



Dear Awana Families,

Thank you for allowing your child to come to our Awana Club. We hope your child has a great time with all the exciting activities our club has to offer!

The focus of Awana is to teach boys and girls Biblical truths and to be approved workers who are not ashamed. (II Timothy 2:15)

Our children are confronted with difficult decisions. Awana's Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm biblical foundation that will provide guidance for many of the challenges they face. Each clubber is very special to us and to God.

Awana provides an opportunity for your child to establish and grow in their relationship with God. Through team cooperation and individual achievement, Awana promotes the building of self-esteem and good relationships with others. By encouraging your child to complete handbook sections and by showing interest in their achievements you can make Awana an enjoyable experience.

We welcome your visits to club meetings and we look forward to an amazing year with your children!

Sincerely,

Nathan Smith
Awana Commander

How to help your child THRIVE in AWANA

Parents and Guardians are essential helpers in the enjoyment of Awana. Please consider the following tips in order to allow your child to get the most from his/her Club:

- Help your child to attend Awana every week.
- Make sure they wear their uniform and bring their handbooks each week.
- Be sure they arrive on time: 6:15-6:30 p.m. Promptness helps maintain good discipline.
- Attend all major events. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend any club meeting.
- Pick up your child promptly at 8:00 p.m. All clubbers need to be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.
- Always encourage your child. Children have more fun when their parents or guardians show interest in their accomplishments.
- Set aside a few minutes at bedtime, after dinner or Sunday afternoons to review your child's verses with them. Bible memorization is a great way to help children make good decisions later in life.




Three and Four year olds
Parents/Guardians help the Cubbies each week to prepare their lessons called Bear Hugs.
Director: Diane Bevan Phone: (269) 650-0221

Cubbie Motto: Jesus Loves Me

Cubbie Verse: 1 John 4:10 God loves us and sent His Son.

Cubbie Song:

We are Awana Cubbies, we're happy all day long.
 We know that Jesus loves us! That's why we sing this song.
 We hop because we're happy and we jump and shout for joy.
 For Jesus is a friend to us. He loves each girl and boy.

Cubbies is geared toward preschoolers ages 3-5. It is a two-year program beginning 2 years before a child will enter kindergarten. We have a great time hearing Bible stories, saying weekly verses, and learning to play games together.

Cubbies does involve parent or guardian participation and commitment. The core of the program is a cute handbook of verses and activities for parents/guardians and children to enjoy throughout the year. Cubbies can earn awards based on what you study together.

To ensure that your Cubbie benefits from the evening club's activities could you please:

- Encourage some rest time Wednesday afternoon.
- Study a little each day between meetings.
- Sign the Cubbies handbook for work completed at home.
- Take your child to the bathroom before club.

Our church is a busy place on Wednesday evenings. For your child's safety, we request that only the Cubbie's parents or adult caregiver drop off and pick up the children.

We look forward to this new year of Cubbie fun!

Materials and Costs: It is the desire of our church that no child be deprived of participation in Club because of costs. If you find that some of the expenses are too high for your family, feel free to talk to your director.

Cubbies Price List

Handbook	\$10.00
Uniform Vest	\$10.00
CD's* <i>Optional</i>	\$10.00

Payment Options: Cash or Check can be given to Club Directors or you can pay online by scanning this QR Code.



Check-In: Check-in starts at 6:15 pm. When coming to Awana you will want to check your clubber in using our electronic check-in system located in the upstairs lobby or near the gym entrance. This will print you a sticker name tag for each child and a parent/guardian tag that you will use at Check Out. Your clubber should wear their sticker name tag throughout the evening. Sparks and T&T club members will check in with Awana Leaders at the downstairs check-in spot to get their points counted for the night.

Cubbies: Report to Room 235

Sparks & T&T: Report to the gym following Check In

Check Out: Check out starts at 8 pm. At 8 pm parents/guardians should report to Awana rooms to pick up your clubbers using the parent sticker you received at check-in. Each room has an entrance door and exit door for pick up. This allows for parents and kids to easily flow through the room. All clubbers need to be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.

Cubbies: Room 235

Sparks: Room 125

T&T: Room 126

Important Dates:	Awana Begins	September 20, 2023
	Thanksgiving Break, No Awana	November 22, 2023
	Christmas Break, No Awana	December 20, 2023
	Christmas Break, No Awana	December 27, 2023
	Awana Grand Prix	February 28, 2024
	Spring Break, No Awana	April 3, 2024
	Awana Closing Ceremony	April 10, 2024

Weather Updates: In case of bad weather, the church staff along with the commander will determine whether to cancel club. Listen to WoodTV 8 OR watch the First Baptist Church Facebook page for cancellation information.

Discipline Policy: Group Discipline The 1-5 Count system is used for group discipline. The leader counts from 1-5 with the expectation that the clubbers will be silent by the time leader gets to "5". If spoken with authority (with some grace) and enforced, this process is quite effective. If a group does not comply then the whole group must sit silently for a minute or two before moving on to the next activity. If it continues to be a problem, we remind them we will have to miss some game time.

Individual Discipline - 3 warning system

All leaders/directors and commander need to be in constant communication to be able to identify situations when individuals have "been warned".

Warning 1 - when a child does not comply with the adult or misbehaves in some way, the adult gently reminds the child of the rules and explains the infraction, and gives the first warning.

Warning 2 - If the child continues to disrupt (that same night) child and leader will talk to the commander (if available) or director. The commander or director will take the child aside and be very specific with the child (discuss rules, infractions, possible reasons for misbehavior, and eventual consequences.) Depending on the severity of the behavior and availability of personnel director or commander may have the child sit out of game time that evening.

Warning 3 - If a child continues to misbehave, the child will be warned a third time and a meeting with parents must be called. (If this can be handled at pick-up that is great.) Parents will be told of all behaviors leading up to the meeting and a review of the behavior policy will take place. *Depending on the severity of the infraction the child may be asked not to return for one week of club.

After a child has been through all three of these warnings and comes back to club, he or she will get a clean slate. However, if the clubber returns and the behavior continues, they will have the three warnings described above. If after the second time of speaking with the parents the child's misbehavior continues, the commander and director will meet with the parents to determine what is the best course of action.

*The FBC Awana program reserves the right to suspend the attendance of a child after one meeting with the parent if the misbehavior arises to a point that endangers or threatens the safety of other clubbers or leaders.