

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



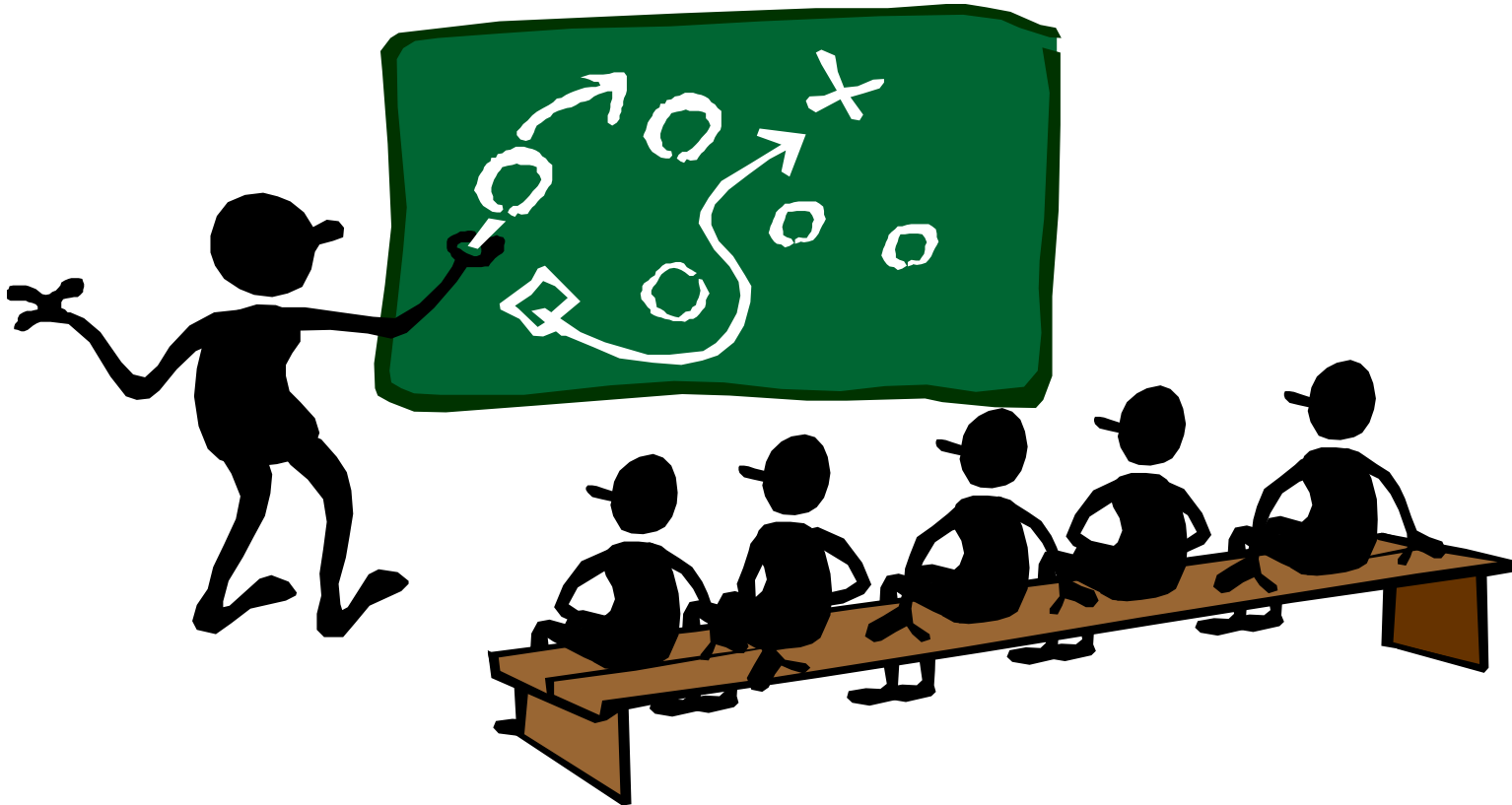
Reviewing your roles:

- ▶ 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



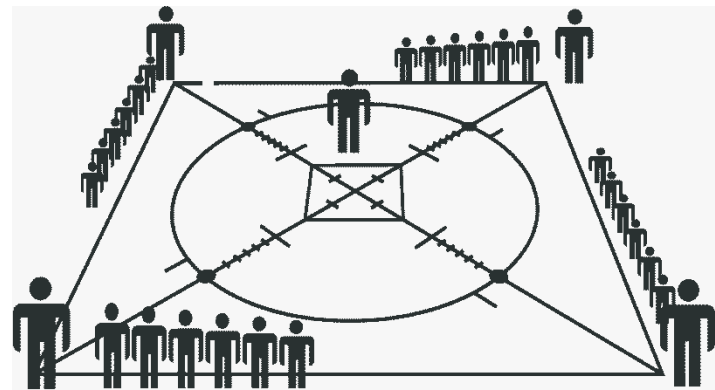
Communicators **PUBLICIZE**

- ▶ 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, 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

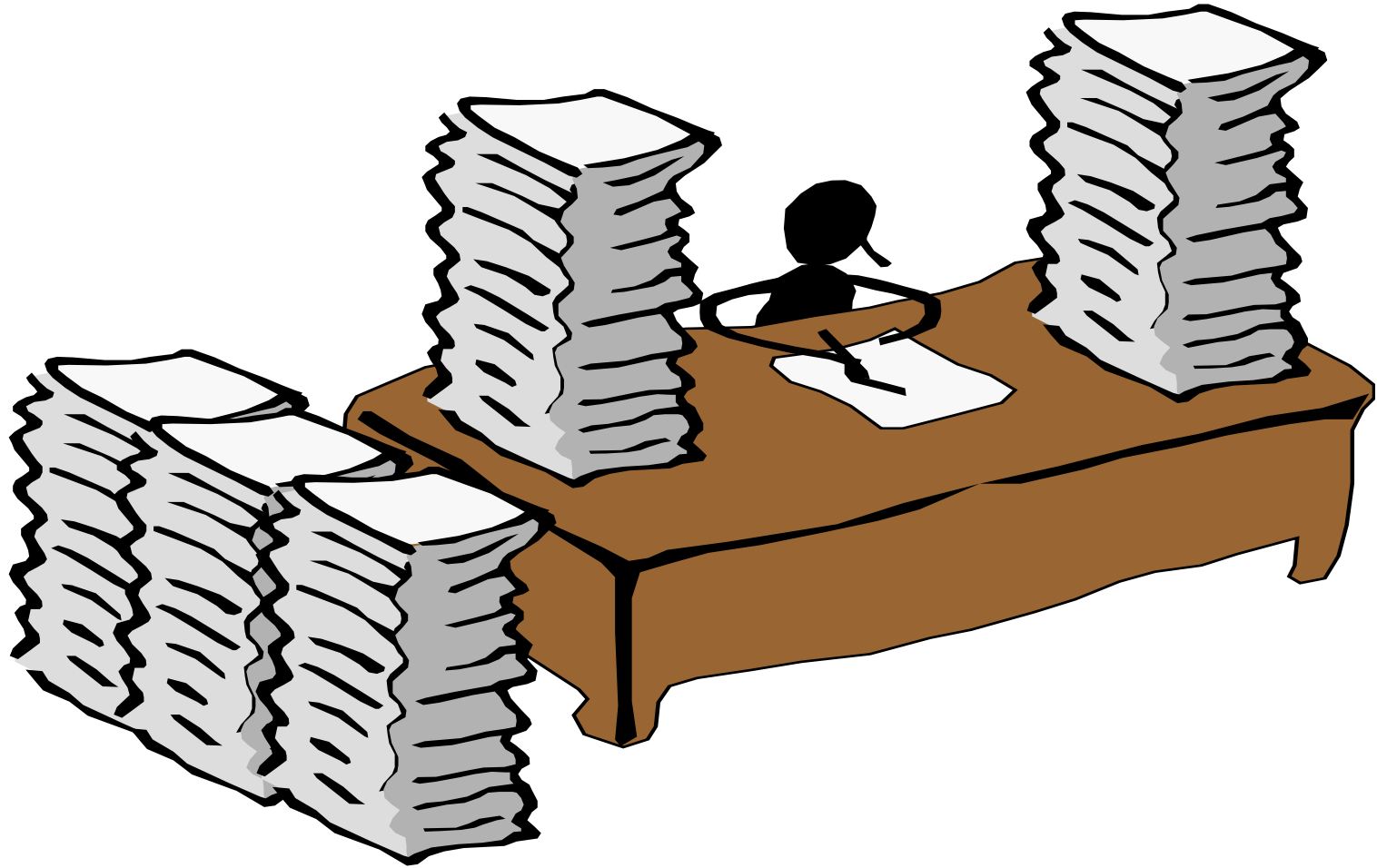


More Leader Prep

- ▶ 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

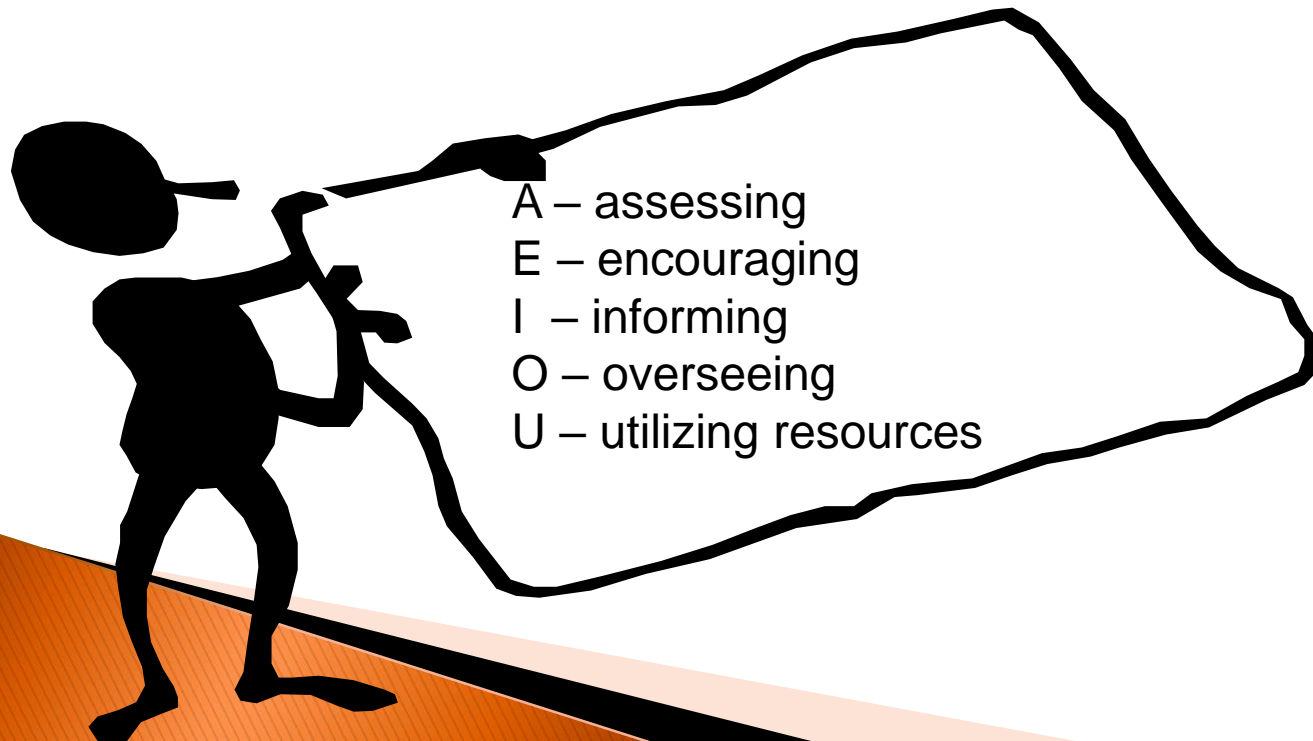


Administrator

- ▶ 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



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



Shepherd

- ▶ 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)

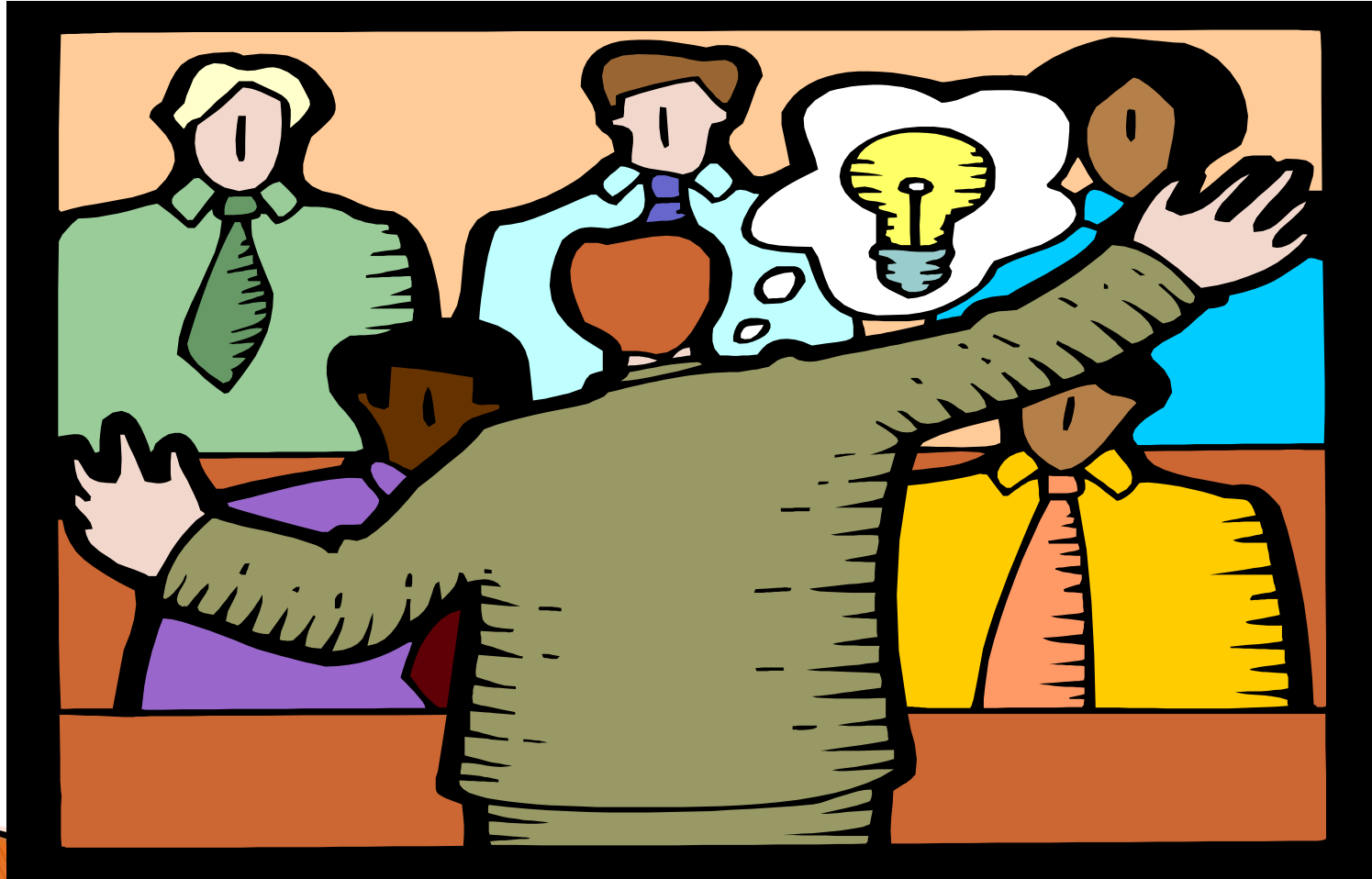


Shepherd

► 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. ~ Philippians 4:6*

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

Advocates **PROMOTE**

- ▶ “Awana Sundays” – 5th 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!**