
Kid Town AWANA Parent Guide



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Welcome to Kid Town an AWANA Club




AWANA is an international youth ministry committed to reaching children and youth with the gospel of Christ. The focus of AWANA is reaching children around the world with the good news that Jesus loves them so they will know, love, and serve Him.

Each week children in over 130 countries attend AWANA clubs. AWANA is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," which is derived from the AWANA theme verse 2 Timothy 2:15.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

AWANA Age Groups:

The Church at Myrtle Lake is proud to offer the following age divisions:

		
Cubbies: PreK* (3-4 year old)	Sparks: K-2nd Grade	Truth & Training: 3rd-6th Grade

*Children must be fully potty trained

Registration:

Children may join AWANA any time throughout the school year. Registration is open online on the church's website, by calling the church's office, or in person during church operating hours. Parents are encouraged during AWANA club nights to meet with the AWANA Secretary to update, submit registration information, pay club dues, and meet their children's Club Director and Teachers.

Club Dues:

Each clubber has annual dues of \$40, which includes their handbook, uniform, awards, emblems, and dinner. Scholarships are available. Families with three or more children are eligible to receive a discount; please contact the church office for more information. If there is financial restraint, please speak with the church office, we will happily work with you so

your child may participate in AWANA. The AWANA ministries work hard to keep costs minimal, and we urge that you do not allow cost to interfere with your child's participation.



AWANA Handbooks and Uniforms:

Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training clubbers complete an entrance pamphlet their first AWANA Club meeting. Upon completion of this pamphlet, clubbers earn their handbooks and uniforms.

Handbooks are divided into sections that contain a lesson, Bible verses, and questions that each clubber is expected to work on during the week. At Club during small group time clubbers recite their verses and show their answers to their teachers for section completion. Clubbers earn awards and uniform emblems for completed handbook sections. Unless otherwise noted, clubbers should work through their book in order. Clubbers are always encouraged to do their best and strive to complete extra handbook review sections to earn special awards and emblems. The back of your clubber's handbook has suggestions of emblem placement on the uniform.

Clubbers must bring their handbook and be in uniform or themed attire each week. Clubbers earn AWANA dollars for being present, being prepared for club, and showing hard work learning their lessons. AWANA dollars can then be used at the AWANA store during the club calendar year.

Club Night Outline:

Check-In: 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Clubbers check in with their appropriate AWANA Secretary in the Welcome Center.

Dinner: 5:30 pm

A light dinner and refreshments will be provided. This offers a time of family fellowship; parents are needed to stay with children during dinner.

Opening Ceremony: 6:00 pm

Club night starts with Opening Ceremony in the sanctuary. Opening Ceremony consists of flag ceremony, special announcements, and devotional. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Clubber Rotations: 6:15-7:15 pm

Small Group:

During small group clubbers have the opportunity to recite and review verses or lessons that were previously assigned. Ideally clubbers have been working on the assigned work throughout the week. Children benefit from the one-on-one help provided by their teachers during Club, however parents are greatly encouraged to prepare their children at home. Younger clubbers can also utilize their handbook's accompanying CD throughout the week.

Game Time:

During game time clubbers are divided into four color teams to play unique and exciting games. Clubbers are expected to dress appropriately for game time; closed-toe shoes are required. Teams acquire points by successful wins, good behavior, and sportsmanship. At the conclusion of game time, points are totaled and awarded to each color team.

Closing Ceremony: 7:15-7:30 pm

Closing Ceremony is held in the sanctuary. At this time clubbers receive awards and emblems earned, additional announcements are given, and clubbers are dismissed. Parents are encouraged to attend Closing Ceremony to applaud their children's efforts and receive news of upcoming events.

No child is allowed to exit the building without accompaniment by an adult. All clubbers will remain in the sanctuary with their teachers until picked up by their parent or guardian.

Cubbies Club Night:

The Cubbies program utilizes "Total Time Teaching," in that everything is planned and done for the purpose of reinforcing the Bible lesson being taught that week. For this reason Cubbies typically will not attend Opening Ceremonies. Cubbies are not dismissed from their classroom until picked up by their parent or guardian. Cubbies dismissal time is 7:15 pm.

Security:

- Parents of Cubbies check in and out their child with the Cubbies secretary on the Cubbies' attendance sheet. Older siblings may not sign out Cubbies. Please understand that your children's safety is our concern.
- All youth (clubbers and non-enrolled youth) are not allowed to loiter around the building— participation is expected—either in age-appropriate club or service to other clubs with approval by the Club Director.
- If your clubber becomes ill or injured during club, they will sit with the AWANA Secretary in the Welcome Center until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.
- No clubbers are allowed to leave the building without an accompanying parent or guardian. Clubbers should remain within the sanctuary until retrieved by their pick-up adult.

Kid Town AWANA Policies and Guidelines:

What to Bring to AWANA:

- All clubbers should wear their designated uniform and shoes good for running.
- AWANA handbook and Bible (please communicate with AWANA Secretary if a Bible is needed)
 - Missions offering during designated weeks of club calendar or when it is part of a handbook lesson
 - On themed nights, all clubbers are encouraged to dress or bring certain items fitting the theme. These nights are indicated on the calendar and are considered the night's uniform. A reminder will be given the week prior.
 - To minimize distractions, clubbers should not bring additional items to club. If your child has something that does not pertain to AWANA, a leader will instruct them to put it

away. If it is seen again, it has become an issue and will be confiscated until the end of the night.

- Lost and found is located in the Welcome Center, please check it often. PLEASE!

Guidelines:

Review ALL guidelines with your clubber to ensure their understanding! In order to have a safe, enjoyable, and orderly environment, all clubbers are expected to know and respect the following guidelines:

- Apply the golden rule - treat others as you wish to be treated.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Speak with respect using kind words.
- Respect all club members including leaders and all adults.
- Wear your AWANA uniform each week.
- Bring only your AWANA Handbook and Bible each week, unless requested otherwise.
- Participate in all activities at all times.
- Respect the church property and facility.
- Refrain from running anywhere in the facility outside of appropriate Game Time.
- Remain inside the building, actively participating in your age- appropriate club at all times.
- Remain in the sanctuary for Closing Ceremony until picked up by a parent or guardian
- Understand and observe an Awana 5- count or 3-count from leaders:
 - The Awana 5-count is used to get the group's attention and give instructions. A Leader begins counting to 5 in a loud enough voice to be heard, also indicating the count with one hand in the air. As soon as the leader begins, clubbers become quiet and focus on the leader counting.
 - The 3-count is used for individuals causing a disruption:
 - First offense: The leader will quietly inform clubber they are receiving a warning to stop their behavior.
 - Second offense: The clubber will be removed from the group for a conversation with their Teacher or Club Director.
 - Third offense: The clubber's parents or guardian will be called, and the clubber sent home.

Illness & Absences:

Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms within 24 hours of club: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, discolored nasal mucus, bad cough, or rash. Leaders and volunteers who are ill are asked to stay home as well. If your child is absent due to illness or emergency, please communicate with the AWANA Secretary the returning club night in person or in writing. Some awards are based on attendance and excused absences are permissible toward those awards.

Special Activities:

Many club nights there are special events at AWANA. The club calendar is a necessary tool for you and your clubber to be involved . Please familiarize yourself with the calendar and inquire with your leaders, AWANA Secretary or Club Director with any questions so you may take full advantage of all your AWANA club has to offer.

Awana Store:

Awana Store gives clubbers an opportunity to spend the AWANA dollars they have earned on small gifts or treats. Store happens almost quarterly, and is listed on the club calendar. All items are screened for content and safety. Understandably every family has various shopping preferences, so a parent or guardian is welcome to accompany their clubber through Store if you would like. Donations of store items are always welcome!

Parent Participation--A Critical Part of AWANA

Every parent has a role in the AWANA program. We know you invest a lot in your children, and we're thrilled you've chosen to invest in their eternity through AWANA. It is such a privilege as a parent to walk with our children spiritually. We want to help equip you and come alongside you in this endeavor. In order for your child to get the most out of their year, you must help them make AWANA a priority. Here are a few suggestions:

- Work with your clubber in their handbook. Spend a few minutes periodically throughout the week to guide them to success.
- Pray for God's work in and through your children. Pray for the Teachers, Director, and Staff as we yearn to make God known.
- With your clubber, read and discuss club guidelines.
- Be prompt and on time for check-in and pick-up.

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- Volunteer to help. Speak with our AWANA Director or contact the front office to learn ways in which you can volunteer.

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