



Welcome to AWANA, 2025-2026

AWANA is one of the ministries designed to assist families in meeting the spiritual needs of their children. Qualified adults provide caring leadership, and children have fun as they discover life-changing principles from the Bible.

We are glad that you have decided that Mililani Community Church is a place where your child can get to know and grow in the Lord. We are sure that our AWANA club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your child. The AWANA program is divided into several age group clubs from pre-school children through High School.

AWANA offers several opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and a basic understanding of biblical principles and doctrines. AWANA also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just individuals. They will learn to win and lose with a proper attitude of fair play and sportsmanship.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their handbook materials prior to each club meeting. This way, we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their daily lives.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work and minister to your child – it is a trust and responsibility that we do not take lightly. Please accept our invitation to become a part of our caring church family.

In Christ,

Dave Hallstrom & Joshua Shiroma, AWANA Co-Commanders

What are AWANA Clubs?

For over 70 years, AWANA has been a leader in children's ministry, equipping churches and parents worldwide to raise children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

AWANA is a program for children 3 years old through 12th grade that incorporates Bible teaching and scripture memorization with lots of fun.

The acronym AWANA is derived from the first letters of "**A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed" as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

The AWANA program is based on the concept of children learning about God by learning God's Word in a regular and systematic manner. Each club has age-appropriate handbooks for you and your clubber to work on together. Clubbers are rewarded for remembering God's Word as they recite their verses with their club leaders on a weekly basis.

AWANA is a fun and exciting way for children to learn Scripture, make new friends, and foster a relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to acquaint you with the AWANA Ministry of Mililani Community Church and how it can benefit not only your child, but your entire family!

MCC AWANA Clubs:

Club meetings are carefully organized according to ages and school grades to provide maximum interest and appropriate activity for all children.

Cubbies: Designed for 3 year olds (who are potty trained) and 4-5 year olds who have not entered Kindergarten. Classes use music, games, puppets and awards where fun and learning God's word go hand-in-hand to help the children take their first steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.



How Parents Can Help Their Cubbie

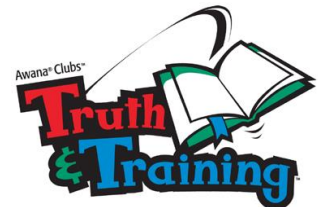
- Make AWANA attendance a priority in your family. We miss our Clubbers when they are not here. They also miss a fun time learning!

- Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child. Many families work on verses at the dinner table!
- Read each week's Bear Hug story, Bible lesson and verse to your child and follow the simple instructions in the Handbook. Use the mobile app to add depth to the story and help your child learn the memory verse.
- Be sure your child wears their vest to club. The uniform is where awards are displayed and also identifies them as clubbers. Proudly wearing their uniform motivates them to learn and work in their books.

Sparks: Designed for entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Sparks ministry builds on the material taught in Cubbies. Boys and Girls go a step deeper into God's word while presenting them with regular opportunities to hear the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.



Truth & Training (T&T): T&T engages 3rd graders through 6th graders by teaching them the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. It answers questions about God and the Bible, and guides them through this pivotal stage in their life to grow in God's grace.



Trek: Designed for middle school students (grades 7-8) that helps them solidify their faith and discover their identity in Christ. Trek encourages students to wrestle with fundamental questions about themselves and their relationship with God and aims to help students own their faith by exploring what they believe and applying God's Word to their lives.



Journey: A four-year (grades 9-12) high school ministry curriculum designed to establish students as lifelong disciples through in-depth study of God's Word. It aims to equip them with a godly perspective and a tangible faith, encouraging them to live as followers of Christ. Note: Journey starts at 5:30pm.



When & Where does AWANA meet?

- AWANA is held at Mililani Community Church on Friday evenings from 6:00-7:45pm.
 - Journey meets from 5:30-6:15pm.
- The 2025–2026 AWANA Calendar will be provided separately.

What Happens at an AWANA Club night?

An AWANA club night typically consists of 5 parts:

- **Opening Time:** Beginning at 6:00pm, all of the AWANA clubs meet together in the sanctuary for opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and AWANA pledge, followed by announcements and a time of singing. The children will then go into their specific groups and the following activities will occur at different times for each group.
- **Game Time:** Clubbers practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games. Please have your children wear clothing appropriate for Game Time and Tennis Shoes are required for your child's safety. (PLEASE: NO flip-flops, sandals, etc.).
- **Handbook Time:** Using achievement-oriented learning segments, AWANA emphasizes the importance of God's Word for practical living. Handbook time is when leaders work individually with clubbers as they progress through their entrance booklet and handbooks. Each child works at his/her own pace and will be guided and helped by a caring leader. Parents are strongly encouraged to work with clubbers at home on sections and activities so that the clubber is prepared each week.
- **Lesson:** This is a general session for each club where God's Word is brought to life through Bible stories, testimonies, songs, and prayer time.
- **Award Time:** Each AWANA clubber has the opportunity to earn exciting awards. During award time, clubbers are recognized for individual progress in their handbooks and their attendance in his/her club. Children earn awards which are worn on the uniform vests or shirts. These awards should be displayed and worn proudly as they represent good achievement and spiritual growth in the knowledge of God and His Word. We will close the year with our special Awards night. Parents and family are strongly encouraged to attend to recognize your child's achievements.

What Does My Child Need to Bring Each Week?

- **BIBLE** (Cubbies are not required, but are encouraged to do so)
- **CLUB HANDBOOK** (or Entrance Brochure)
- **UNIFORM** (Vest for Cubbies/Sparks, T-shirts for T&T, Trek, and Journey)
- **BAG:** We ask that you provide your child with a bag to store their Bible, handbook, papers, and crafts. Please make sure their name is written clearly on the outside of the bag.
- **TENNIS SHOES!** It is very important for your child to wear tennis shoes due to the nature of Game Time. An injury may result if your child trips while participating in the games.

Clubbers should:

1. **BE ON TIME** - Club starts at 6:00pm and ends at 7:45pm.
2. **BE IN UNIFORM** - Clubbers should wear their uniform vest or shirt and wear tennis shoes.
3. **BE PREPARED** - Clubbers and Parents should spend time working on the handbook sections at home and should bring their handbook ready to recite verses.
4. **BE RESPECTFUL** - Clubbers are expected to listen to Leaders and follow directions. We ask they treat each other as they would want to be treated.
5. **BE RESPONSIBLE** - Keep track of your books, Bible, and vest. Please do not bring personal toys or electronic devices to AWANA.

Sick Child Policy:

We are concerned for all children who attend AWANA. Their health and safety is of the utmost importance to us. Therefore, we ask that if your child did not attend school the day of AWANA or is displaying signs of sickness including fever, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, any contagious disease, head lice, open sores, or a questionable illness, that you please keep them home. If a child becomes sick while at AWANA, we will contact you to come pick up your child.

Discipline:

Discipline is used to teach Christ-like behavior. Like all AWANA clubs, we follow the “3-Count” rule. If a leader needs a group of children to quiet down for instruction or for a lesson, the leader will raise his/her hand and begin to count. Children are to immediately come to order. If a child is disruptive and unable to follow direction, they may be removed from group setting and the parent may be called if necessary. It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all Clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

MCC AWANA Leadership/Contact:

The MCC AWANA email is mcc@mcchawaii.org. Contact the MCC Office at (808) 625-6205 or visit the church website (mcchawaii.org) for a listing of weekly worship times and other opportunities available for all age groups that meet at various times throughout the month. Additionally, if you have specific questions about our AWANA clubs, you may contact the individuals below. Contact information is in the MCC Directory.

Co-Commander	Dave Hallstrom
Co-Commander	Joshua Shiroma
Cubbies Director	Carol Domen
Sparks Director	Joshua & Emma Shiroma
T&T Director	Hannah Knapp
Trek Director	Joel & Crystal Shiroma
Journey Director	Evan Kawamura

In Closing:

Thank you for sharing your children with MCC’s AWANA each week. We recognize the time and effort required on Clubbers as well as their Parents. There are lots of free Parent resources at www.awana.org including things to keep the discipleship conversation going throughout the week. It is our prayer that your child will have fun, will grow in their relationship with Christ and become **Approved Workmen who Are Not Ashamed!**