

# The Meyer Minutes

## Awana Missionaries

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Awana exists to help churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

## From Your Awana Missionaries

We'd like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to the many dear Awana friends that pray for us all year long. Your prayers carry us week by week as we travel to various Awana clubs and meetings throughout the state. We are grateful to know that God's people hold us up to the Lord in this way.

Our support situation is a major prayer item at this time. We are currently at about 68% support for calendar year 2010. We need to raise about \$2000 per month to be fully supported. We are looking for ministry partners to not only support us by prayer, but also step out on faith and support us financially. Will you join us in this endeavor as we jointly reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ? We thank you in advance for praying for us regarding this.

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## Awana Ministry Conference

Celebrating Reaching Boys and Girls with the Gospel of Christ for 60 years!

The Conference will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Palmcroft Baptist Church in Phoenix. Our scheduled Keynote Speaker will be Evangelist Steve Pigott.



## ART (Awana Resources and Tools)

**ART** is designed especially for Awana Commanders and leaders. **ART** gives you exclusive access to the tools, creative materials, ideas, instructions and inspiration you've come to expect from Awana. Within **ART**, you'll find all the valuable information and tools you're used to, such as: clip art, tips, newsletters, blogs, forums and training materials to help you successfully run your club. Plus, you will find Training Tracker, a new online tool where Awana leaders can record and track all their training and accomplishments. Commanders can update their church's information on this site as well.

To use **ART**, go to [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org) and click on "create account" under **ART** Customer portal. You will need a valid email address that is unique to you and your church's registration number. If you do not know it you can look it up at <http://awana.findlocation.com>. Commanders will also need their church's account number.

## Does Your Club Need a Makeover?

- ✓ *Is your club more than seven years old?*
- ✓ *Is your attendance down?*
- ✓ *Do kids attend sporadically?*
- ✓ *Are fewer kids finishing handbooks?*
- ✓ *Are kids passing a partial section at a time?*
- ✓ *Are fewer kids wearing uniforms?*
- ✓ *Do you play the same games each week?*
- ✓ *Are the kids more unruly?*
- ✓ *Do your leaders dread going to club?*
- ✓ *Is it harder to get and keep leaders?*
- ✓ *Do leaders just go through the motions versus being on a mission?*
- ✓ *Has it been a while since you had a contest or theme night?*
- ✓ *Is the paint on the wall over 10 years old?*
- ✓ *Do kids show little interest in spiritual things?*
- ✓ *Are the kids making fewer spiritual decisions?*

*If you answered "yes" to five or more of these questions, you will be amazed at the life a makeover will give your club. Find more details at [www.arizonawana.org](http://www.arizonawana.org) under "Support".*

**“What can we do to make our club so exciting that the kids will line up outside the church doors and half-way around the block?”**  
**Art Rorheim – Awana Co-Founder**

## Art Rorheim’s Mindset

**“I want my Pals Club to be the most exciting thing in the lives of those boys.”**

One Saturday while watching boys and girls line up outside a movie theater, Art asked himself, “Why can’t we make our Pals Club so exciting that boys will line up to come?” In weekly leaders’ “Prayer and Planning” meetings, Art shared this yearning. Gradually, a plan evolved to hold a Fairmont Fair. How could they arouse curiosity to make boys want to come? Art visited the principals of local schools. He asked if key clubbers would be permitted to wear announcement banners and distribute leaflets as students left school. Principals of three schools agreed. The next week, Sword clubbers marched around the schools with picket signs which read: “Coming-Big Fair!” No questions from inquirers were answered, as Art had instructed the Pals to remain silent. Curiosity of all the school kids began to mount. The next week, the clubbers again marched. This week their signs advertised: “Big Fair for boys 8, 9, and 10 years old.” Still, they would not respond to questions as they circled the school grounds like marchers around the city of Jericho. The third week the signs announced: “Saturday Big Fairmont Fair.” Clubbers handed out printed invitations which told the time and place of the Fair. There was no significance to the word “Fairmont”. Art added it to “Fair” simply for alliteration and intrigue. Art’s dream came true. Lining the block and waiting for admittance to the Fair were 325 eager young boys.

## 2010/2011 Arizona Awana Events

- August 14 Day of Training  
First Baptist Church - Tempe
- August 21 Day of Training  
Christ Community Church – Tucson
- August 28 Day of Training  
Willow Hills First Southern Baptist Church - Prescott
- September 25 Awana Ministry Conference  
Palmcroft Baptist Church – Phoenix
- January 27-29 Commander College 101  
Victory Baptist Church – Casa Grande
- February (TBD) Sparks-a-Rama & AwanaGames™  
Tucson
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Prescott
- February 26 24/7 Bible Quiz & AwanaGames  
Southwestern College - Phoenix



**See the rest of the schedule at [www.arizonawana.org](http://www.arizonawana.org)**