

# Becoming A 1st C.L.A.S.S. Commander



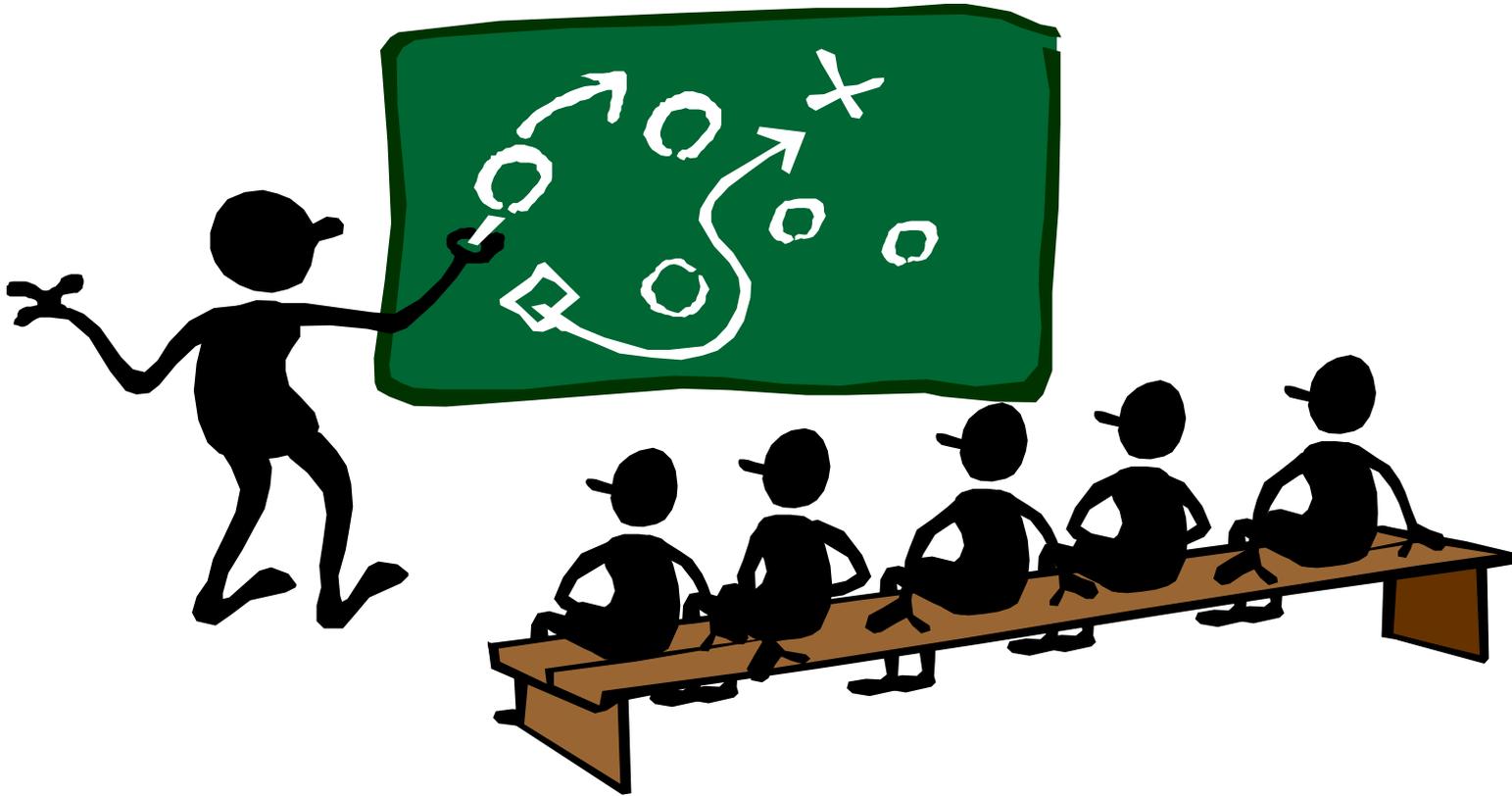
# Reviewing your roles:

- ▶ As Commander your tasks fit under these five Commander “hats” or roles:
  - Communicator
  - Leader
  - Administrator
  - Shepherd
  - Super Advocate
- ▶ Have you planned your year?
- ▶ This workshop focus is on your **Club Night and during-the-year activities—even behind the scenes.**

# What will we cover in this session?

- ▶ Publicize – everything
- ▶ Participate – in events
- ▶ Prepare - your people
- ▶ Plug in – this is for you!
- ▶ Patrol – management from the hallway
- ▶ Program - keep it pure
- ▶ Praise – pointers
- ▶ Prayer – personal and P&P meeting
- ▶ Promote - perpetually
- ▶ Persist – Gal. 6:9

# Be a Communicator

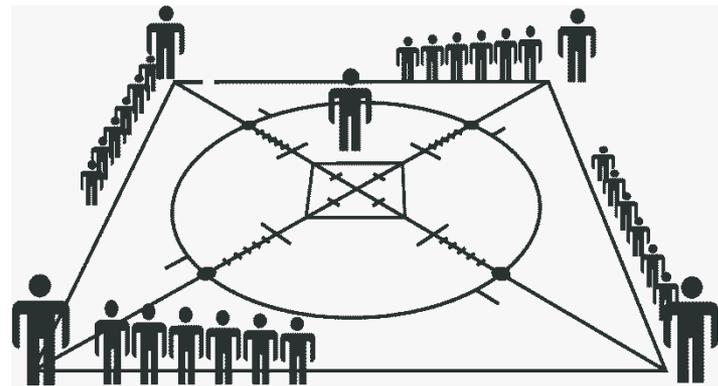


# Communicators **PUBLICIZE**

- ▶ You can't over publicize anything, ever!
- ▶ Reasons to Communicate
  - To get the kids
  - To keep the kids
  - To get Leaders
  - To keep Leaders
  - To keep parents
  - To keep the congregation informed
- ▶ Resources: clip art on [Awana.org](http://Awana.org), catalog has signs, brochures and other promotion tools.

# Why **PARTICIPATE** in Events?

- ▶ Why? **This year is critical!**
  - The Gospel & outreach – this may be your only year to share with some children.
  - If it is your first year, it is the year of evaluation.
  - If you've had Awana a long time, give your club the 'shot in the arm' of involvement.



# Be A Leader



# Leaders **PREPARE** their people

The Awana ministry exists to serve you and your church.  
Be sure your Awana leaders and children's workers  
are getting on-going training and motivation in the  
importance of reaching children and youth now!

**Basic Training**

**Awana Ministry Conference**

**Memory work**

# Leaders

- ▶ If you have weak and ineffective leaders your club will fail
- ▶ Most churches drop after a few years because the leaders didn't seek training and didn't know how to keep Awana on track
- ▶ The A.C.T.S. of a Commanders are to make sure they:
  - Attract,
  - Connect,
  - Train, and
  - Sustain leaders

# PLUG IN

- Make sure the Leaders and the Clubbers jell together



# More Leader Prep

- ▶ Prayer and Planning meetings
- ▶ E-mails, Facebook, Twitter
- ▶ Orientation Training
- ▶ Commander Director meetings
- ▶ Calls that apply to them.
- ▶ Again, you are not in this alone.
- ▶ We're here to help you!



# Be an Administrator

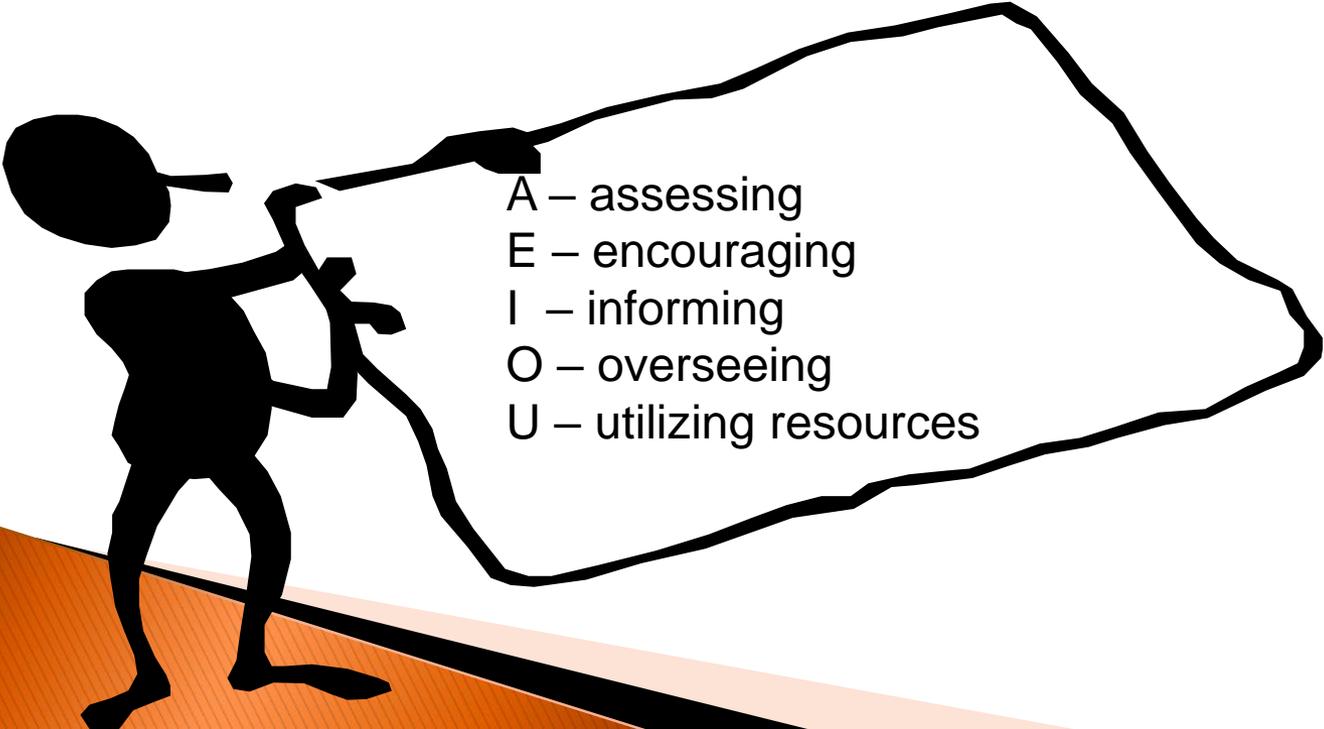


# Administrator

- ▶ Registration
- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Set club policies
- ▶ Schedules and room arrangements
- ▶ Calendar
- ▶ Get staff
- ▶ Set goals

# Be fully **PRESENT** & on **PATROL**

- ▶ Your job club night is to “patrol” (Management from the hallway)
- ▶ Don't get tied up in one area.
- ▶ On club nights – use the AEIOU



A – assessing  
E – encouraging  
I – informing  
O – overseeing  
U – utilizing resources

# Follow the **PROGRAM** –with purity

## DO...

- ▶ Pass training steps listed in your role book
  - ▶ Get leaders & kids in uniform - FAST
  - ▶ Train the leaders
  - ▶ Connect at Conference
  - ▶ Involve parents
  - ▶ Protect kids – background checks
  - ▶ Have games to get them there and keep them coming
  - ▶ Expect word perfect; Give no more than two helps
  - ▶ Present the Gospel clearly
  - ▶ Sing and smile
  - ▶ Be an example
  - ▶ Have regular P&P meetings
  - ▶ Plan out your year
  - ▶ Make club nights exciting
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# DO NOT...

- ▶ Substitute crafts for games
- ▶ Dilute the program
- ▶ Waste energy reinventing the wheel – Awana works
- ▶ Skip Large Group time
- ▶ Sign sections if they need more than two helps
- ▶ Buy books and uniforms for kids
- ▶ Think your club is too new or too small to participate in statewide or Regional events

# Be a Shepherd



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- ▶ 1 Thess. 5:11

*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

- ▶ Hebrews 3:13

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

# Shepherds PRAISE

- ▶ Praise
  - God for what He is doing
  - Your leaders
  - The kids
  - The parents
- ▶ Tips about praise:
  - Make it genuine
  - Make it specific
  - Do it in front of someone else. (especially someone who matters to the person you are praising)

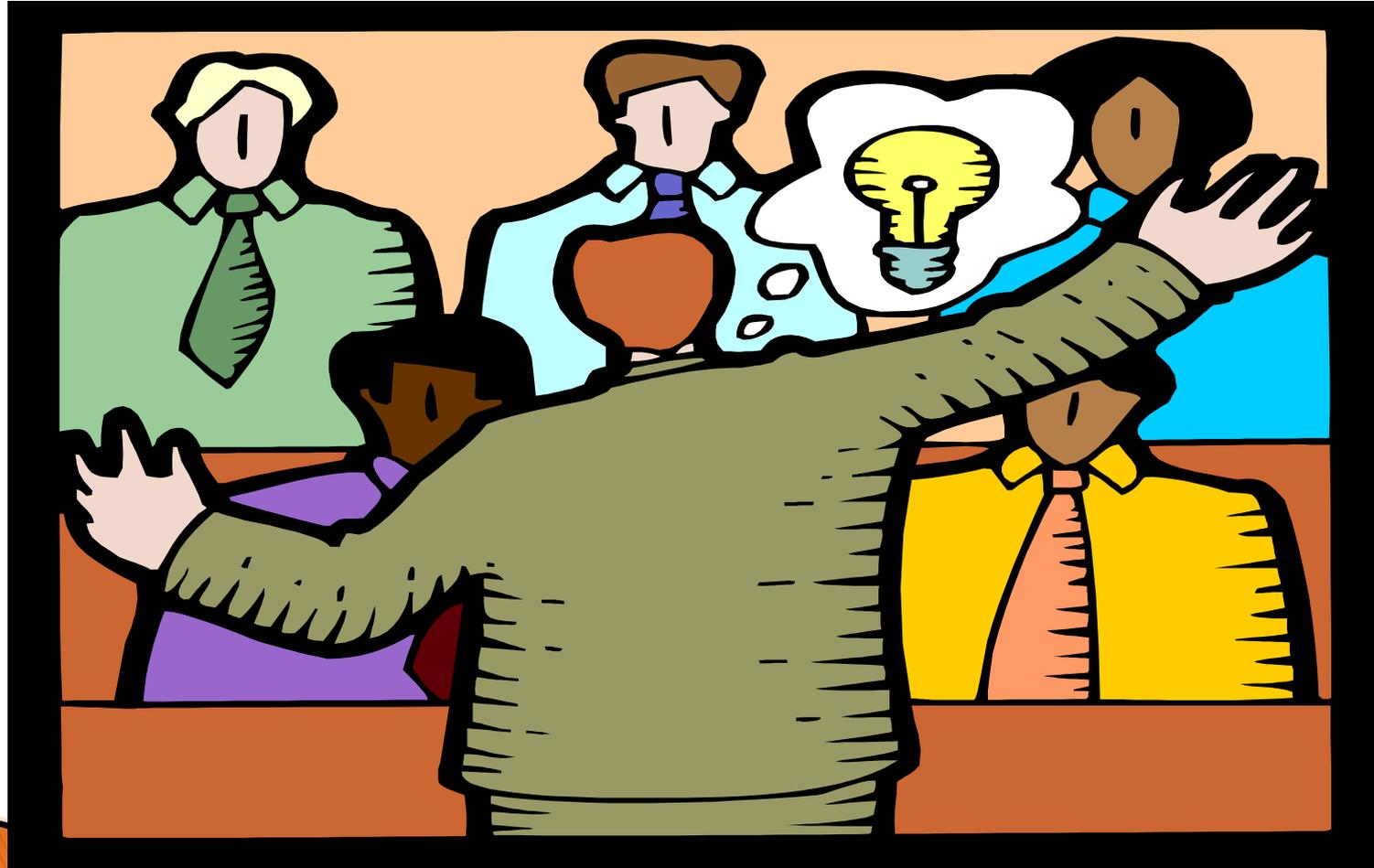


# Shepherd

## ▶ Challenge

- In their walk with the Lord
- Help them find their talents and use them
- Encourage them to complete a task after it is given

# Be a Super Advocate



# As Super Advocate **PRAYER** is an essential first step and continual step all year!

*...but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known  
unto God. ~ Philipians 4:6*

- ▶ Personal, private prayer time AND with your leaders at Prayer and Planning Meetings.

# Advocates **PROMOTE**

- ▶ “Awana Sundays” – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - Kids participate
  - Parents invited
  - Congregation sees a bit of what you are doing
- ▶ Newsletters – achievements shared
- ▶ Update key staff or elders/deacons as things happen in your club
- ▶ Promotion focuses on the Gospel, outreach and past success.

# Be PERSISTANT

*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

~ Galatians 6:9

Quitters never win and winners never quit, and  
**“Spiritual Leaders”** never quit on club night.

Consider the “the Lord before me” agreement.

**Thanks for your  
participation!**