

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are glad to have your child visit our Awana Club on Wednesday night. This will be our 41st year of the Awana club for our church! If you have other children between the ages of 3 and grade 6, they would be welcome to join us also!

Our church's website is www.calvarybiblechurch.ca. We also have a facebook page. We will use these sites to post any upcoming events and also any cancellations due to bad weather!

Our Awana Clubs are:

Cubbies: Three and four year old boys and girls (must be three by Dec.31)

Sparks: Kindergarten to grade two boys and girls

Truth and Training: For boys and girls from grade three to grade six

All clubs meet weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:20 to 8:00 p.m. Our Awana Club is one of more than 40,000 Awana Clubs, which operate in 104 countries around the world. The International Headquarters is in Streamwood, Illinois. These community clubs are open to all youth and have children attending from many different faiths and churches. Awana clubs have been running for over 60 years. While your child is not required to attend the functions of our church, all of our church services and opportunities are available to your family.

An Awana club meeting consists of three parts: fun and exciting games, small group time (work with leader in handbook) and a large group segment (bible story, singing, etc.) We have trained adults who are involved in our three clubs. In order to be a leader in Awana they must complete the training from their club's role book and submit a police and VSC as well as be a believer with a good testimony.

While the church supplies our facilities and equipment, each clubber should bring **\$1.00** weekly to help with the cost of awards, treats, etc. If you would like to pay at the start of the year and not have to bother looking for change each week, the cost would be **\$25.00** for the year.

Your child has brought home on the first night of club, an entrance booklet, which is the first step in Awana achievement. We hope you will help your child complete this booklet in the next three or four weeks. After completing this booklet, your child is eligible to earn more awards as a member of Awana.

We want to work with you in providing balanced physical, social, mental and spiritual activities for your child.

If you do not have a church home, we would like to invite you to visit our church. Our worship service is at 10:00 a.m. We also have a Youth Group for teenagers on Thursday evening and other small group bible studies throughout the week. We invite you to come as a visitor and leave as a friend!

Building lives together,
Awana Staff

General Information

Awana awards can be earned for handbook achievements, regular Awana attendance and regular Church attendance.

Handbook awards- clubbers start their club in the entrance booklet, as previously mentioned. This is given at no cost to them the night they arrive. If lost, the next copy will cost the clubber 50 cents. This booklet must be passed in order with the exception of the attendance section. When the entrance booklet is completed, they are eligible to purchase their handbook and uniform. From there on, all awards earned will be of no charge to them.

We work on a first book method in our clubs. (Cubbies work together as a group on their handbooks) This means that no matter what age a child is when entering a club, they will work in the first handbook of that club before they can go into the second or third etc. Clubbers must work through their book in order from front to back. Parental encouragement and help will greatly enhance a clubber's prospects for keeping the required pace for finishing a handbook in the year. After finishing a handbook, the clubber receives their ribbon or plaque. They will also receive an award to put on their uniform after completing each activity, jewel, or unit.

Attendance awards- regular club attendance, having no more than 1 unexcused absence per quarter is required to receive the Awana Attendance Award. Illness, family emergency and being out of town shall be counted as excused absences if documented by a parent.

Quarters are as follows:

First ~ September 18 to Oct.30 (not counted- Sept.11)

Second ~ November 6 to December 11 (no club on Dec.18, 25 and Jan. 1)

Third ~ January 8 to Feb. 19.

Fourth ~ Feb. 26 to April 16 (no club March 12, not counted- April 23 and 30-last night)

The Cubbies year is divided into two halves with no more than 2 unexcused absences per half.

First ~ Sept. 18 to Dec. 11 (Not counted Sept 11 and no club Dec. 18, 25 and Jan. 1)

Second ~ Jan 8 to April 16 (no club on March 12 and not counted April 23 and 30 -last night)

The first night of Awana for this year will be on September 11. This will be the registration night so parents will fill out registration forms at their child's group and bring them to the registration table to register and make payment. We will run till Dec. 11 and will resume on January 8, 2025 ending on April 30, 2025 (Lord willing). There will be no club on December 18, 25, Jan 1 and March 12.

Sunday School attendance awards- regular Sunday School attendance having no more than 2 unexcused absences per half, is required to receive the Sunday School Attendance Award. A sheet with the weeks required to attend will be stapled into the front of the clubber's handbook or entrance booklet. Parents please sign this sheet each week if your child attended Sunday school or Church. Attendance periods are as follows:
 First ~ September 15 to Dec.8
 Second ~ January 12 to April 13 (excluding March 9 and 16)
 Besides the weekly dues, the only other costs will be the uniform and handbook. Below is the pricing for this club year.

CLUB	HANDBOOK PRICE	UNIFORM PRICE	YEARS WORN	
Cubbies	Appleseed Handbook/CD	\$16.00	\$19.00	2
	Honey Comb Handbook/CD	\$16.00		
Sparks	Hang Glider, Wing Runner	\$14.00	\$19.00	3
	Sky Stormer Handbook/CD			
Truth & Training	Grace in Action handbook	\$16.00	\$25.00 (green)	4
	All clubbers in same handbook			

There are a variety of items available from Awana for each club (including all memory verses set to music) which you may purchase for gifts etc., see Commander for catalogue if interested or visit the Awana website at www.awanacanada.ca.

AWANA RULES

1. In games time, running shoes or soft-soled shoes must be worn.
 NO SHOES ~ NO GAMES !!!
2. The church doors are locked until 6:15 pm. Please don't drop children off before this!
3. No foul language or gestures will be tolerated before, during or after club.
4. Good behavior is expected. Clubbers will obey our Three Count and our Five Count systems. (Explained on next page)
5. Due to your child's safety, we will not allow the younger children to leave their room after club until their parents come in for them or someone else with a signed note from the parent giving permission.
6. Clubbers must stay in their own club during the night, whether they participate in the activity or not.

7. When clubbers come into the church, they will hang up their coats and go directly to their secretaries to register. There is to be no running around in the church before club.
8. We need **all** clubbers to fill out the Get acquainted sheets. The emergency phone # is very important in case of injury, etc.

Three Count System

This is used on individual clubbers. The misbehaving clubber is pointed out and given a 1 count by the leader in charge. If the 1 count is repeated three times during the evening, disciplinary action will be taken. (time out) When the third offence necessitates a 3 count, the offending clubber will be taken home by the Club Director. The parents will be told why the discipline was given and that their child is welcome to come back to club if their conduct meets the club standards.

Five Count System

This is used on an entire group. When a leader in charge feels that the clubbers are getting too noisy or wants their attention, then the Five-count system is used. The leader will count to five, and on five, absolute silence should reign!

If you have any questions, please call:

Calvary Bible Church ~ 613-283-6474 (leave a message)

Pastor Greg Gaensler ~ " " "

Commander – Lynda Bourne ~ 613-285-5039

Cubbies (ages 3 & 4) – Peggy Roy ~ 613- 267-6091

Sparks (SK – grade 2) –Cheryl Shepherd ~ 613- 206-1356

Truth & Training (grade 3,4,5 & 6) – Jon Baelde ~ 905-955-5887