

SNOW HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1224 Red Hill Road, Mount Olive, North Carolina

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From: Renee Byrd, AWANA Commander
Subject: Discipline Policy Statement with Participants' Agreement

We are very excited to be able to offer AWANA at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church! Our leaders have been trained and can't wait to work with all of the youth that will participate.

What does AWANA stand for? AWANA is derived from 2 Timothy 2:15, "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed." AWANA focuses on children and their ministry. AWANA and the AWANA Leaders will help youth understand the importance of sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the use of NIV scripture and AWANA Literature and GAMES!

There are five key principles that AWANA is based on:

1. Awana is centered on the Gospel
2. Scripture Memory is Key
3. Awana is exciting and fun
4. Children and Youth are trained to serve
5. Awana is built on strong leadership

There are 4 different clubs that will be offered at SHC. The Puggles are our first group and include all of our 2 year olds. The Cubbies are our 3 and 4 year olds. The Sparks are our K-2nd graders and the Truth and Training group are our 3rd-5th graders. The T & T group will be split into two groups in their class, 3rd-4th grade and our 5th graders. The TREK group is our 6th-8th graders and our Journey Crew is our Teens. The first night of Club will be September 29th and continue through the school year. We will take breaks from our club meetings to coincide with breaks for Duplin County Schools. Your children will earn rewards for their hard work and scripture memory all throughout the year. PLEASE encourage your children to read and work hard; it WILL pay off ☺ A calendar will be given that shows what our schedule will be along with any "special" things going on within our church. PLEASE be sure to LOOK AT THE CALENDAR EVERY WEEK!!!

Disciplining in Discipleship

We love your youth and we are excited that they want to participate, but even in God's House there has to be order and discipline. This is divinely ordained. In order to live skillfully and to maintain a RIGHT relationship with God there has to be order and prompt discipline to redirect ones path. Solomon tells us in God's Word...Proverbs 13:24 that He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly. The AWANA leaders will never physically discipline the children, but verbal, loving, constructive, discipline will be implemented. Everyone is expected to participate in all activities and to do their VERY best. If the child is unwilling to participate or follow directions, there will be two warnings and then the child's guardian will be contacted and the child will have to take a time out for the rest of the club night. The youth WILL be welcome back with open arms, the next week for club night. The parents/guardians of each child that is disciplined will be made aware by the AWANA leader of any problems during club night. Please help us in maintaining order and direction with your children. We love them dearly and want to see them become DISCIPLES!! Please read this with your child so that all parties involved understand the consequences of incorrect behavior. Thank you and God Bless.

By signing below, you are agreeing to the terms set forth above, in accordance to what is required at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church for our AWANA Club.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Participating Youth Signature_____