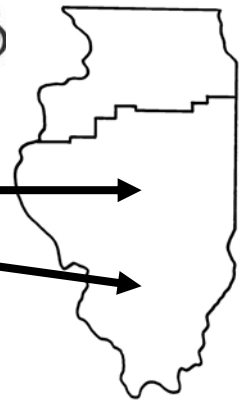




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The Estep's Footsteps

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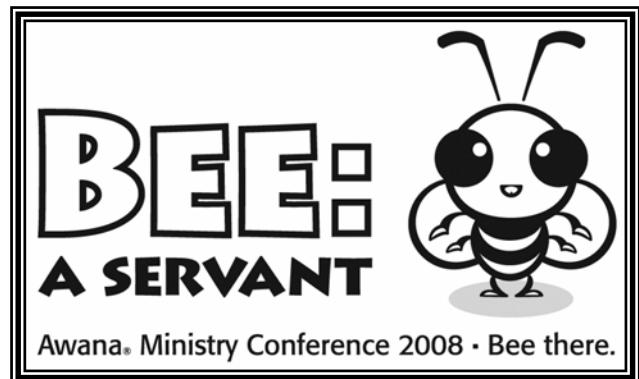
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FALL 2008

We have had a GREAT conference and training season!! The Lord blessed us with six locations for our training conferences. Our thanks to the churches who hosted these conferences and all they did to help make these possible:

First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel
First Baptist Church, Casey
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Quincy
Bethel Baptist Church, Troy
Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur
River Valley Christian Fellowship, Bourbonnais



Over these six conference/training locations, we had a number of churches recognized for having 70% or higher of their leadership in attendance. These churches are listed below:

First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, IL
First Baptist Church, Kahoka, MO
First Baptist Church, Casey, IL
Argenta Baptist Church, Argenta, IL
First Baptist Church, Nashville, IL

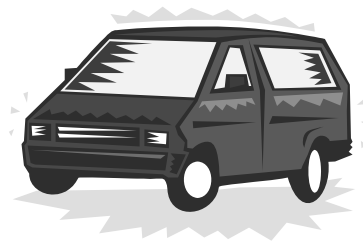
First Baptist Church, Grayville, IL
Bushnell Christian Church, Bushnell, IL
First Southern Baptist Church, Mattoon, IL
Pasfield Southern Baptist Church, Springfield, IL

There were many who helped behind the scenes with organization, setting up and cleaning up. Others made the refreshments and goodies possible and served in the kitchen. When we asked for help with leading workshops, so many responded with a willing servant's heart. We praise the Lord for many answered prayers and for the blessed conference season He gave us! Thanks to all of you who were involved!

Our thanks to all who gave to our ongoing ministry needs through the Share Awana offering. The total offering from all the conferences was \$2,737.33.

ITINERARY (where we have been and where we are going)

Oct. 8 Decatur, IL (club speaking)
Oct. 12 Quincy, IL (a.m. pulpit supply)
Oct. 19 Kankakee, IL (a.m. pulpit supply)
Oct. 20 Alton, IL (club speaking)
Oct. 22 Tremont, IL (club speaking)
Oct. 25 Maroa, IL (missions banquet speaking)
Nov. 5 Marshall, IL (club speaking)
Nov. 8-14 Regional Missionary Meeting, Streamwood, IL
Nov. 16 Quincy, IL (a.m. pulpit supply)
Nov. 30 Decatur, IL (a.m. pulpit supply)
Dec. 7 Tremont, IL (a.m. pulpit supply)



PRAISE

For a GREAT conference season and safety with the many miles we've traveled.
For many opportunities to assist churches with their ministries.
For the Lord supplying our needs and constantly showing His faithfulness.



PRAYER

For continued wisdom and discernment as we serve as Awana missionaries.
For the details and needs as we plan Quizzing and AwanaGames across our territory.
For Ministry Team members as they assist us with the ministry.
For Kimberly and her fiancé, Ryan Ross as they unite in marriage November 1, 2008.

WINTER/SPRING 2009 EVENT CALENDAR

T&T BIBLE QUIZZING

Central-Decatur Feb. 7, 2009 Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur, IL
Central-Normal Feb. 14, 2009 Calvary Baptist Church, Normal, IL
Metro East-Fairview Heights Feb. 21, 2009 First Baptist Church, Fairview Heights, IL
(all meets: check-in - 9:00 a.m., team orientation - 9:30 a.m., Quiz Meet - 10:00 a.m. to Noon)

TREK/JOURNEY SUPER SATURDAY

JR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL February 28, 2009
Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur (Quiz Meet - 10:00 a.m.)
Decatur Armory, Decatur (AwanaGames - 2:00 p.m.)

SPARKS-A-RAMA & AWANAGAMES

Central-Decatur March 14, 2009 Lutheran School, Decatur, IL
(T&T Session #1 - 10:00 a.m., Sparks - Noon, T&T Session #2 - 2:00 p.m.)
Metro East-Highland March 21, 2009 Highland Community High School, Highland, IL
(T&T - 10:00 a.m., Sparks - Noon)

GREAT RIVER GAMES & QUIZ DAY

Great River-Quincy April 4, 2009 Bible Quiz Meet, Bible Baptist Church: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
AwanaGames, C.Y.O. Building
Sparks-A-Rama 1:30 p.m.
T&T AwanaGames 3:00 p.m.

2009 WINTER/SPRING EVENT SEASON INFORMATION

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It is now time to plan your involvement in Bible Quizzing, AwanaGames and Super Saturday. Registration forms and information sheets will be available on our Web site at Awana4U2.org/estep as of December 15, 2008.

T&T quiz format is as follows:

Team Multiple Choice-a single paddle set representing the entire team (first half-eight questions)

Team Huddle (second half-eight questions)

The T&T quiz rulebook is now available on our Web site at Awana4u2.org/estep and then click on “resources” in the left-hand column.

As we announced last quiz season, this year we have Study Sheets for each book and each version available on our Web site. The quiz questions will “ONLY” cover the material on these Study Sheets. Please check the rulebook for a further explanation.

AwanaGames Events

Sparks-A-Rama

1. Sparky Crawl
2. Sparky Safari
3. Sparky Bowl
4. Sparky Rabbit Hunt
5. Sparky Train
6. Sparky Balloon Relay

T&T AwanaGames

1. Beanbag Relay
2. Sprint Relay
3. Beanbag Grab
4. Beanbag Bonanza
5. Sprint Race
6. Four-way Tug
7. Agility Race
8. Marathon Relay
9. Marathon Race
10. Balloon Relay

ALL SPARKS AND T&T TEAMS THAT REGISTER FOR AWANAGAMES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ONE ADULT MALE (18 YEAR OS AGE OR OLDER) TO SERVE AS A LINE JUDGE WHEN EACH TIME A TEAM FROM THEIR CHURCH IS COMPETING.

AwanaGames rulebooks are now available on our Web site at Awana4u2.org/estep and then click on “resources” in the left-hand column.

This year we have placed a “Coaches and Line Judges” tutor on our Web site. This will help coaches and line judges prepare for AwanaGames. Use this also to help team members better understand the games being played. Please keep in mind that this tutor is an aid to reinforce the printed rules. The printed rules are the rules that are the final authority.



Super Saturday February 28, 2009

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS



For the AwanaGames part of Super Saturday, we will continue using the change implemented two years ago. That change was that many of our churches have small Trek and Journey ministries. We adjusted our games at Super Saturday to better meet this need. Instead of your church registering a team of Jr. High or a team of High School young people, your church will register the total number of individual young people who want to take part. At check-in time for the AwanaGames, we will then divide all the Jr. High young people up on to different Jr. High teams and divide all the High School young people up on to different High School teams. These teams will be made up of an assortment of young people from a variety of churches. We will no longer be having single church teams. For example, your church may have enough to register 20 Jr. High teens (12 girls and 8 guys) and another church may only register 5 Jr. High teens (3 guys and 2 girls). We will then assign an experienced coach to each team. The teams will then have a sufficient amount of time to practice and set up their team assignments. Make sure your young people are very familiar with the games.

AwanaGames for
**Trek (Jr. High) and
Journey (High School)**

1. Basketball Relay
2. Sprint Relay
3. Beanbag Bonanza
4. Tug
5. Beanbag Grab
6. Sprint Race
7. Marathon Race
8. Agility Race
9. Marathon Medley
10. Balloon Relay

We continue to look forward to what this event format will provide. Your young people will have more opportunities to interact with and work alongside young people other than from their own church.

Please keep in mind:

You do not have to have a formal Jr. High or High School ministry to participate. If you have at least one young person that wishes to quiz and is currently going through their book, we invite them to participate in quizzing. Any church that has any of the club ministries can register any number of Jr. High or High School young people for AwanaGames. Your church does not have to have any Jr. High or High School young people currently going through their books. You may just want to take advantage of the AwanaGames at Super Saturday as a special activity for your teens. There is a minimum requirement to participate in AwanaGames which is explained in the rulebook.

Rulebooks are available on our Web site at Awana4u2.org/estep and then click on “resources” in the left-hand column.

Registration forms and information sheets will be available on our Web site as of December 15, 2008.

It is now time to plan your involvement in Bible Quizzing, AwanaGames and Super Saturday. In order to be efficient with our resources, we need you to e-mail or call us and request registration order forms for events in your region.

If you are interested in fielding a full AwanaGames team, Mark and Marjorie Schoonover run a Super Saturday with “full teams.” Please feel free to contact them at (636) 397-2909.