

AWANA is an acronym for: Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed
2 Timothy 2:15

Arapaho Road – 25 Years and Still Going

On Sunday, May 20, 2018, we celebrated 25 Years of Awana at Arapaho Road Baptist Church. It was a night to remember, many of our friends and Alumni students from the past Awana years, came to celebrate with us. What a joy it was to be a part of this special night.

Thank you to our Arapaho Road Staff, Awana Leadership Team, our Children and Grandchildren and everyone else that had a part with all of the surprises, gifts and kind words! We definitely felt the love from you all.

Below is a brief history of our Arapaho Road Baptist Church Awana Ministry.

August 15, 1993 – our very first night of Awana – God blessed us with 52 children and 27 leaders. Our Awana Clubs continued to grow over the years. Several years later, we began to average between 200-350 students and leaders, each week. In 1997, we added our first Junior High Awana Club and in 1999, we added our first Varsity Club.

In 2001, our first Citation Award was presented to a Leader. In 2002, our first two high school seniors received their Citation Awards. Since then, we have presented over 125 Citation Awards to high school seniors and adult leaders.

In 2004, we attended our first Varsity USA [now known as Summit] when it was held in Ft. Worth, Texas. We have attended every year since that time. This year, our Journey Teams brought home trophies and plaques - 1st Place in Volleyball, 3rd Place in Awana Games and 5th Place in the Bible Quiz Platinum Round. Our Fine Art students received multiple Bronze, Silver and Gold medals and one of our students was asked to sing in the Judge's Choice Showcase at Summit.

Also, our T&T Bible Quiz Regional Teams also brought home a 1st Place plaque and our other 2 Teams came in 2nd Place in their divisions. We are so proud of all of you.

It has truly been an honor to serve as the Commander and Event Specialist for the Awana program at Arapaho Road Baptist Church. We look forward to another great Awana year beginning Sunday, September 9th.

We have had many more accomplishments but most importantly, hundreds of children, teens and adults have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and that is why we have Awana!

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