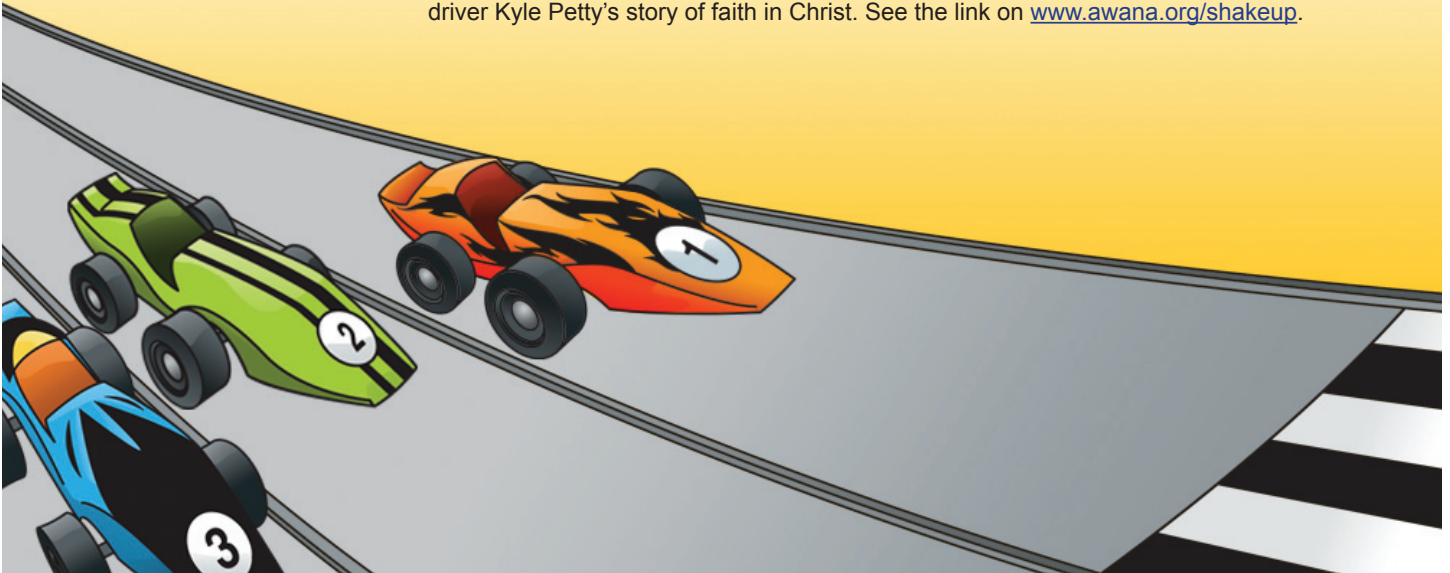


Awana Grand Prix Step-by-Step Check Sheet

Once you have decided to run an Awana Grand Prix™ event, these general steps will put you on track to hosting a memorable and fruitful event for your clubbers and their families:

- Contact your area Awana® missionary: This is the most important step in getting started with Awana Grand Prix. Your missionary will guide you through specific steps not addressed in this document.
- Purchase the official *Awana Grand Prix "How-to Book"* which covers everything you need to know to run an Awana Grand Prix. Order from the *Ministry Catalog Online (MCO)*.
- Purchase, build or borrow a four-lane track.
 - a. Purchase a track: You may purchase a new track by contacting our Customer Care Department at (866) 292-6227. Also, your Awana missionary may be aware of a church interested in selling a track.
 - b. Build a track: Find a skilled carpenter to build the track. Perhaps a church member will volunteer or know a carpenter willing to build the track for an affordable fee. Your Awana missionary may also be able to put you in touch with a carpenter. Purchase the Awana Grand Prix Track Blueprints on the MCO.
 - c. Borrow a track: While owning your own track increases flexibility for your event, **don't let the cost of purchasing or building a track stop you from hosting an Awana Grand Prix.** Contact your Awana missionary to help you coordinate borrowing a track from another Awana-affiliated church.
- Secure a location for your event. Most often your Awana Grand Prix race will be held right in your own church, but if space is an issue, there may be other options. Your Awana missionary can help you explore specific options. Some might include: another church, a private or public school, a hotel meeting room, a Christian ministry headquarters or warehouse building and other such possibilities.
- Schedule the Awana Grand Prix event. It is a great way to reinvigorate your club following the Christmas break; consider scheduling your race for early February. But the event is useful any time in the ministry year; consider holding your race in November to end the first half of the ministry year with a bang.
- Invite a speaker to give a message and gospel presentation during the race event. You might consider your church pastor, the Awana commander, your Awana missionary or perhaps a special speaker.
 - Check out Power to Win™ Race Day from Sports Spectrum® featuring NASCAR® driver Kyle Petty's story of faith in Christ. See the link on www.awana.org/shakeup.



- Recruit officials from your Awana club's leadership team and church congregation to help organize the event, officiate the race, judge car designs and provide hospitality to visitors. The *Awana Grand Prix "How-to Book"* will specify what volunteer positions will need to be filled.
- Five to six weeks prior to the race day, announce the event in club. Excite clubbers about the event and help them see the opportunity it offers to share the good news of Jesus Christ by showing the *T&T Animated Featurette* available for download from the Awana Grand Prix page on the Awana Leaders Resources and Tools (ART) Web site.
- Four to five weeks before the race make car kits available for clubbers' parents to purchase. Check out the *Awana Ministry Catalog* and the MCO to see car kit options, which include the traditional wood block kit and two pre-cut styles.
- Three to four weeks ahead of the event, schedule a "pit party" or "construction night" – a special workshop for clubbers and parents who need help crafting a race car. Do not expect clubbers to build their cars entirely on their own. Encourage parent and adult involvement. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with clubbers and their parents, especially fathers.
- Two to three weeks out, send invitations to clubbers' family members to attend the race. You might also consider requesting a reporter from your local newspaper to attend.
- One week before the race, set up the track for clubbers to check out how their cars run. Open just one lane, however; don't let clubbers race each other. The results can be discouraging to some clubbers. Save it for the big day!

Have a great event!

