



PARENT HANDBOOK



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A Note to the Families

We are excited to welcome you to the Awana Clubs ministry at Williamston Memorial Baptist Church! We are glad you are here! Awana's mission is to use a combination of energetic games, Bible based teaching, and small groups to reach children with the gospel of Jesus Christ and engage them in lifelong discipleship. Awana is a wonderful way for your child to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of God.

This Parent Handbook is designed to provide you with information about the ministry and to help answer common questions most families ask. A typical Awana night will include opportunities for your child to develop new relationships, memorize Scripture and develop a deeper understanding of God's Word.

We strongly encourage parents to take an active role in their child's Awana experience. Please set aside time during the week to discuss what your child is learning and to review/complete handbook sections. Our prayer is that your child will experience spiritual and emotional growth while having fun through their involvement with our Awana program.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun Awana year!



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What are Awana Clubs?

For over 70 years, Awana has partnered with local churches to bring God's Word to children around the world. Awana incorporates Bible teaching and scripture memorization with tons of fun. This is our 5th year offering Awana at MBC. Each year we learn new and better ways of doing things and this year we are introducing several new aspects to our Awana program, which will be covered in this handbook.

Engage Kids With the Gospel and Build Lifelong Faith

Leader-Child Relationships

The Awana Clubs program is designed to foster connection with loving, caring adults so kids know they belong.

Bible Engagement

Learning and memorizing Scripture helps children know the Gospel, study God's Word and believe what it says about life.

Spiritual Development

Through relationships and Scripture, children are disciplined to grow deep and lasting faith.

Our Awana program offers four clubs for boys and girls from 2 years old through 5th grade:

- Puggles - 2 years old
- Cubbies - 3 years old to pre-kindergarten
- Sparks - Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Truth & Training - 3rd through 5th grade

Our clubs meet on **Wednesday nights from 6:15pm-7:30pm** with dinner served each week beginning at 5:45pm. Our first club will begin **September 10th** and we will end our year with our Awana Celebration on **May 20th**. A full calendar will be provided at the end of this handbook.



Puggles (must be 2 by August 31st) recognizes the learning ability of 2 & 3 year olds by introducing Biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving and following God for life.

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs, and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic Biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God is Great
- God Loves Us
- We Give Thanks

Puggles Materials



This whimsical booklet is an introduction to the Awana Puggles program for ages 2-3. This booklet equips parents as they review biblical themes with their children at home.

The Puggles Coloring and Activity Book has 32 coloring and activity pages that help children review and engage artistically with the weekly lessons and memory verses. There are also 10 bonus coloring pages and an age-appropriate gospel message in the back.

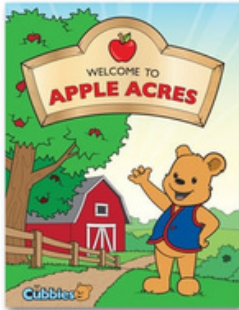


Cubbies is designed for 3 year olds (must be 3 by August 31st) and 4-5 year olds who have not entered Kindergarten. Classes use music, games, and puppets where fun and learning God's Word go hand in hand.



Each week, parents/guardians help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug or section enforces the same Bible Truth. At club, we center everything around the same truth that you worked on at home. Our story, games, scripture memory verses and other activities will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really "cement" these truths in our Cubbies minds and hearts!

Cubbies Materials



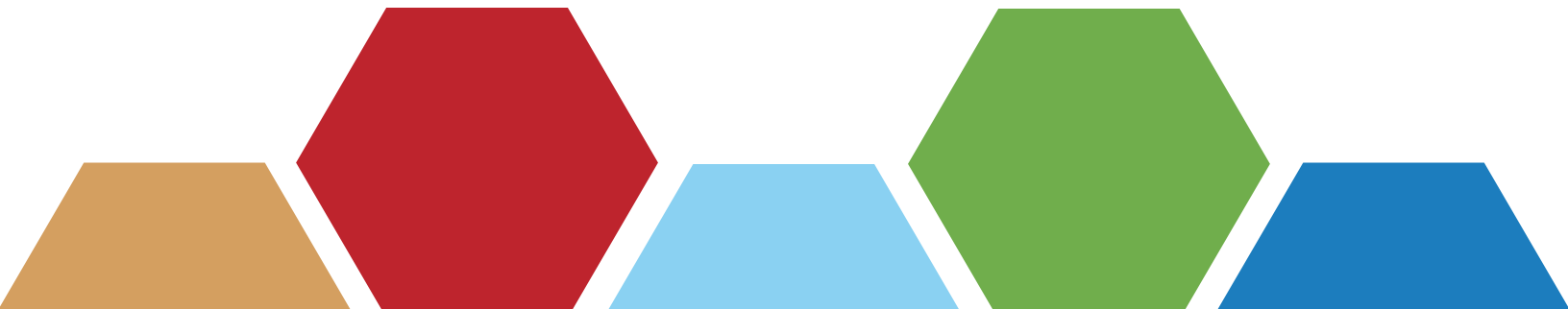
The Apple Acres entrance booklet is the first part of Cubbies. It contains 2 "Bear Hugs" as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All Cubbies must complete this booklet before they receive their handbook.

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks contain the weekly Bear Hug to be completed at home in preparation for the teaching at club that week. Cubbies will recite the memory verse to their leader at club during handbook time.



2025-2026

2026-2027





Sparks is designed for Kindergarteners, First, and Second graders. A typical club night for Sparkies include large group time, worship, small group time, and game time.

All clubbers starting in Sparks (no matter the grade) need to complete the Flight 3:16 Entrance Booklet before they can purchase their handbook. All Sparkies start in the same book as each other no matter the grade. Sparks is a 3-year scope & sequence:

- HangGlider
- WingRunner
- SkyStormer

They are allowed to work backwards and complete previous sections, but may not work ahead of the group. Kids joining in the middle of a Scope & Sequence that will graduate from Sparks before they have had the opportunity to complete all three books will be given the opportunity to work backwards on their own time if they would like.

Sparks Materials



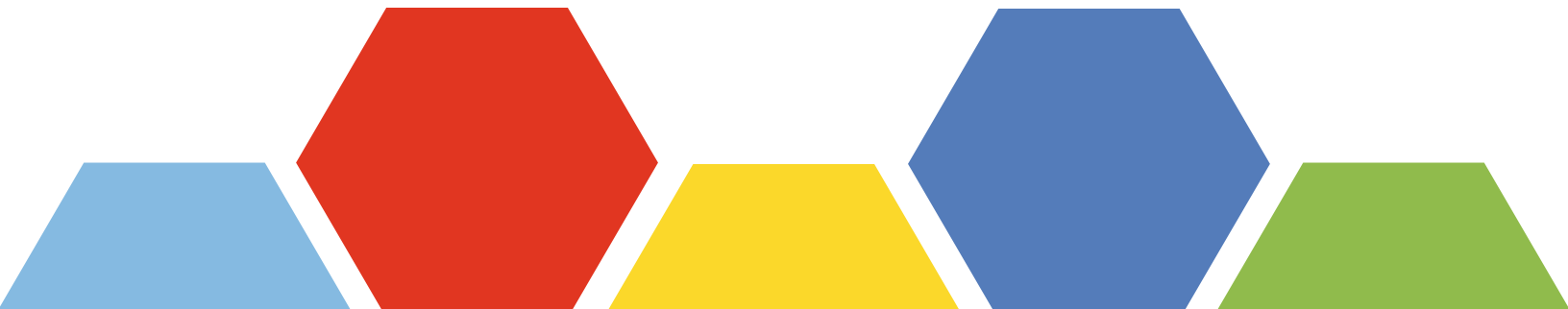
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Truth & Training is designed for 3rd through 5th grade boys and girls. The T&T curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word and trains them to follow Him. T&T Clubbers spend time learning how the characteristics and attributes of God relate to them on a personal level. In addition, they have a fresh and fun story to dive into each week.



Regardless of age or grade, a new clubber must complete the Start Zone booklet. Returning Clubbers must also complete the Start Zone booklet at the beginning of each club year. After finishing the Start Zone, Clubbers are then allowed to start in the T&T Handbook. They are allowed to work backwards and complete previous sections, but may not work ahead of the group. Kids joining in the middle of a Scope & Sequence that will graduate from T&T before they have had the opportunity to complete all three books will be given the opportunity to work backwards on their own time if they would like.

T & T Materials



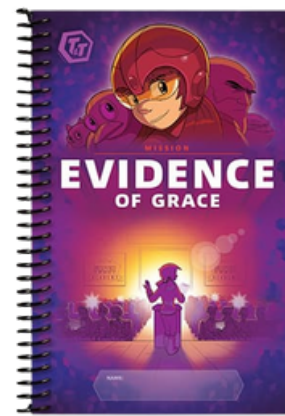
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Parental Involvement

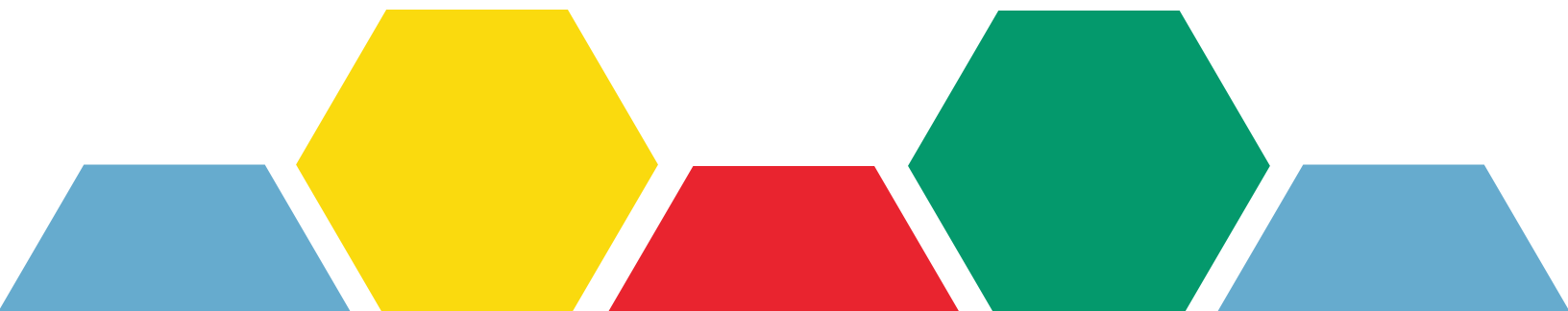
At the heart of learning in the Awana curriculum is scripture memorization and the acquisition of the truth from God's Word. Each clubber is asked to purchase a handbook to take home. Handbooks are designed to be completed **at home**. All clubbers will stay in the same section the small group leader is presenting for that night and if time permits, may work backwards to complete any sections missed.

During small group time, the group leaders work with small groups of clubbers, helping them to recite the section they have prepared and discuss the meaning of the verses they have learned.

No matter how old your child is, they will need help with Bible memorization.

Encourage and work with your child on their book during the week so that they can be prepared for Club night to individually recite the memory verses with minimal assistance from an Awana leader. By working with your child during the week, your child will begin to see the importance of reading and understanding God's Word. Our goal is not to "check a box" or "get an award". **Our goal is to plant scripture deep in their heart so that it may be called upon in the coming years.**

Please discuss any special needs related to reading and/or scripture memorization with your child's leader and/or our Children's Minister.



Awana Club Schedule & Locations

This schedule is subject to change for special events, theme nights, etc. We will do our best to provide advanced notice of these changes.

5:30pm – Check in (Awana Leaders eat)

5:45pm – Dinner

6:15pm – Awana Begins

Parents, please have your child(ren) visit the restroom before taking them to their class. Please make sure you walk your child(ren) to their class.

Puggles

First Preschool Hallway (Downstairs)

6:15 – Arrival & Play Time

6:45 – Bible Story Time

7:00 – Activity

7:15 – Outside/Free Play

7:25 – Return to Classroom

Cubbies

First Preschool Hallway (Downstairs)

6:15 – Arrival & Play Time

6:30 – Puppet Show

6:40 – Songs & Bible Story

7:15 – Outside/Free Play

7:25 – Return to Classroom

Sparks

Upstairs

6:15 – Arrival & Large Group

6:35 – Handbook/Small Group

7:05 – Recreation

7:25 – Return to Classroom

T&T

Upstairs

6:15 – Arrival & Large Group

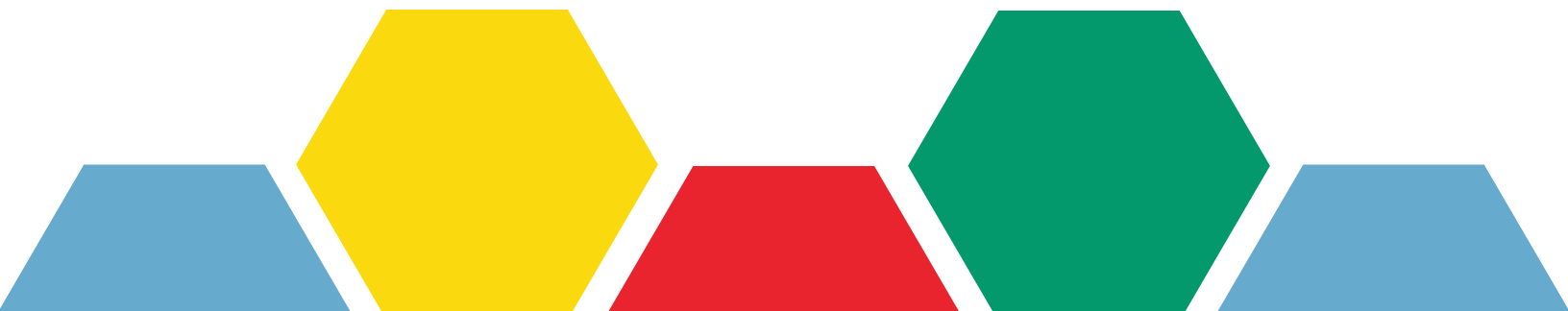
6:35 – Handbook/Small Group

7:05 – Recreation

7:25 – Return to Classroom

7:30pm – Check Out

Parents, please return to your child(ren)'s classroom for check-out/dismissal.



Awana Club Activities (Sparks and T&T)

Large Group

Clubbers begin their night at Awana with a time of worship, age-appropriate Bible stories, and exposure to missions both at home and beyond.

Handbook/Small Group

Learning and memorizing God's Word is the most important part of Awana Clubs. Each leader will meet with a small group to review their handbooks, recite scripture, and discuss what they have learned.

Recreation

Sparks and T&T are split up into 4 teams to participate in recreation games. Awana games are an exciting and safe time of fun and friendly competition.

Club Costs

Handbook

Puggles Coloring & Activity Book (\$2)
Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T Handbooks (\$10)

Handbook Bag

Cubbies, Sparks, and T&T (\$5)

MBC does not want any child to be deprived of participation in Awana due to finances. Please reach out to our Children's Minister if you or someone you know has a financial need.

Club Expenses

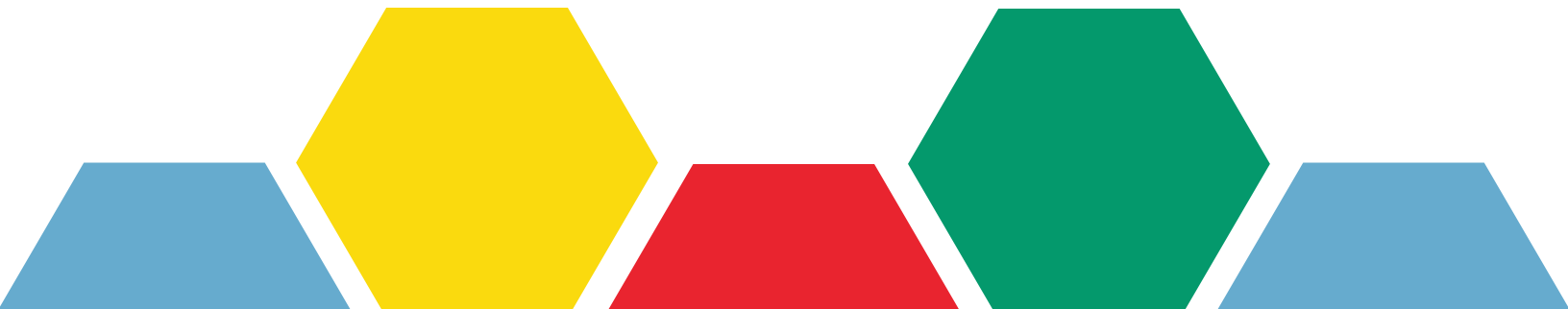
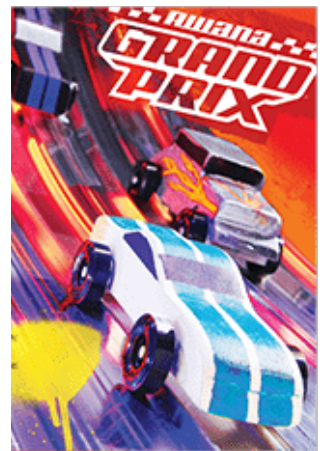
The cost of running our Awana Club charter is not covered by the purchase of handbooks or bags listed above. That money only goes towards the purchase of handbooks and bags.

We may have one or more fundraisers each year which help us to provide the awards, classroom materials, store items, etc. Families participating in Awana will be given the opportunity to help whenever we have a fundraiser.

Grand Prix

Car Kit (\$4)

New for the 2025-2026 Awana Club year, is our first ever Grand Prix Race! More details to come about this exciting event for our K-5th graders!



General Information

What to Bring Each Week:

Bible
Club Handbook (or entrance booklet)
Handbook Bag

Theme Nights:

Theme nights are special times for our Clubbers and are designed to encourage club attendance. Theme nights will be listed on the calendar.

Awana Bucks & The Awana Store:

Store night is open to all clubbers 3 times during the club year. Clubbers are able to spend the "Awana Bucks" that they have earned by means of attendance, bringing their Bible & handbook, reciting memory verses, bringing a friend, displaying leadership etc.

Kids use their bucks on Store Night to buy fun toys; some choose to buy gifts for their family or friends.

Buddy Time:

Every child in our Awana program has a partner within our church who is praying for them. Special nights are incorporated for further connection in a God centered relationship through conversation & encouragement.

General Information cont.

Food Allergies & Medical/Behavioral Needs :

If your child has a food allergy or a medical/behavioral need, please be sure to indicate on your registration. Only food allergies will be printed on their name tag. Other allergies and medical notes will be documented and shared as necessary with leaders.

Communication:

Awana leaders typically send out announcements and reminders via text message.

We also send home flyers occasionally.

The Children's Minister will send email newsletters and text messages from Breeze. Please make sure that you are signed up to receive those texts.

Occasionally, our meeting will be cancelled due to inclement weather. With advanced notice, the Children's Minister will send email and/or text, and utilize communication on MBC's Facebook Page.

MBC SAFETY & SECURITY

Policies & Procedures

Check-In

- **All children MUST be checked in** using the iPads in the KIDS Welcome area
- **A name tag will print for each child checked in.** It should be placed on the child where it will be visible. We recommend putting it on their back so that they are less likely to peel it off.
- **A family tag** will print as well which will be required when checking children out.
- Volunteers will ensure that each child has a name tag on them. If they don't the parent will be asked to return to the KIDS Welcome area to check their child in.
- As an extra layer of safety, each classroom will also have a sign in sheet. Please make sure you also sign in your child when you drop them off.

Check-Out

- Dismissal will take place in **each individual classroom.**
- Each child will only be **released to an adult** who has the family tag with the security code that matches the code on the child's name tag.
- Children can only be **released to teenage siblings (age 13+) IF** they have the family tag with the matching security code on it.
- When parents/guardians arrive to pick up their child, volunteers will ask to see the family tag, even if they know them.
- Volunteers will check to see that the security code **matches** on both tags.
- Volunteers will **remove** the child's sticker before they leave the room.
- We do have a back up plan in case the family tag gets lost **BUT please do your best to have that tag at pick-up.** A photo of the tag can also be used as long as the security code matches the current name tag on the child.
- The family tag can be torn in half so that it can be given to a second individual that you want to be able to pick up your child.

Other Policies & Procedures

- Parents/adult guardians of preschools or younger are **required to stay on campus.**
- **Sickness**
 - It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of the children at WMBC. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children when deciding whether to place a child under our care.
 - In general, children with the following symptoms should not be dropped off:
 - Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 24 hours
 - Green or yellow runny nose (accompanied by fever)
 - Eye or skin infections
 - Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease
- **Only adults who have met the requirements to be approved volunteers as outlined in the Memorial Baptist Child/Youth Protection Policy are permitted to be in classrooms with children.** Parents/guardians who remain on campus during Awana are invited to attend the adult Bible study class that is offered on Wednesday nights.



KIDS

Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children visit the bathroom prior to each class.