

2017 Ohio Awana Ministry Conference
First Baptist Church, Grove City – October, 14, 2017

General Interest	
The Ministry of Discipline	Discipline is a golden opportunity to disciple the children in your club. Don't miss out! Learn practical strategies to reach the hearts of your clubbers with the gospel in the midst of difficult behavioral situations.
Discover Your Color	We all desire to do more than just tolerate those who are different than us, but we (hopefully!) want to celebrate our differences. Discover Your Color is a two-workshop track that helps you identify your personality tendencies and those of others. This class will help you find biblical and practical ways to appreciate others.
Connecting with Parents	The Awana ministry is about reaching kids ... and their families. You want to connect with parents, but what do you talk about? How do you become their friend? How do you let them know you care? How can you design that flier/Facebook status/e-blast to catch their interest? This workshop is crammed with tangible, concrete ideas to connect with parents and support them in the discipleship of their kids.
What's in a name? Going deeper so we can go higher, farther, and longer!	This session will unpack some simple steps to understand ourselves and what we must do to keep our priorities set in the right direction. The goal is to be the best God made us to be and we can only do this if we know who we are called to be in Christ.
The Great Connection 2.0	Continuing with the message of last year's AMC theme, this breakout goes deeper on how to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE kids and reach them with the gospel.
Longevity In Ministry- How to Set Long Term Impact	Learn some solid strategies you can begin implementing to protect yourself from burnout, as well as, helping you accomplish that dream of impacting many generations.
Working with Special Needs Kids	Learn how to effectively minister to kids coming to your club with special needs.
Sharing the Gospel	Through both teaching and interactive learning, get comfortable using your faith story and other tools to communicate salvation to children in a way that is highly relational and highly biblical.
This Ain't your Grandma's Children Ministry	As our culture moves away from biblical values, families are changing. There's no denying it. This workshop will introduce the challenges of ministering to kids from modern families and disrupted homes and provide tips and ideas on what you and your church can do to help.
Hope 4 Hurting Kids: The Super Simple Feelings Management Technique (Session 1 of 2)	Kids today face all kinds of issues and circumstances that most of us have never had to face. Those result big and often difficult emotions that most kids are ill-equipped to deal with. This workshop will examine how we can help kids to better understand and work through their emotions and provides practical ideas for those of us who are sometimes uncomfortable around difficult emotions.
Hope 4 Hurting Kids: Teaching Kids to Cope (Session 2 of 2)	Kids today face all kinds of issues and circumstances that most of us have never had to face. Those result big and often difficult emotions that most kids are ill-equipped to deal with. This workshop will examine how we can help kids to better understand and work through their emotions and provides practical ideas for those of us who are sometimes uncomfortable around difficult emotions.
How to Help a Grieving Child	Working with children is fun, but it also means helping them as they

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	struggle through difficult times. This workshop will offer practical tools you can use to help a child grieving a loss.
Leading Now!! For Student Leader	As a student leader, you are a vital part of our clubs. This workshop is built just for you! You'll learn some best practices and begin to understand the power of your influence.
Running a Grand Prix at your Church	Learn all about how you can bring the excitement of a Grand Prix event to your church this club year!
Running a Game and Bible Quiz Event at your Church	This session will show how to add Bible Quizzing and Awana Games to your church's Awana experience. Your kids will love it!
Missions	
Awana Go/HELPING KIDS PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION	As Awana leaders, we all desire to see kids actively demonstrate their love for God. Sharing their faith, praying, serving, and giving are all tangible ways kids can put their faith into action today. In this workshop we will explore the three core components within Awana GO that equips you and connects kids to the Great Commission in meaningful and fun ways.
Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, T&T and Trek/Journey	
Reinforcing the TRUTH to Cubbies	Preschool aged children have the ability to understand the difference between real and pretend. This session will reinforce ways that Cubbies leaders can encourage greater understanding of God's Word in children by looking at three progressive steps in learning: Facts, truths and application.
Cubbies Roundtable	An opportunity to join other Cubbies leaders to share ideas and solve problems.
Sparks <i>Title coming soon!</i>	<i>Description coming soon!</i>
Helping kids Memorize (Sparks and T&T)	Get fresh ideas for memory games and activities that can help even non-readers learn Bible verses. Appropriate for both Sparks and T&T.
T&T Small Group Time	How to effectively run a small group time using the new T&T. This could also include a discussion around transition from the old books to new and what different scenarios could look like over the next three years.
Trek and Journey Overview	Learn the basics of the Trek and Journey curriculum. Ideal for new Awana's teen ministry or for those seeking to learn more about the new Trek and Journey resources.
Student Leaders: The Hidden Weapon!	Student leaders. Why it's important to use them, how to train them, and what to expect from them.
Church and Club Leadership	
Volunteer Encouragement: Put a Smile on Leaders' Faces	How do you keep your leaders engaged? How do you help them feel encouraged? How do you let them know how much you appreciate them? This breakout gives you practical (and unique) ways to connect with your leaders and keep them on your team.
Leading an Effective Club	For new and experienced commanders alike. Learn practical ways to improve the effectiveness of your club. A must for all Awana Ministry Directors!
Awana and the Pastor	All pastors are encouraged to attend this informative workshop. Learn about the important role you play in the success of your church's Awana program.

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How to Promote Your Club	Things like a custom sign, mailings, sending a bus to the trailer park, a float in the parade, inviting kids who attend VBS to come to Awana (surprisingly, many churches miss this follow-up opportunity!), writing notes to kids who miss a week, etc.
Awana Security & Civil Liability	Learn steps your Club can take to reduce security risks, or maybe even eliminate them + Learn steps your church and Awana Clubs can take to reduce the possibility of civil liability.
Leaders that Stick	Engaged leaders stay. Learn why equipping and empowering leaders is so important, some new ways to do it, and why it matters so much to leader retention.
CONSPIRE=CONNECT + INSPIRE	Have you wished you could connect with other Awana ministry directors? A guided experience for Awana ministry directors to connect and inspire each other.
Working With and Loving the Challenging Adults in Ministry	We have all had those challenging volunteers and/or parents. This session will discuss some effective tools for dealing with an issue and the biblical truths behind the suggestions. We will also discuss ways to be proactive in preventing potential challenges.
Game Directors	
Running an Effective Game Time	Helpful hints and creative ideas to maximize your game time for both Sparks and T&T.
Secretaries/Recordkeeping	
Secretary Essentials	If you are a new, veteran or somewhere in between secretary, this workshop is for you. Learn one secretary's methods for ordering, inventory, award distribution, registration, recording clubber achievement, Awana store points, and more!
Basic Training Track Session One: What is Awana? Session Two: Gospel Urgency Session Three: Leadership Matters Session Four: Club Demonstration	

Workshops are subject to change~

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