

Commander College 101

AWANA headquarters offered a brand new training opportunity called Commander College 101 on February 15 through 18th. I was one of 52 commanders that took advantage of this February course. If you have never had a chance to go to AWANA headquarters in Streamwood, Chicago IL., I would beg you to look for the next chance you can!

This course was to focus on the five roles of an Awana commander: C.L.A.A.S. as we have come to know it, stands for Communication, Leadership, Administrator, Advocate and Shepherd. All of us were challenged by each speaker in these areas. Speakers included President and CEO Jack Eggar and his wife Donna and Larry and Diane Fowler. They spoke not only on how a club was to be run, but how important C.L.A.A.S. is in day-to-day life.

I personally came home with a page and a half list of what I named "My Personal Challenge List". My list includes things like how to pray with my kids better, how to really communicate with my kids and to back up what I speak with the truth of God's Word. My kids go through so much at school and outside my walls that I miss out on so much opportunity to share God's Word with them and how to direct them. I was reminded that we are to be the spiritual director of our homes. Most Americans today leave that up to you and me as commanders. 'They say 'Children's Ministry Team. Because, after all, if we are the commanders and we teach kids the Word, then we must be the experts.' (Larry Fowler)

Commander College was not just a time to get nuts and bolts but to have life changing moments, make new life-long friends, and change my world perspective. There are 14000 Awana commanders in America. I am privileged to say that I am one out of 85 that graduated Commander College 101 and am now a Ruby Commander. Keep an eye out for this course to come to you. It is a goal of AWANA International to send out DVDs of this course so more commanders will have this amazing opportunity.

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