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2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of Truth."

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. 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 and 4 year olds)
They must be three by the end of September of the current year and be potty trained.
- **Sparks** (Kindergarten to Grade 2)
- **Truth & Training/T&T** (Grades 3 to 6)
- **Trek** (Grades 7 to 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 7:15, and parents can pick up their children anytime between 7:15 and 7:30.

All the other programs end at 8:00, and parents can pick up their children at that time.

- 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 from the gym, 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 teamwork and good sportsmanship.

During council/large group time, the children sing songs and listen to Bible lessons.

Registration

We are excited about the upcoming club year, and all that is planned! You can pick up and complete a registration form at the "One Stop Registration" event.

You can also pick up registration forms at the church during regular business hours after the "One Stop Registration" event, or during an AWANA club 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 and handbooks. 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!

Handbooks

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 have 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.

Only Sparks carry on from year to year in their handbooks. All other groups (Cubbies, T&T and Trek) change to a new book each year regardless of whether the previous book was finished or not.

Uniform

Wearing the AWANA uniform (vest and/or t-shirt) 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 Cubbies book is completed at the end of the year by saying one Bear Hug verse each club night. For Sparks and T&T clubs, after a specified number of sections, your child will earn awards to display on their 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!

Broadview Kids Store Bucks

In Sparks and T&T, Broadview Kids Store bucks are earned for:

- Winning Team

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

The Cubbies program does not use Broadview Kids Store bucks at this time but will be awarded Broadview Kids Store Bucks on occasion.

Trek has its own awards program to earn Trek bucks. Students in the Trek program will learn how their awards program works from their Trek leader.

Broadview Kids Store bucks can be redeemed for toys and prizes in the Broadview Kids Online Store. Periodically, a card or email will be sent out to let each student know how many bucks they have in their Broadview Kids Store account.

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.

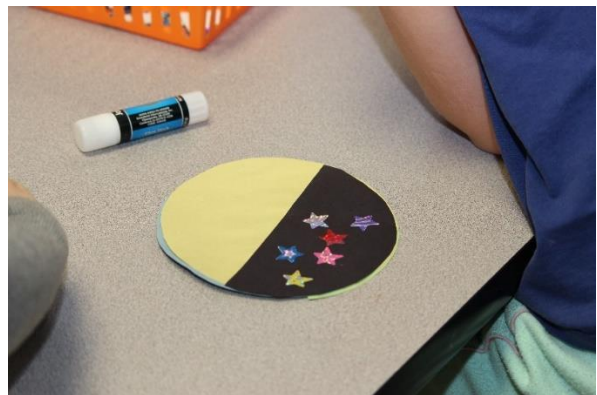
The AWANA calendar provides information about special events throughout the AWANA year.

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.

During Club

You are always welcome to stay during any club night. We would especially enjoy having you volunteer to help! Please contact the Children's Pastor if this is something that might be of interest to you. We will need to obtain a Criminal Record Check Clearance Letter; but this can be handled through our office.

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 3:00 pm on the club day.

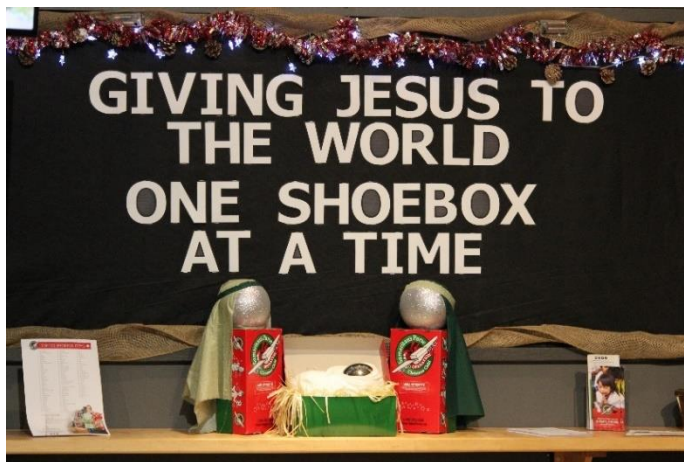
Photos

We hope to take photos at AWANA on a regular basis. These photos are used for slideshows during AWANA, church promotions, and at 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
 - Bring a water bottle with their name on it (only bring a small snack if arrangements have been made with the club director)
 - 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 then 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

Christmas Event: This event put on by Broadview Kids is for the whole family, and all children in AWANA are invited to participate! More information will be announced at the appropriate time.

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.

