



**PARENT
GUIDE**



AWANA IS

AWANA is a Bible-based youth program for children who are age 3 through Grade 8. It has a special emphasis on Scripture memorization. AWANA clubs are found all over the world, including many third world countries. This unique program is a proven outreach ministry that gets children involved in learning God's Word and developing a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

The prayer of AWANA is that every child would come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our prayer for your child!

At Broadview, we have several formal AWANA clubs:

- Cubbies (3 & 4 year olds – must be three by the end of September of the current year and potty trained)
- Sparks (Kindergarten – Grade 2)
- Truth & Training/T&T (Grades 3-6)
- TREK (Grades 7-8)



WHAT DOES AWANA OFFER?

AWANA offers the children:

- Biblical teaching
- Basics for a relationship with God
- A foundation for a Biblical worldview
- Ultra-fun games and activities
- 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 recognitions for accomplishments



WHAT HAPPENS AT AWANA?

AWANA begins at 5:55 pm, on all designated Thursday evenings. Cubbies come in the building's front door and head downstairs to check in on the lower level of KCS. All other students check in at the marked table in the church foyer when you enter the building's front door. Please come to the check in table with your children.

For security purposes, please be reminded that all other doors are locked during AWANA. Please enter and leave through the front doors only. Thank you for your understanding.



The Cubbies program ends at 7:30, and parents can pick up their children anytime between 7:30 and 8:00. All of the other programs end at 8:00, and parents can pick up their children at 8:00.

- Cubbies can be picked up downstairs in the lower level of KCS.
- Sparks can be picked up upstairs in the upper level of KCS.
- T&T students can be picked up outside the BEFC Chapel.
- TREK students will be dismissed by their leader, and can be met in the foyer.

Cubbies participate in the following activities during the evening:

- Opening ceremony and prayer
- Worship
- Story and puppets
- Handbook and craft time

- Games
- Snacks



For Sparks, T&T and Trek (after a short opening ceremony), the evening is divided into three main parts:

- Small group/handbook time (small groups)
- Games
- Council/lesson time (large group)

During handbook time, your child has an opportunity to recite memorized Scripture from their specific AWANA handbook in a small group setting with one of our listeners.

During games, the children play running games around the AWANA circle and have fun! They are split into four colour teams and learn lessons about team work and good sportsmanship.

During council/large group time, the children sing songs and listen to Bible lessons. At the end of council time, those children who have earned handbook awards during the evening are recognized.

REGISTRATION

We are excited about the upcoming club year, and all this is planned! You can pick up and complete a registration form at the "One Stop Registration" night. You can also pick up registrations forms at the church during regular business hours, or during an AWANA club night, after the "One Stop Registration" night.

The registration fee is noted on the second page of the registration form. The registration fee helps offset some of the administrative costs for running the AWANA program, including things like craft supplies, rewards, records sheets, etc.

There are additional costs for uniforms, handbooks, Grand Prix cars and concessions at both the Grand Prix and Awards Ceremony. We sell these items at our cost.

We desire that all children be able to participate in the AWANA program and special activities. *If expenses are/or become a burden for your family, please talk to the AWANA commander.*

ENTRANCE BOOKLETS

Each student new to AWANA begins in a booklet introducing them to the AWANA club. The booklet is designed to be completed in a short amount of time. This is a great starting point for you to begin helping your child understand the AWANA material and memorize Scripture!



HANDBOOK

Scripture memory is one of the highlights of AWANA. The Bible says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 110:11) Your child's handbook is designed to be finished in one club year. Your clubber will need your help to complete the book!

The books are designed to be fun and educational! They contain Bible stories, character kids in real life situations, scripture memory selections (NIV) and activities. The book is split into sections. A section contains items to be completed in one sitting with a listener at AWANA. Your child will be best prepared to complete their sections at AWANA if they've received your help going through the section and the scripture memory prior to coming to AWANA. Once all items in a section have been completed with an AWANA listener, they will sign and date the page.

Handbooks are designed to be completed in order beginning with the entrance booklet and book one of each group. Students continuing in the same group that didn't complete their handbook from the previous year will continue with the same book. Students completing a book prior to the last week of club are encouraged to complete the extra credit sections in their handbook and/or review their handbook, for which they will earn additional awards.

Students may begin the next book in a club year and/or complete more than one book per year if, and only if, their grade level permits moving to the next book of their group. If your clubber is completing their handbook sections at a fast pace and you have questions about what they will do next, please ask the club director.

UNIFORM

Wearing the AWANA uniform is a privilege! Clubbers should wear their uniform each club night. Uniforms are where clubbers display their achievement awards and help reinforce a sense of community.



Cubbies earn patches for their vest after completing various sections (usually 2-4 verses). The Cubbie book is completed at the end of the year by saying one Bear Hug verse each club night. Your Cubbie will receive a Cubbie Bear pin for their 1st year book and a Blue Ribbon for the 2nd year book.

For Sparks and T&T clubs, after a specified number of sections, your child will earn awards to display on the wings, crown, badge or uniform that corresponds to the book they are working in. Your child will earn a book award when they have completed their handbook. All awards for completed handbooks are presented at the end of the year during the AWANA Celebration!

AWANA BUCKS

In Sparks and T&T, AWANA bucks are earned for:

- Winning Team
- Completing Sections
- On Time Rewards
- Special Recognition by Leaders

AWANA bucks can be redeemed for toys and prizes at the AWANA store on designated store nights. They can also be redeemed at the concession stands during the Grand Prix and Awards Celebration evenings.

AWANA bucks can also be redeemed for popcorn on each AWANA night popcorn is available. All proceeds from the popcorn concession stand goes to an approved AWANA Canada mission's project.



The Cubbies program does not use AWANA bucks at this time, but do have special nights where they receive something from the AWANA store.

TREK has its own awards program and earn TREK bucks. Students in the TREK program will learn how their awards program works during the TREK program.

CLUB CALENDAR

A copy of the AWANA calendar will be placed in each child's welcome to AWANA packet. They are also available each week at AWANA, or in the church office during business hours.

The AWANA calendar provides information about special events throughout the AWANA year.

For more information, the Broadview Church website (www.broadviewchurch.ca – you will need to go to the Broadview Kids drop down menu from the top menu of the website) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BroadviewKids) are typically updated weekly with upcoming theme nights and special events.



Happening
This Month!

DURING CLUB

You are always welcome to stay during any club night. We'd especially enjoy having you volunteer to help out! Please contact the AWANA commander if this is something that might be of interest to you.

If your child begins to feel sick, or is injured during the evening, we will contact you and let you know if they will need to be picked up early. We have several certified first aid responders within the AWANA ministry team.

CANCELLED CLUBS

Club cancellation due to weather will be posted on the website and our Facebook page by 3 pm on the club day.

PHOTOS

We hope to take photos at AWANA on a regular basis. These photos are used for slide shows used during AWANA, church promotions and the Awards Celebration evening. On occasion, they may appear on our website or our Facebook page for everyone to enjoy. If you do not wish to have your children's pictures posted on the website or Facebook page, please make this notation on the registration form.

CHILD PROTECTION

All volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check performed. Please see the AWANA commander if you have questions about this.



EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

We expect students attending AWANA to:

- Wear their uniform and bring their Bible and handbook to club
- Leave all food and drinks at home – including Gum – unless special arrangements have been made
- Walk carefully – running is only for game time

- To be quiet when a leader is trying to talk and give out information
- Use the washrooms during appropriate breaks during the evening
- Not use the phones in the church – unless special permission has been granted
- Leave cell phones, music players and money at home
- Remain in the building and participate in all activities during the club evening

INCIDENTS

There are processes in place to ensure a safe and secure environment for your child. If any incidents occur, they will be formally addressed. The AWANA Commander/Children's Pastor will be immediately informed and consulted and you will be notified if your child was involved or affected. All incidents will be taken seriously and handled appropriately and in a consistent manner.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grand Prix: this event put on by Broadview Kids is for the whole family, and all children in the AWANA program are invited to participate. Wood car kits will be available for purchase six to eight weeks prior to the event.



Awards Celebration: this event is for the whole family, and is when we recognize the accomplishments of those involved in AWANA program.

