



Fall 2020 Awana Clubs Parent Handbook



Welcome to Awana!

Awana is an international, Bible-centered youth program providing local churches with weekly clubs and programs for three-year-olds through high school. The acronym AWANA comes from the first letters of "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. Awana began in 1950 as a youth program in the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago. Currently, each week more than two million kids ages 2-18 participate in Awana, including more than 1.1 million in 102 countries outside of the U.S.

Awana has a series of clubs geared to the needs of a particular age or grade. New Covenant Bible Church is offering:

- Cubbies – Virtual Only - preschool age boys & girls ages 3-4 (age 3 by September 1)
- Sparks – boys & girls grades K-2
- Truth & Training (T&T) Clubs – boys & girls grades 3-5

We're looking forward to a great year in Awana at New Covenant! We hope and pray that your child will have a fun and rewarding time as he or she attends our clubs. We count it a privilege to "reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and train them to serve Him."

Learn more about Awana at www.awana.org.

For questions about Awana Clubs at New Covenant Bible Church, contact the [Awana Commander, Wayne Gullickson](#) or call the church office at (630-584-2611, Ext 39).

New Club Expectations and Guidelines Due to COVID-19

New Club Time: Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 PM

Cubbies - Virtual Club Only!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the young age of Cubbie Clubbers, teaching time will be done virtually (further information provided after registration) and verses will be said to a Cubbie Leader through a media app (like Marco Polo). Fees are reduced to \$10 per year for the Cubbie Club.

Sparks and T&T - In-person

To ensure the safety of all in-person clubbers, please follow these guidelines:

- If your child has experienced any COVID-19 symptoms or has been around someone exposed, please stay home for the safety of others.
- Please arrive **no earlier than 6:30 PM** and drop off children outside the Awana entrance (door 2) where a leader will take your child to his or her room (please do not come into the building with your child).
- Pick up your child **promptly at 7:45 PM** outside the Awana entrance (door 2) where your child will be brought to you (please do not come into the building to get your child). Clubbers are dismissed to parents only, unless otherwise noted in your child's registration.
- Masks are required for clubbers when entering, exiting, and moving around inside the church building. Masks are recommended but optional for clubbers when settled and sufficiently distanced. Masks are required for leaders at all times.
- Social distancing will be expected and enforced.
- Clubbers should not bring any food or drink to the club.
- Please advise your club leader of any allergies.
- Game time is suspended while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Behavior Expectations

Clubbers should:

- Be silent when an Awana leader gives the "5" count.
- Remain in their rooms with their groups and leaders unless they have permission to go elsewhere.
- Listen to leaders respectfully, and immediately do as they are asked.
- Show respect and kindness toward other Awana Club kids.

- Participate in group activities.
- Walk, not run, in the church hallways.
- Keep a sufficient distance from other clubbers.

Consequences for not following the club expectations or guidelines are:

1. Upon the first violation, the clubber receives a warning.
2. Upon the second violation, the clubber sits out current activity and talks with two leaders about behavior.
3. Upon the third violation, the clubber sits out of the club for the rest of the evening and discusses behavior with the Commander. At pick-up time the Commander will assess the behavioral situation with a parent or guardian.

All parents and clubbers must read and sign a behavior contract that is handed out during the first few weeks of Awana.

What to bring each week

- **Handbook** - Handbooks are available to purchase after the clubber completes his or her starter book (Cubbies and first year Sparks only). It is important that your child brings his or her handbook each week. Please look through it together and see what is required each week. Parental involvement is important, especially for younger clubbers who can't yet read. Be a listener and an encourager as your child studies during the week. Clubbers should memorize both the verse and the reference. Sections must be passed in their entirety in one sitting. (Two helps from their leader are allowed per section). If you have any questions regarding handbooks, please contact your child's director.
- **Bible** - Sparks and T&T clubbers should bring a Bible each week to club. If they do not have a Bible, contact your child's director.
- **Uniform or vest** - Uniforms or vests are available to purchase and then wear each week once a clubber completes the starter booklet. The uniform serves as an identification of belonging to an Awana club, provides for a disciplined appearance at our clubs, and displays earned awards. Clubbers must wear uniforms to receive awards. Please sew or iron on award emblems when the child receives them and keep uniforms in good repair.
- **Bag** - Bring a bag to carry handbooks, Bibles, papers, and other items to and from meetings. Awana bags are available for purchase, but any bag is fine.

Please label your child's name on every item!

Registration and Fees

- [Online registration](#) and dues are required in advance through our [website](#). Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will not be accepting dues weekly.

- Dues are \$20 per clubber (maximum of \$80 per family) to offset some of the cost of resources from Awana. Dues are prorated for clubbers who join later in the year (\$10 for Cubbies only).
- Individual book and uniform fees will be communicated after clubs begin.
- Do not let costs keep your child from participating in Awana! If dues are a financial hardship for you, please contact the [Awana Commander–Wayne Gullickson](#) or call the church office at 630.584.2611.

SUPPLY COSTS			
	Cubbies	Sparks	T&T
Handbook	\$10	\$10	\$10
Uniform/Vest	\$11	\$11	\$16
Awana Bag (optional)	\$6	\$6	\$9
Extra Credit Cards (optional)	N/A	\$9	N/A

Weather Cancellations

A decision to cancel club meetings because of bad weather will be made by 3:00 PM on Wednesday. If a cancellation occurs, your child’s leader will contact you. You may also call the church at 630-584-2611, Ext 8 or check the calendar at www.newcbc.org.

Awana Store

**Due to COVID-19, pre-packaged “mystery” bags of different dollar values will be available to earn in place of choosing items at the Awana Store.*

Our Awana Store provides incentives for clubbers. This year, Awana points (instead of dollars) will be awarded weekly for:

- Passing handbook sections
- Participating in weekly theme nights
- Bringing your Bible, book & uniform
- Other reasons at director’s discretion

See calendar for when mystery bags will be available.

[Fall 2020 calendar](#)