

Parent Handbook 2017-18



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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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CLUB LEAD TEAM:

- Pastor Kym Slater - Cubbies and Puggles Director
- Pastor Mindy Helena - Sparks and T & T Director
- Jake Ponczoch - Recreation Director
- StefAnne Boyd - Puggles teacher
- Lydia Finger - Cubbies teacher
- Marie Callahan - Sparks Large Group Leader
- Mindy Helena - T & T Large Group Leader

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AWANA Weekly Lessons Schedule

If Awana night is cancelled for any reason (weather or other emergency), please do the lesson assigned to that week at home. Or if your child is sick, please have them complete the lesson for the week they missed at home.

CUBBIES:

Date	Bear Hug	Date	Bear Hug
9/13	A	1/24	13
9/20	B	1/31	14
9/27	1	2/7	Special Day 4 Missions
10/4	2	2/14	15
10/11	3	2/21	16
10/18	4	2/28	17
11/1	5	3/7	18
11/8	6	3/14	19
11/15	Special Day 1 Thanksgiving	3/21	Special Day 3 Easter
11/27	7	4/4	20
12/6	8	4/11	21
12/13	9	4/18	22
12/20	10 & Special Day 2 Christmas	4/25	23
1/10	11	5/2	24
1/17	12	5/9	25/26

If for any reason Awana has an unscheduled day off, please review your lessons at home so we can stay on schedule. During Christmas break there will be two lessons for Sparks and T&T to do at home. This will allow your child to finish the book.

Dear Parents,

This is our launch year for Awana at Bethel Church. We are excited to have your family be a part of it. It is our prayer that the Lord will do amazing things through this ministry in the lives of the kids who attend. We desire to provide a safe, Christ centered environment for your child to learn more about God and his plan for them through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Our Awana ministry is designed for children 3 years—5th grade.

Puggles—kids 3 years by Sept. 1st

Cubbies—Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sparks—1st & 2nd grades

Truth and Training (T&T) - 3rd-5th grades

We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

As your child begins Awana, they will spend the first few weeks in an entrance booklet. Upon completion of this booklet, they will then begin their journey through their book for the year. They will be on trek to earning achievements. We are excited to partner with you in discipling your child as we strive to develop a strong Biblical worldview and equip them with knowing the word of God.

If you are not a part of another church family, we welcome you to join us at Bethel Church on Sundays. We have classes for kids and adults during both services. Our service times are 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We are excited for this first year of Awana at Bethel Church!

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SECURITY AND SIGNING IN

Getting Started:

Check in opens at 6:20 p.m..

We are equipped with KidCheck to help parents register upon arriving. KidCheck helps our volunteer staff to identify your child, who is allowed to pick them up and any special needs they may have (allergies, potty training, etc.)

1. Sign in with KidCheck at the kiosk in the lobby
2. Apply the child's sticker to their back and retain the guardian receipt where you won't lose it. The option to utilize the KidCheck mobile app will make your guardian receipt available on your phone and on the phones of all the people allowed to pick up your child.
3. After signing in your child, walk them to the sanctuary, hand them off to the volunteer. We encourage you to share any needs your child may have with the volunteers.

Pick Up:

1. Please return to pick up your child no later than 8:05 p.m.
Our volunteers need to rejoin their families after services have concluded and still have clean up to complete.
2. At pick up time, come to the gym **with your guardian receipt.**
The volunteer staff will match your child's tag to your receipt.
3. Puggles will be picked up in Promise Land.

CLUB RULES

1. Follow the 4 R's and 3 B's
 - **Respect** God
 - **Respect** your leaders
 - **Respect** others
 - **Respect** the building

 - **Be** safe
 - **Be** respectful
 - **Be** responsible
2. Awana members need to come prepared and participate in all activities. Exceptions to this are made only when a parent or guardian talks to the leader about the child sitting out.
3. Wear your Awana t-shirt each week, unless there is a theme night that your shirt does not work with (for example, Sports night)
4. Awana members who struggle to follow the 4 R's and 3 B's will be given a count down by their leader. Failure to stop and make a change in behavior will result in a time of "rest & return" to adjust behavior.
5. Reoccurring behaviors not in compliance with the 4 R's and 3 B's will result in the parent being contacted and child leaving club early. If the struggles continue, the parent and club leaders will meet to make a plan to resolve the concerns before the child resumes attending Awana.
6. No outside toys, food (except on exception for allergy reasons), drinks, gum, or any other item deemed a distraction will NOT be allowed on Awana Nights.
7. Children must be checked in at our KidCheck kiosk by their parent/guardian on club nights.
8. Parents are welcome to visit on "Parents Night", but if parents are going to stay on a regular basis, they will be asked to fill out a volunteer form and background check.

Explanation of Special Awana Nights

Awana Show You Dinner and Talent Show—an opportunity for kids to share their talents with you as a thank you to their parents and Awana leaders for bringing them and teaching them at Awana

Beach Party Night—Dress in modest beach apparel

Canned Food Night—Bring canned or non perishable food to donate

Christmas Celebration—under construction, details to be announced

Child Crisis Care Kits - children will bring items to make kits for kids in crisis

Mismatch Night—where things that don't match or are a fashion disaster

Missionary Night—Special emphasis on missionaries. A special offering will be taken for a specific missionary family.

Pajama Night—Come dressed modestly in your pajamas

Parent Night—Invite your parents to watch the AWANA program in action and have refreshments.

Pinewood Derby Worknight—paint and create your derby cars during a portion of the evening.

Pinewood Derby—parents and siblings welcome to enter. Weigh in at 6:30 p.m., race starts at 7 p.m.

Sports Team Night—Dress in your favorite team color/uniform

Team Color Night—Dress up in your AWANA team color

Whacky Hair Night—Come with your hair styled in crazy, whacky way.

Whacky Hat Night—Come wearing the craziest hat you can find or make.

Whacky Tie Night—Come wearing a crazy tie

NIGHTLY CLUB SCHEDULE

6:20 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.—Check in

6:30 p.m.— 6:35 p.m.—Opening

6:40 p.m.— rotations begin

6:40 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Kids will rotate between Big Group learning, Small Group book work and discussion, and recreation. Each class will have a different rotation schedule.
(Puggles do not rotate)

8:00 p.m.—dismiss to sanctuary/gym for free play while waiting for pick up.

PUGGLES class is in Promise Land in the preschool classroom

CUBBIES rotations are in Promise Land in the PreK and Kindergarten classrooms. They have recreation in the gym.

SPARKS rotations are in Journey Land and have recreation in the gym.

T & T rotations are in Journey Land and have recreation in the gym.

WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULE

September:

- 6—Registration Kick Off
- 13—First Awana Club night!
- 20—Club night
- 27—Team Color Night

October:

- 4—Club Night
- 11—Parent Night
- 15—Awana Sunday at Bethel Church (Kids will share some memory work and songs in the services)
- 18—Pajama Night
- 25—HARVEST PARTY!

November:

- 1—Bring a Friend to Awana
- 8—Club Night
- 15—Whacky Hair Night
- 22—NO AWANA! Happy Thanksgiving!
- 27—Canned Food Night (special offering for the Nazarene Care House)

December:

- 6—Club Night
- 13—Mismatch Night
- 20—Christmas Celebration (details to come)
- 27—NO AWANA! Merry Christmas!

January:

- 3—NO AWANA! Happy New Year!
- 10—Club night
- 17—Team Color Night
- 24—Club night
- 31—Pinewood Derby Worknight

February:

- 7—Missionary Night
- 9—Pinewood Derby
- 14—Heart Day at Awana
- 21—Crazy Hat Night
- 28—Club Night

March:

- 7—Bring a Friend to Awana
- 14—Club Night
- 21—Child Crisis Care Kit Night
- 28—NO AWANA! Spring Break!

April:

- 4—Favorite Team Sports Night
- 11—Club Night
- 18—Whacky Tie Night
- 20—Show Your Dinner and Talent Show
- 25—Club night

May:

- 2—Club night
- 9—Beach Party
- 16—Pennant Parade