who can raise the most money toward the Outreach commitment! Make sure there is a special prize for the club that wins, such as sponsor pins or patch or a revolving globe bank available from the Awana Ministry Catalog.

Outreach PRIZE NIGHT!

To get your clubbers excited about meeting their Outreach goal, set a time limit and offer them an exciting party night when they reach the goal: pizza night, popcorn night, movie night ... whatever your clubbers like best.

Outreach THERMOMETER OF SUCCESS!

Create a thermometer that tracks the money collected throughout the club year with the goal amount at the top. Your clubbers will love driving up the "temperature" toward their goal.

Outreach CHANGE DRIVE!

Your clubbers can collect their nickels, dimes, pennies and quarters throughout the week, then deposit them at church in a jar decorated with a picture of your missionary and a map of your state. Do this with four jars, one for each coin, and see which fills the fastest. Or have the clubbers bring pennies the first night, nickels the second, dimes the third, and quarters the fourth night. This can be done as a competition or to reach a specific goal.

Awana Around the World

Have each group bring in dollar bills and lay them around the circle during the opening. A standard Awana game circle is a little over 94 feet around, so if you go all the way you will collect about \$180. This can be done over multiple weeks, with a mark on the circle where the previous week ended.

Family Missions

Send home Awana cups with families and ask them to fill the cup with loose change. When it is full, bring the change to church and keep the cup!

Test Drive for Missions

Talk with your local car dealerships to see if they would offer folks a chance to test drive a car and for every test drive taken, the dealership would donate an amount (\$20 is typical) toward your fundraising project. This is an easy fundraiser! Obviously the car dealers want folks to drive their cars in hopes they will make a sale. Since your organization will be providing free advertising and getting more "test drivers" to their dealership, a local car dealer may find this a win-win situation. You may also involve the manufacturer. They may donate a fixed amount toward expenses involved in hosting the event, plus an amount for each test drive of a vehicle with a completed evaluation form.

Buckets for Donations

Why not get your community involved in Money for Missions. This fundraiser is perfect to collect the change given at countless stores in your town. Gather old coffee cans and other types of containers and then punch holes in the top. Print out a cover sheet with information about your Awana club and what you are collecting money for. Cover the cans with your cover sheet and then distribute them to local businesses willing to place them on their front counter. Keep the cans there for the duration of your fundraiser. Make sure you thank them afterwards.

Dining for Dollars

Talk with a local restaurant and see if they will donate a certain percentage of the restaurant sales on a given night for any tables that mention they are with your group. (10 - 20% is typical) Then promote the fundraising event to your entire congregation and encourage them to invite friends to participate so that you fill the restaurant during your designated day/time. Make sure that everyone is mentioning that they are with your group so your group gets credit.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PASTOR/COMMANDER!

Make the change drive a contest and let the clubbers choose who they will support. Label the jars for collection with the names and photos of commanders and helpers or pastors and Sunday school teachers and promise a spectacular prize (or prank) for the winner: Pastor will shave his head, Commander will be dunked in the dunk tank or other fun ideas.

DECORATION AND DESIGN!

Sell clubbers the right to decorate their commander or pastor. You can charge for Silly String®, stickers, makeup, temporary tattoos, glitter, erasable markers or whatever your commander or pastor is willing to put up with! Then allow each clubber to come forward and add his or her "decoration" as others watch and cheer. Or you can let them all apply their decorations at once for a really exciting finish!

Outreach -A-THONS!

Your clubbers can get sponsors for various marathon activities such as a “Walk-a-thon” that pays per lap or mile, a “Bible-a-thon” where clubbers alternate reading the Bible aloud for 24 hours, a Verse-a-thon and any other “a-thons” you can think of. How many verses can your clubbers recite this month? How many laps around the game square can they run this week?

Outreach WEEKEND!

Have your church set aside one weekend per month for a special offering or change drive specifically for Outreach. The clubbers can prepare their families for the event and even make a small presentation in church to explain about their project or missionary. Maybe this could be the 4th weekend of each month, or a larger celebration when there is a 5th weekend.

Outreach WISHING WELL

Set up a nice display with a wishing well and plants in a high traffic area in your church (maybe in your foyer or close to sanctuary entrance). Have an attractive sign that says something like “Coins tossed in the wishing well helps change the ending for children here in our state and around the world” and include missionary photos.

Outreach \$1 or \$5 DRIVE!

Choose a day and have every clubber brings \$1 and leaders bring \$5 to give to the Outreach Fund. Parents and church members can also be involved. “Bring the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to children in our state by giving \$1 or \$5 per person.”