



T&T Update FAQs

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After much feedback from our T&T Advisory Team (a group of leaders from across the U.S.) and other Awana groups, we have begun working to address gaps in the current T&T ministry, starting with Ultimate Adventure (UA). (We will focus on Ultimate Challenge (UC) next.) Our ultimate goal is to minister as effectively as possible to this tween age group (defined here as 8-12 year olds). We pray that the upgrades over the next two ministry seasons will give us greater connection points with this age group.

It seems like T&T just got updated. Why more change?

Actually, T&T experienced its last significant update in the 2010-2011 club year. Four years later, we have a better sense for the realities of tween ministry and the unique approaches that it requires. The hard truth is that in many T&T clubs, kids are not engaging – either by dropping out entirely or by showing up with little motivation to participate in the program as currently structured.

What updates are happening?

We are starting with Ultimate Adventure uniforms and awards (for Fall 2014) and then moving to UA program & curriculum elements (for Fall 2015), then on to Ultimate Challenge program & curriculum elements (for Fall 2016).

Why is Awana updating the Ultimate Adventure uniforms?

The current UA uniform green t-shirt design has been in place for over a decade. Based on feedback we received, it is in need of a fresh look, especially in light of the UC uniform overhaul that took place a few years ago. The new UA uniform will have a sports jersey look. The UA and UC uniforms will now complement each other well but feel different enough that the two age groups will still have their distinct look.



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Why is Awana updating the Ultimate Adventure awards?

We are moving toward emblems in lieu of pins for these reasons:

- To address safety concerns we received regarding the pins
- Emblems are less likely to get lost since they will be affixed with Badge Magic or thread
- The streamlined design will make ordering easy across both years of T&T UA
- For those clubs that desire it, the new Ultimate Adventure uniform award system will enable kids to creatively customize their award experience by arranging emblems in unique designs and patterns on their uniforms.

Will we have to order different emblems if some kids choose to customize their awards? Won't mixing and matching emblems create confusion when ordering?

The new emblems will come in red, blue, green and yellow and can be used for either a standardized award approach or a customized award approach. The difference between the two approaches is only in how the emblems are arranged on the uniform. You may choose to have all the kids in your club affix their emblems the same way or let them arrange them how they wish.

Even when using a standardized approach, the color emblem you choose to award will be at your discretion. So, if you have more of one color than another, you can use the award inventory you have on hand before ordering more.

What if I still have the current UA green t-shirt uniforms and/or dog bowls and bones in my club inventory?

We fully support you using those current uniforms and awards for one more year in order to efficiently steward your resources. If needed, the current uniforms, dog bowls and bones are on clearance at awana.org to supplement your existing inventory.

The Awana Customer Care Community is available for questions at
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What changes are happening to the curriculum?

Stay tuned for more information on curriculum upgrades happening in fall 2015 and beyond. Exciting changes are coming that will make it easier for kids with varying learning styles, interests and Bible knowledge to learn and memorize God's word. We are also looking at ways for clubs to easily integrate these changes and keep this process as streamlined as possible.

Will handbooks be changing for the 2014-2015 ministry season? Will I need to dispose of my existing inventory?

No. Curriculum updates will occur for the 2015-2016 ministry season and beyond. Continue to use existing handbooks during the upcoming ministry season and if needed, into the next as you see best to steward your resources.