



PARENT'S GUIDE



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Hi there!

Thanks for allowing your child to visit our Awana® club. We know that you're concerned about your child's success in every area of life. You care about shaping values, building character, and providing tools needed for your child to develop a solid, spiritual foundation.

Because our church believes Awana effectively contributes to this journey, we have chosen to partner with them. For over 60 years Awana has been engaged in lifelong discipleship of children and the training of adults who lead them. The Awana leaders in our church are equipped to guide your kids toward a strong, biblical worldview and active lives of faith.

We are confident in partnering with Awana and it's mission to equip leaders to reach kids with the gospel and to engage them in lifelong discipleship, and we join in their vision and prayer that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

What does Awana offer your child?

- Biblical teaching
- Basics for a relationship with God
- A foundation for a biblical worldview
- Ultra-fun games and activities
- Bible memorization
- Positive friendships
- Support for parents as they spiritually nurture their children
- In-club adult affirmation and encouragement
- Consistent and positive training on how to thrive in group settings
- Awards and recognition for accomplishments

We've designed a 3-part program to maximize your child's attention, energy, and time:

Activity Time - Exciting activities that allow kids to participate regardless of their skill level.

Small Group Time - No one gets lost in the crowd. Your child receives individualized attention from a caring adult leader as they work through an introductory booklet and then an age-specific activity book.

Large Group Time - An interactive large group segment where kids meet together to sing, hear a Bible lesson, and receive awards. Awana leaders go the extra mile to help your kids understand the Bible and how it applies to their lives.

Look at what your child brought home.

If your child is in Cubbies®, Sparks®, T&T®, or Trek® they brought home an entrance booklet.

Their first goal is to complete the booklet by following the directions to memorize the verses.

When your fees are paid, they'll receive a club uniform and a club handbook to begin working on.

A good goal is for your child to complete 1-2 sections per week in the handbook. Each of the 32 lessons corresponds to one of the 32 weeks that Awana meets, but your child is welcome to work at their own pace.

Helping you spiritually lead your child

Neither culture nor circumstances will ever fully define today's kids. Instead their worldview will be shaped and their path chosen by how well they come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

You have the most influence on the development of a biblical worldview for your child. Our church wants Awana to be one tool for you to use as your child grows and matures. Be on the lookout for ways you can join your child in her Awana experience.

Once your child completes their entrance booklet, they will receive their club-specific handbook. The handbook is a great tool for you and your child to grow spiritually. You can help your child memorize verses, talk through sections, and read the Parent Pages.

Each handbook also includes helpful tips for parents, located either at the front or the end of each handbook.

NOTE: If your child is learning to read, your role is absolutely essential in helping them to memorize verses. Our volunteers will assist kids each week, but for some clubs, like Cubbies®, your involvement is required to progress through the handbook.

While it is certainly our desire that each child completes their workbook, please do not stress if your child “gets behind.” Consistency toward spiritual growth is the real goal, and learning God’s Word should be enjoyable, not a point of conflict. You can work with your child to catch back up, and there will still be plenty of opportunities for your child to earn awards that reflect everything they have achieved.

What else do I do?

Fire up your child's enthusiasm at home by:

- Modeling an interest in spiritual things. Your example and encouragement in learning about God's Word are one of the greatest influences on your child.
- Familiarizing yourself with the verses your child is learning so that you can practice and discuss them together. Even better, why not memorize them with your child?
- Seeking help from others. Do you or your child have questions about a verse or biblical concept? Ask your child's Awana leader for help. They can answer the question or direct you to someone who can.

Try these conversation starters in the car or during a meal:

- Why do you think God loves us so much?
- Do you remember the verses you said at Awana club this week?
- Can you teach this week's verse to me? (This is a great way for kids to learn the verses themselves.)
- Tell the story of your own faith. How did you come to know God?

What does Awana look like each week?

- We'll start each Wednesday at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm.
- Make sure your child wears their uniform and brings their handbook. Older children are also encouraged to bring their own Bible.
- We will also have Theme Nights throughout the year when everyone dresses up or we celebrate a holiday together. We'll make sure to communicate those to you, but we've included a calendar at the back of this guide.

How do I stay in touch with what's happening?

After you register your child, you'll start receiving regular text message updates. Anyone can also sign up for them by texting @awanaibc to 81010.

If you ever have questions, please feel free to contact our Awana Director, Andrew Desko, by emailing andrew@ibcsav.com or calling (912) 354-0548.

Is there a health policy?

In regards to children and workers, Immanuel Baptist Church will follow all local, state, and federal health mandates. To the best of our ability, we will follow guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

Children should not attend if they have had any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours:

- colored discharge from eyes, ears, or nose
- vomiting or diarrhea
- fever over 99 degrees (must be fever free for 24 hours without medication)
- rash associated with a viral or bacterial infection
- contagious illness (hand, foot, mouth, coronavirus, etc.)
- lice or nits

Workers must communicate with their ministry supervisor ASAP if a health reason will prevent them from serving when they are scheduled to serve.

Workers must also communicate with their ministry supervisor if they have any reason to believe they got sick when they were serving.

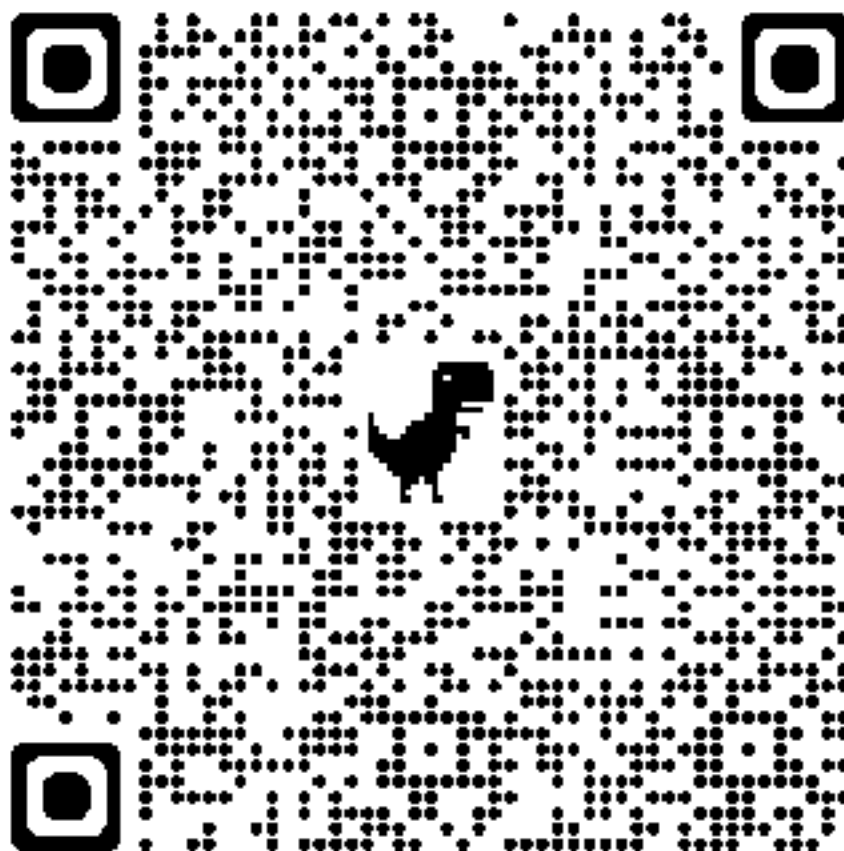
Parents must communicate any allergies when children are checked-in, along with any instructions for medication, such as an inhaler or an EpiPen.

Workers will administer medication only in emergency situations where allergies and medication instructions have been communicated by parents.

Parents/guardians will be texted and/or called if a child gets sick or needs their attention.

Are there other safety policies in place?

We're glad you asked! Yes, we have a fully developed Child Protection Policy, and we invite you to view it with the QR code below. We can also provide a printed copy upon request.



Can I volunteer at Awana?

Of course! Simply talk to one of our Awana leaders so we can talk with you about what that can look like!

Puggles™

Young children 2-3 years old

Puggles® recognizes the learning ability of young children by introducing biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home.

In Puggles, the youngest children are drawn into a great understanding of God and His love for them! Gatherings each week include play time, songs, and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppets, and more.

Puggles Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for activity book, t-shirt, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase

- replacement shirt = \$15
- Puggles Board Book Set = \$23
- Puggles Parent Cards = \$15
- Puggles Stuffed Toy = \$13
- Puggles Backpack = \$12
- *Parenting Your Two-Year-Old: A Guide to Making the Most of the "I Can Do It" Phase* = \$10

<p>PUGGLES</p>	<div data-bbox="203 1373 521 1581"></div> <div data-bbox="203 1623 638 1795"><p>Puggles don't earn awards like the other clubs but do wear uniforms and receive a participation certificate at the end of the year.</p></div> <div data-bbox="662 1323 1227 1776"></div> <div data-bbox="1094 1583 1484 1871"></div>
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Preschool Children 3-5 years old

Cubbies® celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His son, and His Word.

Preschoolers love Cubbies! Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games, or all their friends, they simply can hardly wait for their next Cubbies meeting. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn so much about God! Lessons focus on the greatness of God's love, His Word, and His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes.



Cubbies receive stickers in their book as soon as they complete their section, their review verse, and/or their parent has signed their *Under the Apple Tree*.

When they complete the Rank sections (the first two in their book), they receive their rank patch for their uniform.

At the end of each unit they receive a Red or Green Apple Emblem for their vest.

Cubbies who complete their books will receive a book ribbon which corresponds with their book.



Apple Emblems

Rank Patch

AppleSeed Book Award



HoneyComb Book Award



Cubbies Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for handbook, vest, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase

- replacement handbook or vest = \$15 each
- Cubbies Handbook Bag = \$7
- ESV Kids Bible = \$10
- Cubbie Bear Plush Toy = \$13
- "It's a Phase" Parenting Books = \$10 each
 - *Parenting Your Three-Year-Old: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Why?" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Four-Year-Old: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Why?" Phase*



Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Sparks® ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

To many children in kindergarten to second grade, Sparks is the highlight of the week! They love their red vests, the exciting games and spending time with leaders and friends.

Sparks is divided into three years with a unique rank: HangGlider®, WingRunner®, and SkyStormer®.

Each year, kids in Sparks:

- Explore the biographies of people of the Bible from a new portion of Scripture
- Memorize Bible verses
- Complete handbook activities

Sparks Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for handbook, vest, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase

- replacement handbook or vest = \$15 each
- Sparks Handbook Bag = \$7
- ESV Kids Bible = \$10
- Sparky Plush = \$13
- "It's a Phase Parenting" Books = \$10 each

- *Parenting Your Kindergartner: A Guide to Making the Most of the “Look At Me!” Phase*
- *Parenting Your First Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the “Look At Me!” Phase*
- *Parenting Your Second Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the “Sounds Like Fun!” Phase*

Optional Awards

Sparks can earn two Church Attendance Emblems per year for their vest if they attend church, 1 emblem for each 16 weeks of Awana. You can go to ANY church to earn this award. At Immanuel specifically, we count “attendance” as at least 50% attendance in Sunday School.

Sparks can also earn Extra Credit Awards if they finish their handbook and the specific Extra Credit Work. In fact, we’ll give you an example schedule that will allow your Spark to complete their handbook and this year’s extra credit.



Sparks books are broken up into sections called Jewels. There are Red and Green Jewel sections in their book. When they finish a jewel unit, a plastic jewel is inserted into their uniforms.

When Sparks complete their Rank section they will earn a rank patch to be displayed on their uniform.

Wing and rank patch colors correspond with the books.

HangGlider: green

WingRunner: blue

SkyStormer: red

Sparks who complete their books earn book awards based on how many Sparks books they have completed.





3rd through 5th grade

The T&T (Truth & Training) curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, and trains them to follow Him and practice His grace. In this curriculum series, kids will explore the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, including:

- The character and nature of God
- The structure and sequence of the Bible
- The redemption narrative
- Key practices for followers of Jesus

By encouraging kids to engage in highly biblical and relational discipleship, T&T helps students to grow and develop as lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

T&T Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for handbook, jersey, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase

- replacement handbook or jersey = \$15 each
- T&T Sling Bag = \$15
- "It's a Phase" Parenting Books = \$10 each
 - *Parenting Your Third Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Sounds Like Fun!" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Fourth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "I've Got This" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Fifth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "I've Got This" Phase*



Children in T&T earn an award emblem for every four sections completed – they do not have to be consecutive. Students can choose how they display their emblems on their uniforms. Silver & Gold Award Emblems are given for completing those sections.



Silver / Gold



6th through 8th grade

Trek challenges students to wrestle with the three most important questions they're asking in middle school:

- Who am I?
- Why am I here?
- Who's with me?

By allowing students to dive deep into the Scriptures and answer these questions for themselves, we allow them to own their faith and discover what they actually believe.

Trek Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for handbook, t-shirt, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase

- replacement handbook or t-shirt = \$15 each
- Trek Sling Bag = \$15
- "It's a Phase" Parenting Books = \$10 each
 - *Parenting Your Sixth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Who Cares" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Seventh Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Who's Going?" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Eighth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Yeah...I Know" Phase*

Journey™

9th through 12th grade

Meets Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45 pm

Journey® establishes high school students as lifelong disciples through a deep study of God's Word, mobilizing them to live with godly perspective and evident faith.

Journey Club Fees = \$35

(approx. \$1.09 per week) pays for handbook, t-shirt, & supplies

Optional items available for purchase











- replacement handbook = \$20

- replacement t-shirt = \$15
- Journey Sling Bag = \$15
- "It's a Phase" Parenting Books = \$10 each
 - *Parenting Your Ninth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "This is Me Now" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Tenth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Why Not?" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Ninth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "Just Trust Me" Phase*
 - *Parenting Your Twelfth Grader: A Guide to Making the Most of the "What's Next?" Phase*



Awana Theme Nights

Parents: Dates in YELLOW are for you to attend with your kids

	1st Wednesday	2nd Wednesday	3rd Wednesday	4th Wednesday	5th Wednesday
September	Kickoff & Open House 6	Club Night 1 13	Club Night 2 20 	Club Night 3 27	
October	Club Night 4 4 	Club Night 5 11	Club Night 6 18 	Club Night 7 25	
November	Club Night 8 1 Crazy Hair Night + AWARDS!	Club Night 9 8	Club Night 10 15 	THANKSGIVING WEEK NO AWANA 22	Club Night 11 29 
December	Club Night 12 6 	Club Night 13 13	CHRISTMAS WEEK NO AWANA 20	NEW YEARS' WEEK NO AWANA 27	
January	Club Night 14 3 	Club Night 15 10	Club Night 16 17 Crazy Hat Night + AWARDS!	Club Night 17 24	Club Night 18 31 
February	Club Night 19 7	Club Night 20 14 	Club Night 21 21	Club Night 22 28 	
March	Club Night 23 6	Club Night 24 13 Pi Night + AWARDS!	Club Night 25 20	EASTER WEEK NO AWANA 27	
April	Club Night 26 3	Club Night 27 10 T&T Night TBA	Club Night 28 17	Club Night 29 24 Sparks Night TBA	
May	Club Night 30 1	Club Night 31 8 Cubbies Night TBA	Club Night 32 15	FAMILY FUN AWARDS NIGHT! 22	

