

HONORABLE FELLOWSHIP

OF AWANA VOLUNTEERS

APPROVED WORKMEN

ARE NOT ASHAMED



COMMANDER

The Awana® commander heads up our church's Awana ministry. Under the guidance of the pastor, the commander is the communication link between the church staff and the Awana ministry. A commander makes a lasting difference in the lives of kids, families and volunteers inside and outside the church.

Awana Ministry Advocate

A commander sets the tone for the ministry's passion and commitment to evangelize and disciple kids and teens. He ensures that volunteers and teachers present the gospel regularly, accurately and clearly. He also works with church staff to achieve the church's evangelism and discipleship goals for Awana.

The commander also raises the priority of Awana within the church. She communicates ministry needs to church staff and requests resources, facilities and equipment to support Awana. She also works with church staff to integrate Awana with other church ministries. She also communicates the ministry's passion and vision to volunteers, parents, pastors and the church body.

Shepherd

The success of the Awana ministry depends largely on a commander's ability to shepherd volunteers. Shepherding is Christlike leadership that involves motivating, developing and training.

A commander is responsible to maintain a growing personal walk with Christ. He also encourages spiritual growth in volunteers, especially club directors, and asks directors to shepherd their leaders, who in turn shepherd their kids. The commander motivates volunteers through vision casting, recognition and team building. He also provides training opportunities for leaders and develops leaders to assume greater ministry responsibilities.

Administrator

The commander strives to make the Awana ministry run smoothly. While some tasks are delegated, a commander oversees the following administrative duties:

- Establish, communicate and implement administrative ministry policies.
- Complete and submit Awana annual registration renewal paperwork.
- Prepare budgets and assure good stewardship of the ministry.
- Coordinate the ministry calendar and integrate with the church calendar.
- Schedule speakers for weekly gatherings or ensure that directors do.
- Plan and promote special Awana events.



Leader

A commander leads her team to success in a variety of ways, including:

- Establishing annual ministry goals using the Five Principles of Awana
- Assessing and improving ministry performance
- Praying for kids, leaders and parents and encouraging leaders to pray
- Recruiting, motivating and retaining leaders
- Implementing and enforcing child protection policies

Communicator

A commander is the main communication link between a church's staff and Awana ministry leadership. She also communicates with children, parents, community members and the local Awana missionary. This includes:

- Promoting and coordinating Awana events and ministry opportunities
- Promoting the Awana ministry to the church and community to generate awareness and increase participation
- Meeting with church staff to report praise and prayer needs
- Speaking at Awana ministry meetings and functions as needed



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