

# Award Presentation Tips

Awana® leaders should continually remind themselves that awards look much bigger to clubbers than they do to leaders. What, to a leader, is just another award, represents time and hard work to a clubber. Perhaps he has Christian parents who drilled him on a section until it was word perfect. Or, maybe she comes from an unsaved home and struggled through everything on her own. In either case, the award represents something that the clubber has worked for and looks forward to receiving.

Keeping the individual clubber uppermost in your mind, here are some practical suggestions for presenting awards.

- **Always present awards in front of the entire club.**  
Nothing detracts from the importance of earning an award more than a leader handing it to the clubber during Handbook Time or on the way out of church after club. An exception to this might be made when a leader visits a clubber's home and personally delivers the award. However, public recognition should still be given to the clubber.
- **Give awards as soon as possible after they are earned.**  
Maintain an inventory of awards so you are able to present the awards the night they are earned (except for book awards, which are presented at the year end awards ceremony).
- **Hold periodic uniform and award inspections.** This increases the value of awards and provides additional motivation for purchasing a uniform and earning awards to be worn on it. Remember, no awards are given to clubbers who aren't wearing uniforms. Awana offers a uniform inspection ribbon that can be used as a monthly prize for your sharpest uniformed clubbers.
- **Emphasize the Bible awards.** Since passing sections represents a great deal of concentrated study, extra emphasis should be made for clubbers' achievements when these awards are given. Attendance awards should receive less ceremony. Congratulate each individual clubber as you present the various Bible awards. Be sure to announce the specific name of each award. A round of applause from the other clubbers adds to a clubber's sense of accomplishment.
- **Keep accurate records.** This is especially important in the case of a clubber without a uniform. When a clubber purchases a uniform, she should receive all the awards she may have earned before getting a uniform. Unfortunately, some clubbers do not, or cannot, buy a uniform until the second or third year in club. Be sure all back awards are presented when the uniform is purchased. Clubbers should understand that they will receive any and all awards they have earned since entering club.