

Role Description – Leader

A leader is a clubber's main Awana® contact. Leaders are specifically responsible to lead kids in Handbook Time; however, leaders are also in leadership roles during the other club segments. Leaders have the greatest opportunity — and responsibility — to affect lives of children for eternity.

Role and Responsibilities

A leader has one main role — to lead a group of kids. Specific responsibilities during each club segment are included in this document.

Check-in/Opening Ceremony

Some ways a leader may help during this time include:

- Help set up.
- Assist with check-in.
- Greet clubbers by name.
- Participate in pre-club and opening ceremony activities.
- Discipline children.

Large Group Time

This is the time for leaders to help kids worship the Lord with enthusiasm and hear the gospel in a large group setting.

Leaders can help in the following ways:

- Be a role model.
- Participate in large group activities.
- Discipline kids.
- Assist the director.
- Counsel kids who respond to invitations.

Handbook Time

During Handbook Time children have the opportunity to recite sections and receive credit for their efforts. This is also the best opportunity for leaders to pray with and develop relationships with kids. This small group time can change kids' lives.

During this time, leaders should:

- Pray with the children.
- Teach spiritual truths.
- Work with kids to pass sections.
- Enforce standards to pass sections.
- Maintain discipline.
- Keep records.

Game Time

Game Time draws kids to Awana because the kids want to have fun. Fast-paced, exciting and fun are three ways to describe Game Time.

Leaders participate in the excitement in the following ways:

- Organize teams and maintain order.
- Support the game director.
- Encourage participation.
- Explain game rules.
- Model good sportsmanship.

Closing Ceremony and Checkout

Bring all the groups together at the end of club for a final word of encouragement. Try to take some time to talk with parents when they pick up their children. Encourage parents to review the evening's lesson throughout the week — this helps parents and kids grow spiritually.

Expectations for leaders for this time period include:

- Greet parents and talk to them about their children.
- Make sure clubbers are checked out according to the church's/club's procedures.
- Assist in discipline.
- Assist the director.

Leading a child to Christ

The prayer of Awana is to see every child come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. To this end, the gospel should be presented regularly, resulting in kids asking leaders questions and putting their trust in Jesus Christ. A leader must know and be able to clearly present the gospel to children.

Therefore, responsibilities of every club leader are the following:

- Be prepared to share their testimony.
- Be able to share the gospel in age-appropriate language.
- Look for opportunities to explain the gospel and invite kids to trust in Jesus.

Qualifications

A leader needs to be qualified in the following ways:

- Trust in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.
- Be growing in a relationship with Christ.
- Be in compliance with the requirements of leadership in his or her church.
- Demonstrate an attitude that is attractive to kids.

Time Commitment

Three to four hours per week.