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Our Mission

**Attract, love, connect,
and grow elementary age
children with the love
of Christ so they can
impact their world
and beyond.**



Commanders: Skip and Mary Jo Epperson

Awana Leader-in-Training

Ministry Goal:

To create an environment that is attentive and engaging to each child.
To encourage children to develop relationships.

Ministry Description:

Awana leaders-in-training work alongside trained leaders in ministering to 3 - 5 children.

Time Required:

3 -4 hours per week.

Location:

Children's Center.

Gifts, Talents, and / or specific skills needed in this ministry:

An Awana leader-in-training needs to enjoy the excitement and energy of kids growing in Christ. Must be willing to join in the fun as well as be a loving and patient shepherd in small group time. A leader's primary responsibility is to develop relationships with each child that reflects Christ's unconditional love for them.

Length of Commitment:

Approximately 6 weeks. This is a chance to get involved and see if Awana is a good ministry match for you.

Flexibility:

A time commitment of 6 weeks is needed in this position.

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Responsible to:

Awana leader.

Training Provided:

Yes.

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Commanders: Skip and Mary Jo Epperson

Awana Leader

Ministry Goal:

To create an environment that is attentive and engaging to each child.
To encourage children to develop relationships.

Ministry Description:

Awana leaders are given 3 - 5 children to love, mentor, and enjoy for the duration of the ministry season.

Time Required:

3 - 4 hours per week.

Location:

Children's Center.

Gifts, Talents, and / or specific skills needed in this ministry:

An Awana leader needs to enjoy the excitement and energy of kids growing in Christ. Must be willing to join in the fun as well as be a loving and patient shepherd in small group time. A leader's primary responsibility is to develop relationships with each child that reflects Christ's unconditional love for them.

Length of Commitment:

School year term. Usually the third week in September through the last week in May with 4 weeks off at Christmas and 3 weeks off at Easter.

Flexibility:

Regular attendance is appreciated as the children look forward to seeing their leader, but occasional absences are inevitable and can be handled.

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Responsible to:

Awana Director

Training Provided:

Yes.

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Commanders: Skip and Mary Jo Epperson

Awana Administrator

Ministry Goal:

To have all necessary paper work prepared weekly as needed.
To register all Awana and Lifeguard attendees.

Ministry Description:

The Awana administrator is responsible for inventory and the ordering of all necessary supplies, special event materials, registration materials, and for registering the children and keep follow-up records.

Time Required:

3 - 4 hours per week.

Location:

Children's Center.

Gifts, Talents, and / or specific skills needed in this ministry:

High organization skills and being warm and friendly as the Awana administrator is the first contact for anyone joining Awana. Being committed to detail and diligent follow-through will make Awana flow smoothly. This is a great position for someone wanting to help in Children's ministries, but not wanting to interact directly with children.

Length of Commitment:

School year term. Usually the third week in September through the last week in May with 4 weeks off at Christmas and 3 weeks off at Easter.

Flexibility:

Attendance is flexible if there is an assistant available, except during registration periods.

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Responsible to:

Awana Commander

Training Provided:

Yes.

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Commanders: Skip and Mary Jo Epperson

Awana Director

Ministry Goal:

To create an environment that is attentive and engaging to each child.
To encourage children to develop relationships.
To develop relationships with Awana leaders.

Ministry Description:

Each director is responsible for overseeing their age group, training, shepherding and encouraging the leaders and interfacing with the parents.

Time Required:

4 - 6 hours per week.

Location:

Children's Center.

Gifts, Talents, and / or specific skills needed in this ministry:

A director should love to build teams, teach, encourage, and interact with leaders, children and parents and be able to create a fun and loving, organized environment.

Length of Commitment:

School year term. Usually the third week in September through the last week in May with 4 weeks off at Christmas and 3 weeks off at Easter.

Flexibility:

Consistent attendance is a must as the director oversees all leaders and children for this age group. (As the year progresses, a leader will be trained to fill in as assistant director, which makes absences less difficult.)

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Responsible to:

Awana Commander and Children's Director.

Training Provided:

Yes.

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Commanders: Skip and Mary Jo Epperson

Awana Commander

Ministry Goal:

To create an environment that is attentive and engaging to each child.
To encourage children to develop relationships.
To help grow Awana leaders to be mature teachers.

Ministry Description:

The Awana Commander is the leader of the leaders. Their primary responsibility is to train, encourage and shepherd all leaders and directors. They also plan the Awana calendar (along with the Children's Director), oversee all Awana activities and special events; such as Awards night, Grand Prix, Awana Olympics, and handle any child's special needs and fill in wherever needed.

Time Required:

6 - 8 hours per week.

Location:

Children's Center.

Gifts, Talents, and / or specific skills needed in this ministry:

Commanders need to possess the heart of a shepherd - loving to direct, nurture, and encourage others. Administrative gifts are secondary but beneficial to overseeing the fundamentals of the program.

Length of Commitment:

School year term. Usually the third week in September through the last week in May with 4 weeks off at Christmas and 3 weeks off at Easter. The commander may also spend sometime in the off season preparing for the next year.

Flexibility:

Consistent attendance is a must as the commander oversees all leaders and children. Commanders are often a husband and wife team and if one is absent, the other can cover for them.

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Responsible to:

Children's Director.

Training Provided:

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