

# Awana Tell Ya



Southern Wisconsin website: [www.awanaswi.org](http://www.awanaswi.org)

July 2007

## Basic Training

“We’ve been doing Awana for years we don’t need ‘Basic’ Training.”

We have heard that before. But through the years, we have discovered that over time some of the churches who have had Awana the longest have also developed some bad habits. It is always the right time to get back to the ‘basics’. So whether you’re a new leader or have served in Awana for decades, the new Basic Training has something for you. You will not only get practical guidance, but you’ll also renew your passion for children’s and youth ministry.

### July 28 - Janesville (1)

Roxbury Road Church of Christ  
2103 Roxbury Rd  
Janesville, WI 53545

### August 4 - Madison

Door Creek Church  
6602 Dominion Drive  
Madison, WI 53718

### August 11 - Chilton

Faith Alliance Church  
468 N State St.  
Chilton, WI 53014-1111

### August 18 - Racine

Calvary Memorial Church  
4001 Washington Avenue  
Racine WI 53405

### August 8 & 15 - Oconomowoc

Alliance Bible Church  
W380 N6931 Hwy 67  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
August 8 - Orientation  
August 15 - Club specific training  
6:00-8:30 P.M. Both Wednesdays

### August 19 & 22 - Janesville (2)

Bethel Baptist Church  
3300 Mt. Zion Ave  
Janesville, WI 53546-1615  
August 19 - Orientation 1:00-4:00 P.M.  
August 22 - Club specific training 6:00-8:30 P.M.

## Training Schedule:

### 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Orientation

Sharing the Gospel  
Importance of Children’s Ministry  
Awana Ministry Overview  
Orientation to Clubs and Roles  
Awana as an Outreach Tool  
Child Protection

### 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (On Your Own)

### 1:00 – 3:30 Club Specific Training

In the afternoon we will break up into groups by club for training specific to each club.

\*Oconomowoc & Janesville (2) will not follow this schedule

**There is no cost for this training, however registration is required.** Participants will need participant guides.

Please see website for information and to register: <http://awanaswi.org/events/basictraining.html>

## Awana Ministry Conference

**October 6, 2007**

Spring Creek Church  
Pewaukee, WI

### Keynote Speaker:

Larry Fowler

Executive Director of Global Training  
Awana Clubs International



**October 13, 2007**

High Point Church  
Madison, WI

### Keynote Speaker:

Brian Rhodes

Executive Director of U.S. Ministries  
Awana Clubs International

**Start making plans now to attend one of the Awana Ministry Conferences.**

**This is the most important day of the year for Awana leaders.**

**Pastors are Free!**

**Cost: \$15 per Person, \$25 per Couple, \$10 per student**

Please see website for information and to register: <http://awanaswi.org/events/leadershipconference.html>



## On Target Session

*Is your club 'on target' to meet the goals you set for it?*

This will be the first meetings for the upcoming 2007-2008 season. During this session we will be focusing on the upcoming club year and ministering to our teenagers. Each church is strongly encouraged to attend to bring their youth director(s).

**Please do not think that because we are discussing youth ministry, that this information does not apply to you. Your T&T'ers will be teens before you know it. If you would like to see the young people in your community come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, plan to attend and bring your church's youth leaders with you.**

This meeting is open to everyone, not just pastors, commanders, & directors.

### Schedule:

7:00-7:30 Intro to 2007-2008

Discuss upcoming Awana Ministry Conferences and highlight some changes to our regional events

7:30-8:30 Ministering to today's youth

Each youth director present will receive a gift for attending

### Locations:

<b>Racine – August 6</b> Fellowship Baptist Church 5607 Wright Ave Racine, WI 53406-4555	<b>Sheboygan – August 13</b> Southside Alliance Church 4321 County Road A Sheboygan, WI 53081	<b>Dodgeville - August 16</b> Hidden Valley Community Church 605 Bennet Road Dodgeville WI 53533	<b>Janesville - August 21</b> Bethel Baptist Church 3300 Mt. Zion Ave Janesville, WI 53546
<b>Baraboo - August 9</b> Walnut Hill Bible Church 1900 East Street Baraboo, WI 53913	<b>Madison - August 14</b> Memorial Baptist Church 201 S Main St Verona, WI 53593	<b>Milwaukee - August 20</b> Brookside Baptist Church 4470 N Pilgrim Rd Brookfield, WI 53005	

## Our Trip to Summit:

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Not a locker combination but numbers for one of the most rewarding experiences our Journey Club has ever done. One Friday in late March, our van load of **12** people (8 Quizzers and 4 Coaches/Chaperons) left Kenosha for a **2100** mile round trip to SUMMIT 2007 in Denver. It was our 1<sup>st</sup> ever SUMMIT so we had no idea what to expect. We came to quiz but we got so much more. After 18 hours in a van, we began **5** days of intense competition, fellowship, & growing.

There were **158** teams entered in Quizzing - so many that the competition was split into two days. We started on Sunday at 8:00 am. In each round, only a certain number of teams advance to the next round. Each round gets harder with fewer teams moving up. The goal at the end of the day (5 rounds) is to be on of the 5 teams advancing into the championship, or Platinum, round. The Platinum round is held during the closing ceremony in front of all attendees. God blessed the efforts of our quizzers and one of our teams made Platinum!

On the day you don't quiz, your church does its Fine Arts. That was Monday. We had one young lady sing, and earn a silver medal. With so many categories almost everyone has an opportunity to grow through performance. The range of talents and gifts shown by all the young people was amazing.

Tuesday was Games. We didn't bring a Games team but that didn't stop some of our kids! We hooked up two of our teens with a team from Syracuse, NY, another with a team from Bakersfield, CA, and still another with a team from San Antonio, TX. It didn't matter that none of our kids had practiced with or even met their teammates before the Games. Each was "adopted" by their team and the kids had a great time. It's really something to see an arena filled with six game circles and with over 600 players competing at once!

Later that evening was the Platinum round. It's very unusual for a first year team, especially one as young as ours, to make it to the Platinum round, but there we were on the platform, with nine other teams, in front of 1200 people. In the end, our team tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 158 Teams.

What was the most encouraging thing that happened? - Hearing *our* teenagers in the back of the van on the trip home having a theological debate and quoting Scripture to defend their answers.

Are we going back? - **Absolutely!**

One young lady who before didn't think this was a "real" competition, on the way home, said that she wanted to keep going, all the way to Jacksonville, FL (site for 2008 Summit) that very night!

We're going – anybody want to join us???

-Rick Moffett  
Journey Director  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, WI