

Good Evening AWANA Parents and Teens,

As you are aware, we will be continuing with an on-line club from September through to at least January.

For both Trek and Journey, we've created an email account (BridlewoodAwanaTrekJourney@gmail.com) where students can submit their handbook work. Their work can be scanned/photographed copies of their handbook pages, attached text files, or embedded email text. Just make sure we can tell which section is being submitted and which 'Day' (for Trek). Our Trek and Journey leaders will reply with comments and indicate whether the section was sufficiently answered or not. Submissions can be made at any time during the week and our leaders have committed to checking the email account regularly.

We strongly encourage parents to review the student's work before it is submitted and have their own discussions with their children on whatever topic is discussed in the section. Since we won't have the benefit of the student's company to translate, it is vital that the submissions be legible. Leaders will return work that they can't read.

The verses associated with each section (and reviews) will be completed through a one-on-one video call using Skype. We've created a Skype account (BridlewoodAwanaTrekJourney@gmail.com - same as the email) where the students can recite their verses and/or Bible summaries.

Normally we would have the section verses recited in conjunction with the applicable handbook section; however, for now, we're going to loosen that requirement. If the student would like to accumulate a few verses (as in a review section or Lesson 6 & 12 for Journey) or summaries, they can be done in one call rather than broken up into several short calls. Leaders will be keeping track of handbook and verse completion separately so work can progress independently on both fronts.

To keep some semblance of a regular routine, a Trek/Journey leader will be available on Skype Thursday evenings starting September 24th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to receive calls. If you would like to coordinate a time outside these hours, contact us by email and we'll try to coordinate a time. I encourage the parents to hear the verses or summaries before contacting a leader as we'll only have one leader available and we won't have time to coach each student through their verses.

The Bible summaries for Trek are available at <https://awanaym.org/trek/bible-reading-summaries> and the Journey summaries are available at <https://awanaym.org/journey/bible-reading-summaries> (look at the bottom of this page). For Trek we ask for three key points about the Bible book and for Journey we ask for 10. The prepared summaries are a guideline but as long as the required number of key points is met, the student passes the requirement. For this club year, Trek will be studying the book "His Story" looking at God's Story and answering the question "Who are You?".

AWANA has changed the curriculum for Journey so we will be using the new program for the 2020/2021 club year and specifically the "Advocates" Bible Study. The new program consists of 32 lessons. Each lesson has a video to watch, a key verse (or verses) to recite, a study section, questions to answer, and an action plan to prepare. The new curriculum also requires the students to read and summarize the Old Testament over the four years (i.e. no New Testament summaries). For those familiar with the Trek curriculum, the new Journey curriculum should be an easy transition.

For those who have already completed at least one year of Journey and would like to finish with the old Journey curriculum, we do have some of the existing study books available, and depending on how many of you are interested, there may be enough resources to let you finish the program. If you would like to pursue the older curriculum, please indicate it on your registration form. The study for this year will be 1 Corinthians plus an elective of your choice.

These are challenging days, but we are not without hope. It is our desire that these endeavours will help you keep AWANA in your regular routine: a bit of normalcy when things are uncertain. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or the AWANA Commander (Greg Tyler - cc'ed) know and we'll do what we can to help.

Take Care and God Keep You Safe,

Glen Parkinson
Trek/Journey Director