

What, me be an AWANA listener? Maybe – read on....

Qualifications:

- 1) You must be a believer and support the AWANA doctrinal statement.
- 2) Believe you have a God-given responsibility to be a witness of the saving work of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19, 20 & 1 Peter 3:15)
- 3) Believe adults have a responsibility to instruct children in the way they should go. (Proverbs 22:6)

The above list could probably be added to but it serves as a good foundation to accomplish the goal of AWANA – to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. With that foundation in place, be praying for the clubbers as well as yourself in accurately handling the word of truth.

Now, the “how-to” of being an AWANA listener:

Each listener is provided a folder with all the materials you need. The folder includes some instructions and paper “slips” filled out and signed by you that tell the club leaders what work the clubber completed. The clubber will give you their handbook for you to look at while they recite their memory verses. As a rule of thumb, you are allowed to give a clubber two helps per section in the handbook while reciting their verses. In addition to listening to clubbers recite their verses, the listener also asks any other questions required to complete the section (the questions and answers are shown in the handbook) and makes sure the clubber understands the verses. Some handbook sections do not involve reciting memory verses. In those cases the listener reviews the clubber’s work to make sure the section has been completed.

While being a listener is not difficult, it might be intimidating for some. If you are new to listening and want some on-the-job training, we will make sure you get paired up with one of the veterans. You will quickly pick up what you need to know.

When and Where:

Listeners are needed Wednesday nights from 6:30 until 7:40 with the greatest need being from 6:30 until 7:05. During that first 35 minutes Cubbies (3, 4, 5 year olds) and 3rd through 8th grades are being listened to, accounting for the majority of our 200-plus clubbers. Junior Varsity has especially been short-handed of listeners during this crunch time. The additional presence of an adult would also be beneficial in the JV homeroom. Also, please stay for Sparks kindergarten through 2nd grade from 7:05 to 7:40 – this is a great age for children to come to know Jesus as Savior.

What if you can’t make it every Wednesday night? Then we will MISS YOU VERY MUCH! We certainly want you to be committed but no one can make it every Wednesday night.

Why?

As we sing in AWANA, “Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.” Serving such a God is both a privilege and responsibility whether it is AWANA or some other ministry.

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