

# What does an Awana Missionary do?



We have often been asked, “*What does an Awana Missionary do?*” We’ve tried for several years to answer that question in simple terms, but there is no fast answer except, “*We tell others about Jesus*”. But that doesn’t really answer the question. So, we’ve compiled an objective and subjective list of answers that sum up what we do.”

How can we (The Awana Missionary) help your Club/Church?

## Objective List:

- Start new Awana Clubs. The intent is to reach boys, girls, and families with the Gospel of Christ.
- Awana Basics’ training for new leaders and club-specific training.
- Provide continuing training for Awana leadership on request.
- Share creative ways to reach more kids and families with the gospel! (such as the Ice Cream Challenge)
- Help align Awana with the mission and vision of the local church.
- Build long-term relationships with local churches and become aware of their needs and be a knowledgeable resource in ministry.
- Encourage vision and passion in the Awana Ministry for all leaders. (How it all fits together.)
- Respond to letters from Clubbers (letters from Sparks, and T&T clubbers, or interviews from Trek/Journey)
- Evaluate clubs, upon request.
- Speak at clubs, upon request.
- Speak in churches, upon Pastor/church leadership request.
- Leader Conferences to provide advanced training. (Example: Awana Ministry Conference – annually)
- Recruit, train, and supervise a regional volunteer team that assists with church care, training, and regional needs.
- Communicate about regional events, new ministry tools, and news from Awana Headquarters, using newsletters, email, a website, and other Social media.
- Encourage prayer and financial support for our ministry. This way we will be able to continue ministry without hindrance or interruption.
- All of the above supports the Pastor and leaders, in the overall ministry of the church.

## Subjective

Our vision and driving passion of Awana is that all children and youth will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We carry out this vision through relationships with local churches. We assist local church leaders to develop and lead ministries related to children and youth in a way that works in their particular setting.

According to the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Census, there are approximately 1,281,000 children in Colorado under the age of eighteen. Awana is reaching about 12,474 of those children. This gives us a very wide field of opportunities to partner with churches to reach communities outside of the walls of the physical church. Our communities are becoming more diverse and we need to rise to meet those needs.

Our more specific desire is to help churches have healthy child and family ministries, help churches achieve their Great Commission Vision. To raise a new generation with the knowledge of the Gospel and a Christ-like mind-set to attain goals Jesus sets before us - that is to tell the Gospel to everyone. Awana is a tool of the local church that helps reach that goal. Our desire is to help them use that tool in the best way possible.