



HANDBOOK

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Dear Parents,

We are grateful to serve you and your children through the Awana Clubs. Our goals are to reach boys and girls with the WORD – the good news about Jesus, to train them to serve and enjoy Him, and to have a ton of fun!

We believe that God wrote a book to reveal Himself to us in order that we can know Him, and His only Son, Jesus Christ, through whom He gives us new life. *“Now this is eternal life...” John 17:3.*

We want you as a parent to be aware of what we do in each club and we invite you to visit our club and ask any questions at any time. **It is our desire that you help your child each week with memorizing their scripture verses and applying them to their life.**

This handbook lays out the club schedule, rules, awards, costs, and other important information. Please read it carefully and keep it in a handy place throughout the Awana year.

Again, please feel free to visit your child’s club or contact us through the church office (219.462.4026) at any time. Thank you for your participation and support of this ministry.

Always needing His grace,

Josh Reasoner
Pastor of Family Ministries

Ashley Rice
Director of Children’s Ministries

Cyndi Tilford
Cubbies Director

Jen Ilic
Sparks Director

Nick Smith
T&T Director

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN CLUB?

Children ages 3 through 6th grade can participate in Awana. It is never our desire to turn anyone away from participating in the Awana program at Calvary Church. However, it is necessary for us to limit the enrollment into our **Cubbies** Club (ages 3 through pre-K by August 1st) primarily due to available classroom space and the number of volunteers necessary to maintain an adequate child-to-leader ratio. We will be grateful to take your child/contact information should there be a change in our enrollment or should we consider a way to make more room available. If a spot becomes available, we will contact those on the waiting list.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO CLUB?

Uniforms (vests for Cubbies and Sparks clubs, and jersey or t-shirts for T&T clubs) are available and are recommended for each child. If there is hardship with this purchase, please contact josh@calvaryweb.net.

Closed shoes are required for participation in game time. For the safety of the children **sandals or flip flops** are not allowed to be worn!

WHAT IS AWANA STORE?

As a reward for their efforts to study and apply God's Word, clubbers may receive several shares each week. Shares are play money that can be used to buy many different items that will be in our Awana store. Each clubber can earn shares by bringing a first time visitor, participating in game time, being in uniform, passing sections, and by bringing their Bible each week. Store will be held four times a year, according to the Club Schedule.

AWARDING SHARES

GAME TIME

Color teams will be determined by Game Leader or his/her designee EACH WEEK to ensure balance.

Shares are awarded to each individual team member in the following manner:

1st place team	10 shares
2nd place team	5 shares
3rd place team	2 shares
4th place team	1 share

HANDBOOK TIME

Shares are awarded in the following manner:

Completing THIS WEEK'S section	10 shares
Reciting section word perfect with no helps	2 shares
Section is signed by parent before club	2 shares
Clubber is wearing uniform/vest	2 shares
Clubber has brought Bible	2 shares
Completing 1 makeup section	2 shares
Completing 1 extra credit section	2 shares

COUNCIL TIME

Any Clubber who has brought a friend (who has not been to club THIS YEAR)	5 Shares (ea) Awana wristband (ea)
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Fruit of the Spirit Award = Gift Certificate & Award Certificate

CLUB NIGHT

5:45p Doors open and check-in begins at the Children's Welcome Center with our KidCheck security system

6:00p Awana Club begins in **THE GYM** with opening ceremony from 6:00p-6:05p for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T.

T&T		Sparks
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6:05p – 6:40p	1 st Session	6:15p-6:45p
6:40p – 7:15p	2 nd Session	6:45-7:15p
7:15p – 7:45p	3 rd Session	7:15-7:45p

7:45p End of Club

EVERY CLUB NIGHT CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

GAME TIME: Offers children the opportunity to participate as team members in fun games and physical activities where leaders encourage them to develop competitive attitudes that are pleasing to God, good sportsmanship, and coordination skills.

HANDBOOK TIME: Children recite verses in their handbook as their leader listens and leads in the understanding of them. The handbooks are designed to teach children about God by memorizing scripture passages and reading and understanding His Word.

COUNCIL TIME: Children participate in a time that includes worship, crafts, awards, testimonies and age appropriate instruction from God's Word, and its application to their lives.

CLUB SCHEDULE

Date		Theme Night
Sep	7	1st Night - Welcome Back
Sep	14	Hawaiian Night
Sep	21	Stuffed Animal Night
Sep	28	Parents Night
Oct	5	Pick your Decade / Diaper Drive Begin
Oct	12	Awana Around the World
Oct	19	Store Open
Oct	26	Pumpkin Contest
Nov	2	Shades Night
Nov	9	B.A.F. Double Shares
Nov	16	Patriotic Night
Nov	23	Thanksgiving - No Club
Nov	30	Crazy Hat Night
Dec	7	Store Open
Dec	14	Happy Birthday Jesus Night
Dec	21	Christmas Break - No Club
Dec	28	Christmas Break - No Club
Jan	4	Welcome Back
Jan	11	Odd Shoe Night
Jan	18	Flashlight Night
Jan	25	Candy Bar Game Night
Feb	1	Camping Night / Camp Letters
Feb	8	Work For Christ Night
Feb	15	Candy Kiss Night
Feb	22	Inside Out Night
Feb	29	Store Open
Mar	7	Sports Night
Mar	14	Crazy Hair Night
Mar	21	Silly Sock Night
Mar	28	Spring Break - No Club
Apr	4	Pizza Party Night
Apr	11	Dress like your Leader Night
Apr	18	Think Summer Night
Apr	25	Store Open
May	2	AWARDS NIGHT

COST LIST

Awana Club Dues	\$0.50/week, or \$15.00 for the year*
Handbooks	\$8.00
Cubbies Vest	\$10.00
Sparks Vest	\$10.00
T&T Shirts & Jerseys	\$12.00
Handbook Bags	\$7.00

* Pro-rated if begin year after September

CLUB RULES

Children are expected to take part in all of the club activities (including game time) unless a note is provided from parent/guardian.

Children are expected to cooperate with and respect their leaders.

When an AWANA leader begins the 5 count, all children are expected to become quiet and be ready to listen to instructions.

3 COUNT DISCIPLINE

If a problem arises in a child's conduct, behavior, attitude, etc. and every effort has been made to encourage them to obey, we will use what is called the 3 count discipline system.

- 1) We will discuss the required behavior with the child again.
- 2) The child will have to sit out the rest of the activity.
- 3) The child's parent / guardian will be contacted to pick up child and discuss possible solutions.