



Bethel
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A letter from the Awana Ministry Director, Len Peake

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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Awana Clubbers,

We are so thankful that you are interested in Bethel Bible Chapel's Awana Clubs. It is our hope and prayer that we can inspire your child(ren) with the desire to build positive friendships, understand biblical truths and memorize God's Word while at the same time having fun and enjoying each Tuesday evening with us.

The Awana program will help your child succeed in life...but your child's ultimate success is up to you. At Awana, we want to help your child(ren) learn about the Bible and apply biblical truths to their lives, but their ultimate spiritual training comes from you. We never forget that you have the most influence on your child's spiritual development. That's why we want Awana to be a tool for you to use as your child grows and matures. As a parent of four children myself, I have appreciated Awana as a way for my children to memorize the Bible and be part of a club with their peers.

Since 1950, Awana has helped churches and parents worldwide raise children to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. God's Word, the Bible, promises to show us how to do that. That is why the Bible is the foundation for our club and program materials. For more information about Awana, please visit www.awana.org.

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us each Tuesday evening. We look forward to a great Awana year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about our Awana program.

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What is Awana?

Awana is a program designed for kids - *Because Kids Matter to God*.

The word "Awana" means Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed. This comes from 2 Timothy 2:15:

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth."

What does Awana offer my child?

❖ Biblical teaching ❖ Basics for a relationship with God ❖ A foundation for a biblical worldview ❖ Ultra-fun physical activity and competition ❖ Bible memorization
❖ Positive friendships ❖ Support for parents as they spiritually nurture their children
❖ In-club adult affirmation and encouragement ❖ Consistent and positive training on how to thrive in group settings ❖ Awards and recognition for accomplishments

Awana consists of a three-part program to maximize your child's attention, energy and time.

- 1** Awana offers fun and exciting games, unique to Awana, that allows kids to participate no matter what their skill level.
- 2** Awana offers a small group time with caring adult leaders. No one gets lost in the crowd. Your child receives individualized attention as they work through an introductory booklet and then an age-specific handbook.
- 3** Awana offers an interactive large group segment where kids meet together to sing, hear a Bible lesson and receive awards. Awana leaders go the extra mile to help your kids understand the Bible and how it applies to their lives in an exciting and challenging way.

What are the clubs?



Cubbies celebrates the spiritual potential of three- and four-year olds by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word. Cubbies can hardly wait for their next club meeting. Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all of their "Cubbies friends," they simply love it. At Story Time each week, Cubbies learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Saviour. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes. Cubbies helps you lead your child to God early so she will respect and trust Him for life.



Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games and spending time with leaders and friends.

Sparks is divided into three years, each with a unique rank: HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer. Each year, Sparks clubbers:

- ❖ Explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture
- ❖ Memorize Bible verses
- ❖ Complete handbook activities



Truth & Training (T&T) engages third- through fifth-graders by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life stage to grow in Christ's grace. Handbooks and large-group lessons deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life.

The T&T club is designed to help kids stay plugged into Awana as they move into the preteen years and continue growing in their relationship with Christ.



Trek challenges students in grades six, seven and eight to consider their destiny in Christ and pursue it through life application of God's Word. Trek takes real questions from real students and answers them from the Bible in a relevant, engaging way.

A Typical Awana Evening at Bethel

There are specific activities and locations for each club on Tuesday evenings.

Cubbies:

6:00pm Cubbies meet upstairs in the Nursery

7:45pm Program is finished - Parents pick up their children from the Nursery

Sparks, Truth & Training & Trek:

6:00pm Sparks meets in the upstairs classrooms for handbook time

T&T meets in the main auditorium for large group time

Trek meets in the Fellowship Hall for game time

6:35pm Sparks meets in the Fellowship Hall for game time

T&T meets in the upstairs classrooms for small groups

Trek meets in the main auditorium for large group time

7:10pm Sparks meets in the main auditorium for large group time

T&T meets in the Fellowship Hall for game time

Trek meets in the upstairs classrooms for small groups

7:45pm Program is finished - Parents pick up their children

What does it cost?

Awana Price List

Club	Uniform	Handbook
Cubbies	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Sparks	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
T&T	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Trek		\$ 15.00

Special Events

Special Dress-up Nights for clubbers in Sparks and T&T, please see the current Awana brochure for a list of special dress-up nights.



The Awana Grand Prix is held annually in January or February. Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Trek, leaders, parents and grandparents are encouraged to design and race a car.



The Awana Awards Night recognizes all of the hard work of clubbers over the Awana year. It is held in April. Each club gives a brief presentation which may include songs, Bible verses, skits or slideshows. A special feature is included that will please the whole family. Refreshments are served following the award ceremony.

Other special events may include a Christmas Party, Tobogganing Party, Parents Night, Movie Night, etc.

Handbook Section Standards

During each handbook/small group time clubbers have the opportunity to work on their handbooks and recite Bible verses in sections to the Awana Listeners. We desire that the clubbers really learn the Bible verses and understand them. The standards listed below will give clubbers, leaders and parents an idea of what is expected to complete handbook sections. This will ensure fairness when an award is given to a clubber who has completed their handbook.

1. All parts of a section should be completed in one sitting including verses, questions and activities.
2. No more than two helps per section.
3. Clubbers must recite the Bible reference.
4. Sections should be completed in order.

Discretion will be shown to those clubbers with learning disabilities.

Awana Discipline

Awana has two methods to help with discipline.

The first is the Five-Count and is used for a group of clubbers. The director or leader in charge begins to count to five, slowly and loudly, and the clubbers are expected to respond by being quiet and still.

The second is the Three-Count and is used for individual clubbers who continue to misbehave. We will not allow a child to be a distraction to the whole club. The first count is a warning given to a child by the club director that inappropriate behaviour needs to change. If the child continues to misbehave, the second count will be given by the director and the child's parents will be contacted. If the child still continues to misbehave, the third count will be given by the director and the child will be asked not to come to Awana for one week. All children that attend Awana must behave respectfully to other clubbers and to their leaders.