



# Awana Clubs International

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 Check it out on our web site – [awanakessler.com](http://awanakessler.com)

Dear Friends,

*"And be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not!" Galatians 6:9*

Have you counted the number of weeks until Awana is done?

Our two-fold goal:

- A. Reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ; and
- B. Train them to serve Him.

The clock is ticking. We have just a few short weeks to accomplish our goals for this club year! Have you sought God's face concerning what He might have you attempt for Him in the next few weeks?

## Commander College 101

We had a great commander college. There were 24 for people in attendance, with some great learning, times of discussion, fellowship, encouragement, and focusing on our vision and how to accomplish that vision.

As missionaries, we really enjoyed getting to know these commanders better.

## Event Schedule for 2009

### Bible Quiz and Games & Sparks-A-Rama:

January 24	-	Thayne
January 31	-	Helena
February 7	-	Miles
City		
February 21	-	Billings
February 28	-	Missoula
March 21	-	Gillette

### FINALS Super Saturday:

March 7 - Helena

Event Registration Packets are on our website.

## Welcome!

### New to Awana Churches:

- Billings, Trinity Baptist Church,
- Butte, Christ Church Anglican
- Eureka, Chapel of Praise
- Havre, Immanuel Baptist Church
- Kalispell, Easthaven Baptist Church
- Moorcroft, Prairie View Baptist Church
- Sidney, Fellowship Baptist Church,
- Thompson Falls, First Baptist Church

## Event Officials -

This year we are required to have our event officials complete the Awana Child Protection Training and test. This process takes several weeks, including a back-ground check. If you are interested in officiating at any Awana events, let us know and we will email you an application link and get the process started.

For those of you who are in the process, the line judge manual and event rules books are posted on the web. Read over those, take the test (also posted), and then FAX/mail the test to us.

Thank You!!



### The Key to Children's Ministry

Many people ask Art Rorheim, the co-founder of Awana Clubs International, *What is the most vital key to a successful ministry to children?* Is it loads of fun? How about compelling Bible teaching, replete with engaging props and elaborate stage settings? Maybe it's a clear and consistent presentation of the gospel message? Or perhaps it's building strong relationships with the kids who show up each week?

Those things are certainly important, but Art wastes no time before giving his one-word answer as to the most important ingredient in children's ministry: **DISCIPLINE**. If chaos reigns, whether in an Awana club or in Sunday School or children's church, then kids are robbed of the full benefit of all of the above-mentioned facets

of ministry. Taken from [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)

What is your club doing to encourage good discipline? Remember, the motive for discipline is love for clubbers. Do you use the 5-count properly and consistently? No one wins when we have a club with an obvious lack of discipline. Let's review...

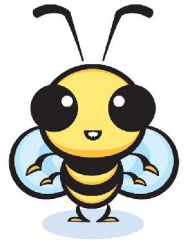
## The Fantastic Five-Count!

The five-count is the primary way leaders keep order in a group. The leader in charge will count to five slowly and loudly, leaders and clubbers respond by being quiet and still by the count of five. All other leaders raise one hand and remain quiet. Use this in any club segment when you need to get a group's attention.

### Five-count tips:

1. Don't count too fast.
2. Don't count too slow.
3. Use whole numbers.
4. Speak loudly at first.
5. Hold up your hand.
6. Don't count past five.

# Awana Ministry Conference 2008



**BEE:**  
**A SERVANT**  
Deuteronomy 10:12

## Billings:

- 45 workshops
- 25 workshop leaders
- 130 attendants
- 21 Churches
- 70% Plaques –
  - Malta Community Church, Malta
  - Trinity Baptist Church, Billings

## Missoula:


- 42 workshops
- 20 workshop leaders
- 167 attendants
- 25 Churches
- 70% Plaques –
  - Cabinet Mountain Church, Trout Creek
  - First Baptist Church, Stevensville
  - Ulm Bible Church, Ulm


## A Few Comments:


- Excellent – wonderful – great encouragement
- Thanks, I needed that!
- Excellent speaker, I love to hear wisdom speak.


If you missed the Conference,  
you missed out on a great  
time of fellowship, learning,  
& refreshment!!


## Basic memorization standards-

 Clubbers must pass an entire section during one “session”. A “session” is an uninterrupted period of time in which a clubber & leaders interact in completing a section; during this time, a Clubber does not refer back to his or her handbook. In a section where there are several verses, the clubber may not recite one verse, study a while, and then recite other verses. They must recite all verses and references within a section during one session.

 Clubbers must pass a section with no more than two helps or prompts. Clubbers are allowed no helps when they are reviewing handbook sections.

 Clubbers must recite both references and verses.

 Clubbers must pass sections in order.

 Pace your clubbers. Pacing creates a favorable environment for understanding and achieving in handbook time.



We have been given a green light from our home office to open a copier project fund. The copier we had was not working, and this had seriously affected our communication abilities. We work with over hundred churches and about 3000 leaders. The closest Staples is over 30 miles away, not too convenient for making some copies! After several service calls, and several hundred dollars, the technicians told us they would have to totally tear the machine apart and start from scratch. And even then, they didn't know if it would work. We asked for some wise counsel and decided to not throw good money after bad. The new copier will cost us about \$9000. Leasing the copier would have been over \$12,000, so we decided buying would be the best option. The copier project fund will be open for six months. If you would like to help with this purchase, please let us know.

## Check it out

At [awana.org](http://awana.org) - age appropriate newsletters for your clubbers. They have Bible stories, games, puzzles, and many more fun things to help them learn God's Word throughout the week. Plus a place for you to print your club news and upcoming events.

Cubbies letter –



Sparks

Truth & Training –



And up to date information on

Adopt-a-club –



Discover Awana

and 'Take it to Heart' –



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