

Calvary Bible Church

AWANA Parent Handbook



2017 - 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are glad to have your child attend our AWANA Club on Wednesday nights. This will be our 35th year of the AWANA club for Calvary Bible church! If you have children between the ages of 3 and grade 8, they would be welcome to join us!

Our church's website is www.calvarybiblechurch.ca. We will use this site to post any upcoming events and any cancellations due to bad weather! We are now on Facebook as well as Calvary Bible Church, you can LIKE us to get relevant updates.

Our **AWANA Clubs** are:



Ages 3 and 4 (must be three by Dec.31)



Kindergarten to Grade 2



Grade 3 to 6



Grade 7 and 8

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 activities of our church, all 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 four 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 (vulnerable sector check). Our leaders are all born again Christians in good standing in an evangelical church and in good standing in the community.

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. Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. with classes for all ages. The worship service is at 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. in the summer months). Our Sunday evening service is at 7:00 p.m.(6:30 p.m in the summer months) We also have a Youth Group for teenagers and Mom's Life group which is a bible study for mothers of preschoolers on Friday mornings 9:30 – 11:00 (free child care is provided).

We invite you to come as a visitor and leave as a friend!

Building lives together,
The AWANA Staff

General Information

The first night of AWANA for this year will be on September 13th. This will be a fun night for everyone with a registration table set up so parents will fill out registration forms and then join their children in other activities. Our regular club night will start on September 20th

NOTE: There will be NO Awana from Dec 13 to Jan 3 or on Mar 14

Sept 13	Awana Registration		Nov 29		Feb 14	
Sept 20			Dec 6		Feb 21	
Sept 27			Dec 13	Christmas Break	Feb 28	
Oct 4			Dec 20	Christmas Break	Mar 7	
Oct 11			Dec 27	Christmas Break	Mar 14	March Break
Oct 18			Jan 3	Christmas Break	Mar 21	
Oct 25			Jan 10		Mar 28	
Nov 1			Jan 17		Apr 4	
Nov 8			Jan 24		Apr 11	
Nov 15			Jan 31		Apr 18	Last Awana
Nov 22			Feb 7			

- Club hours are from 6:20pm to 8:00pm sharp every Wednesday. Please DO NOT bring your child to the church before 6:15pm as the doors will be locked until then. We also ask that you be punctual in picking up your child.
- Club communication is primarily done via email so it is very important that the registration form is filled out. Club cancelations due to weather etc. will be posted to the church web site and the church Facebook pages. www.calvarybiblechurch.ca

Costs

Each clubber should bring **1 dollar** 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.

Besides the weekly dues, the only other costs will be the uniform and handbook. Below is the pricing for this club year:

CLUB	HANDBOOK	HANDBOOK PRICE	UNIFORM PRICE	YEARS WORN
Cubbies	Appleseed Handbook/CD	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	2
	HoneyComb Handbook/CD	\$ 10.00		
	Badge Magic sheet for attaching awards without sewing	\$3.00 per sheet		
Sparks	Hang Glider	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	3
	Wing Runner	\$ 8.00		
	Sky Stormer Handbook/CD	\$ 8.00		
	Badge Magic sheet for attaching awards without sewing	\$3.00 per sheet		
Truth & Training	Ultimate Adventure- Book 1&2	\$ 8.00	\$ 17.00	2
	Ultimate Challenge- Book 1&2	\$ 8.00	\$ 17.00	2
	Badge Magic sheet for attaching awards without sewing	\$3.00 per sheet		
Trek	Bible study	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.00	2

We will be giving each clubber a book bag for their club to carry their book and bible, etc. in. These will be given when the child has finished their entrance booklet! If they lose it, they will have to purchase a replacement if they want one.

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 awards can be earned for handbook achievements, regular AWANA attendance and regular Sunday school attendance.

Handbook awards - Clubbers start their club in the entrance booklet. 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. This year we are giving the clubbers a club bag when they have finished their entrance booklet as a bonus!

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, discovery, or challenge, whichever the case may be.

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: (Sparks – T&T – Trek)

First Quarter ~ September 27 to November 1

Second Quarter ~ November 8 to January 17

Third Quarter ~ January 24 to February 28

Fourth Quarter ~ March 7 to April 18

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

First Half ~ Sept. 27 to Jan. 17

Second Half ~ Jan. 24 to April 18

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 ~ Sept. 24 to Nov. 26

Second ~ Jan. 14 to April 8

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 into their secretaries to register. They will then be allowed upstairs in the main sanctuary for videos where they will stay until bell rings for the club to start. 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!

Contacts

If you have any questions, please call:

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

Pastor Greg Gaensler @ 613-283-6474

Commander – Lynda Bourne @ 613-283-0030

Cubbies (ages 3 & 4) – Christel Pryce @ 613-283-4092

Sparks (SK – grade 2) –Cheryl Shepherd @ 613-205-0680

Truth & Training (grade 3,4,5 & 6) –

Trek (grades 7 & 8) – Alex and Melanie Sanchez @ 613-257-2792