

Calvary Bible Church Awana Clubs
CLUB HANDBOOK



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Dear Parents and Leaders,

2020 and now 2021 is providing some challenges. Club will look a little different this year. We will begin online in a Zoom format. We will still have Opening ceremonies, Song Times, Handbook times, Lesson Times and Games! As soon as we are able we have a detailed plan to return to live club. It will look a little different, but it will still be focused on the Gospel, Building relationships and having fun!

Sincerely,

Your Commander and Directors

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“Awana? What’s That?”

Awana Newsletter

This year we will not be distributing a Newsletter. Be sure to visit the Church Website (www.cbcderry.org), under the “Connect” tab – “Children’s Ministries” for calendars, updates and information.

Registered clubbers will receive email communications. Be sure to notify us if you do not receive them.

Our club also has its own Facebook page, where we will post important information and pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/CBC.Awana.Club/>



“Who Goes Where and at What Time?”

Weekly meetings for boys and girls will be held on Wednesday evenings. Virtual Club will start at 6:30 and run until approximately 8:00. We will review drop of and dismissal procedures when live club resumes.

CLUB	AGE / GRADE
Cubbies	Age 3 & 4
Sparks	Grades K5 – 2
Truth & Training (T&T)	Grades 3 – 6



Cubbies

This year our online club is geared toward Sparks and T&T, but Cubbies are welcome to attend. If there is interest, weekly lessons will be provided on the church website to work at home. We are happy to provide handbooks for you to work at

home.

Here are a few guidelines to follow during book time:

1. The Two-Help Rule: Clubbers are allowed two helps per verse. This includes the verse reference.
2. Please sign and date each section your clubber completes.
3. Follow the schedule outlined at the start of the year for when to complete each section. This can be found on the church webpage.



Sparks

All boys and girls in K5 to Grade 2 are welcome to attend! Children must have their 5th birthday by Sept 30th of the club year. This date is important due to the curriculum and other activities that are designed for these ages throughout Awana

Clubbers participate in Handbook Time, Large Group Lesson Time, and Game Time under the direction and supervision of Awana Leaders and Student Leaders. Memory work will be recited in Break out rooms on Zoom. Should you wish to work on Memory work at home, please let us know and a leader will check in on your progress.

Here are a few guidelines to follow during book time at home:

1. The Two-Help Rule: Clubbers are allowed two helps per verse. This includes the verse reference.
2. Please sign and date each section your clubber completes.
3. Take a look at how many sections are left in your child's book, and figure out how many sections per week to finish the book. If it is reasonable make it a goal to complete that number of sections each week.
4. If your clubber has finished their book or will finish before the end of the scheduled club year, they should work through the book again, and get each review section signed.



Truth & Training (T&T)

All boys and girls, in Grade 3 to 6, are welcome to attend! Children must have their 8th birthday by Sept 30 of the club year. The date is important due to the curriculum and other activities that are designed for these ages throughout Awana

Clubbers participate in a Game Time, Small Group Time, and Large Group Time under the direction and supervision of Awana Leaders & Student Leaders. Memory work will be recited in Break out rooms on Zoom. Should you wish to work on Memory work at home, please let us know and a leader will check in on your progress.

Here are a few guidelines to follow as you listen to verses and sign off on sections at home.

1. There are 3 places to sign for each section (Except for review sections)
 - a. Section Completed- clubber must complete all written work in Start Here & Explore sections & recite the memory verse (and review verse if applicable)
 - b. Silver Completed- Clubber must complete the written work in the silver section
 - c. Gold completed- To sign this section, clubber must recite all 4 Gold verses. Clubber can memorize individual verses & receive points for each. If they only recite a portion of the gold section, please put the date and your initials next to the verse(s) they say.

*NOTE: We strive for Word Perfect in T&T. The clubbers are allowed, however, 2 helps if needed. If clubber needs more help than that, they are encouraged to keep working on it until they know it better.

2. There is an additional area to sign in each section called Mission: Pray & Go! Completing these sections not only gets the clubber focused on missions but also helps them work towards earning the Go Reach Kids patch at the end of the year.

“What Do We Do at Awana?”

All Club Meetings are divided into three segments that focus on Handbook activities, Bible Memory, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Praising God, Learning more about Him, and earning Achievement Awards.

Small Group Time (done in Zoom Breakout Rooms)

Small Group Time (also known as Book Time in Cubbies or Handbook time in Sparks and T&T) consists of interaction between individual Clubbers and their Leader as the children

recite memory work and discuss Bible reading assignments for comprehension. When time allows clubbers may practice their verses for the following week. When the Leader is satisfied that the Clubber has covered the Handbook material adequately, he/she will sign the Handbook and the Clubber will earn Achievement Awards.



How Parents Can Help

We **strongly** encourage you to **help** your Clubbers with their Handbook memory and activity work. It can be a fun and rewarding time for all and is an encouragement to Clubbers. If you have questions about Handbook requirements, please feel free to contact your child's Club Director or the Club Commander. We want to work with you to ensure a fun and rewarding experience for your child(ren).

For some tips in memory work you can look at the Awana webpage for more help:

<http://awana.force.com/apex/default110>. Find ideas under **Memorization Tips and Options**. Just 5 minutes a day can make a world of difference between a normal club night and a great club night.

Large Group Time

This year this will be a short lesson time during out Zoom Club for all Clubbers!



Game Time

Game Time (T&T and Sparks) and Play Time (Cubbies) offers all Clubbers the opportunity to participate as team members in physical activity, which can develop team spirit, good sportsmanship, coordination skills, and self-confidence. Although games are competitive in nature for Sparks and T&T Clubbers (Cubbies are given a non-competitive

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environment to play in) and winning is desirable, Leaders are encouraged to give top priority to building and preserving each Clubber's self-esteem.

While online we hope to accomplish this with a variety of interactive games. Clubbers may be asked to search for items at home or play silly games while we watch their progress through zoom – we are excited to explore this new way of doing things.

Awards



Awana Awards can be earned for Handbook Achievements, regular Club Attendance, and regular Sunday School Attendance. Clubbers who want to receive all possible awards will find the following information and suggestions most helpful. This year we will try to recognize clubbers on Zoom as well as mail out some incentives for doing well. Any earned jewels and patches will be provided when club resumes live or at awards night.

For Award placement details on your Clubber's uniform, please see your Leader, your Clubber's Handbook, the award packaging or at the Awana Website under the following links: [Cubbies](#), [Sparks](#), and [T&T](#).

Handbook Awards



To keep the pace required for finishing one Handbook during the Awana Club Year, **Clubbers will need to work on their**

Handbooks at home. Parental encouragement and help will greatly enhance a Clubber's prospects for keeping the required pace as well as make club night more fun.

Cubbies have one section each week and work together to complete their handbook. Cubbies who miss a week or start later in the year are encouraged to make up missed work.

In the Sparks clubs, clubbers start with an entrance booklet called Flight 3:16. When they have completed this booklet, they can move on to their HangGlider Handbook. When you receive a new book, Clubbers and their parents should look through all the requirements for the entire book and plan accordingly to ensure completion of their Handbooks by the end of the Club Year in May.

Because some Handbook sections require a period of time to complete (from three days to three weeks) they should be started early to ensure completion. Please look ahead in your Handbooks for these activity-based sections and complete them early. Incomplete sections that require multiple days to complete will not be skipped over in the Handbooks.

T&T Clubbers will all start in the entrance “Start Zone” and then move on to their handbook. All clubbers will be in the same handbook each year. This book is designed to work through one section a week. Everyone will be working on the same section. Clubbers who miss a week or start later in the year are encouraged to make up missed work. Clubbers can “catch up” with sections they missed in the zoom breakout room or by arranging to have a leader listen to them outside of club. A calendar will be provided to let you know what attending “Fast Track” time held prior to club from 6:15-6:30pm There is extra credit in these books for clubbers to complete as well. Fast Track time provides a time for clubbers to say these extra verses.

Awana Attendance Awards

Due to Covid - attendance awards will be waived

Church Attendance Awards

Due to Covid Church attendance Awards will be waived.

Extra Work for Fast Achievers

Awana recognizes that some Clubbers finish their yearly requirements early and need extra-credit work for the remainder of the Club Year. For each of our Clubs (Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T) extra-credit work is available. Please see your club Director or Secretary for more information about Extra Work.

Required Materials & Costs

Bible

T&T aged clubbers are strongly encouraged to carry their very own Bible to Awana Club for use in their Handbooks and Council Time. Instilling the importance of God's Word at a young age is a priority. Clubbers will not be penalized for not having a Bible at Awana Club, but alternately they will earn points for their Color Team and be able to actively participate in Club when using a Bible is required. If your child does not have a Bible of their own, talk to any leader, and our club will be happy to give them one of their own.

Appropriate Attire

Please dress your children in their Awana Uniform plus comfortable play clothes and gym shoes.

IMPORTANT: please be sure to send your child(ren) to Club wearing sneakers with non-marking soles for fun and active play in the Gym. **During snow, ice, and mud season:** wearing boots to Club is permitted for comfort and safety, but consider your child's restricted ability to run and play while wearing boots and their friends' ability to play on a floor that is wet or dirty from wearing soiled boots in the Gym. Please provide clean and dry shoes for your Clubber as needed.

Watch for announcements in our News Letter for events that may entail dressing in 'church clothes' in addition to the Awana Uniform (such as Bible Quizzing for T&T or the Closing Program at the end of the Club Year).

Theme Nights (For Sparks and T&T only)

Weekly Theme Nights are guaranteed fun for all participants! See your Club Calendar, always available in the Newsletter, for the upcoming Theme Nights and get creative with your Clubber!

Weekly Dues



Weekly dues of \$0.50 are collected from all Clubbers to help with operating expenses including incentives, and all awards. Dues may be paid on a weekly basis or in advance for the discounted rate of \$15.00. – We will not be collecting dues this year.

Handbooks

The first Entrance Booklet is free and given to the Clubber on the first night they attend Club. Upon completion of the Entrance Booklet, a one-year Handbook is required to continue in the program. Handbook prices are summarized below. Music CD's may also be available for purchase that have Handbook materials set to music (commonly used as a memorization aid). If cost is a problem, please see your Club Director or Secretary.

Uniforms

Due to Covid – Uniforms will not be required this year

Summary of Costs (normal year)

Cubbies Uniform	\$11.50
Cubbies Handbook (Appleseed)	\$11.00
Cubbies Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week) or	\$15.00/yr
Cubbies Book Bag <i>(optional)</i>	\$7.00
Cubbies Handbook CD <i>(optional)</i>	\$8.50
Sparks Uniform	\$11.50
Sparks Handbook & CD	\$11.00
Sparks Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week) or	\$15.00/yr
Sparks Book Bag <i>(optional)</i>	\$7.00
Sparks Music CD <i>(optional)</i>	\$11.50
T&T Grade 3-4 Uniform (child 10-14 & adult S-XL)	\$17.50
T&T Grade 5-6 Uniform (youth M-L & adult S-XL)	\$17.50
T&T Handbook & Awards	\$11.50
T&T Club Dues for Year (\$0.50 per week) or	\$15.00/yr
T&T Sling Bag <i>(optional)</i>	\$10.00

Replacement Awards

All Awards are provided at no charge to the Clubbers. However, if the Awards are lost or broken, replacements can be purchased. See your club secretary for prices.

Cancellation Policy (when live club resumes)

In the event of inclement weather, specifically snow and ice in winter, please monitor the following radio – TV stations and their websites for information: WGIR – AM610. WVNH – AM1110. WBZ – AM1030. WDER – AM1320. WMUR – TV9. If you have questions, please contact your Club Director.

Cancellations will also be posted on the church website and a message left on the church phone.

CBC Awana Clubs endeavors to have an email notification when Awana Clubs are cancelled due to inclement weather: be sure to register your Clubber with a valid email address to be sure you receive important updates when they are sent. To sign up, send an email to svthjardon@comcast.net and request to be added to the mailing list.



Awana has a Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/CBC.Awana.Club> “Like” our page to get updates when they are available.

Financial Assistance

Our desire is to provide materials to all who need them. Should you need some assistance for handbooks, uniforms or events, please contact your club director or the club commander.