Awana Club 2025~2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are glad to have your child visit our Awana Club on Wednesday night. This will be our 42nd 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 starting Sept.10 and ending April 29/26. Our Awana Club is one of 96,178 Awana Clubs, which operate in 140 countries around the world, reaching more than 9 million kids on a weekly basis. Awana clubs are open to all youth and have children attending from many different faiths and churches. Awana clubs have been running for over 70 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. Our Church has adopted the Plan to Protect program so our leaders are screened and must provide a current police check and VSC as well as be a believer with a good testimony. Our policy is quite strict, which is to keep your child safe in club, but because of this, we would ask that you drop your child off and then leave until pick up time. We will lock the doors until pickup time.

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

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.

Pricing

<u>CLUB</u>	HANDBOOK	<u>PRICE</u>	UNIFORM PRICE	YEARS WORN
Cubbies	Appleseed Handbook/CD HoneyComb Handbook/CD	\$18.00 \$18.00	\$20.00	2
Sparks	Hang Glider, Wing Runner Sky Stormer Handbook/CD	\$18.00	\$20.00	3
	Evidence of Grace handbook All clubbers in same handbo		\$27.00 (gree	en) 4

There are a variety of items available from Awana for each club which you may purchase for gifts etc., visit the Awana website at www.awanacanada.ca.

Throughout the year we will be having special theme nights which the club director will let your child know about. We will also have some that parents will be invited to attend. One of these is our annual Grand Prix Race for out T&T club. This is where they make wooden cars and race them down our track.

AWANA RULES

- 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. (As explained below)
- 5. For 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 <u>all</u> parents/guardians to fill out the Registration 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 clubbers' parent will be called to come and get them. 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) – Melanie Doornekamp ~ 613-284-1151
Sparks (SK – grade 2) – Cheryl Shepherd ~ 613-206-1356
Truth & Training (grade 3,4,5 & 6) – Jon Baelde ~ 905-955-5887