



Parent HandBook

2025-2026

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welcome to Awana

We are excited that your child will be spending Wednesday evenings with us this year. Please use this booklet to get familiar with all of the special events, programs, and resources that Awana has to offer.

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Be sure to follow the "CMBC Paradise Kids" page on Facebook & Instagram. We will be sharing important club reminders and other helpful information. We'd love to connect with you there!

Introduction



For more than 60 years, Awana has been a leader in children's ministry, helping churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ.

Awana is an acronym for **A**pproved **W**orkman **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed (2 Timothy 2:15).

Why: To teach boys and girls to know, love, and serve Christ.

Who may come: Children age 2 through 6th grade

- Puggles: Two years old by September 1, 2025
- Cubbies: Three years old by September 1, 2025—Five years old & not yet in Kindergarten
- Sparks: Kindergarten-Second grade
- Truth & Training (T&T): Third-Sixth grade

What to bring:

- Handbook & Bible
- Uniform
- Clothing appropriate for game time—please wear sneakers
- A desire to learn and have a good time

When:

Wednesday evenings from 6:40 – 8:15 PM,
September 24, 2025 through May 6, 2026

We will not have club the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas,
and New Year's Day.

Awana costs

The participation fee to participate in Awana is \$35 per clubber. Any replacements of books, uniforms or bags may be purchased for the amount listed in the Awana catalog.

If the cost for your child to participate in Awana is a challenge, please talk to the Children's Ministry Director or Awana Ministry Directors. Scholarships and payment plans are available.



Carnival Treat Nights!



Several times this club year, we will be enjoying a carnival treat together! On these special nights, the clubbers will place a collectable sticker in their handbook to help them remember the

lesson each snack taught us!

Theme Nights

One of our favorite things at Awana is our theme nights! Each evening has a fun focus—things like Balloon Night and Neon Night and Giant Games Night. Some nights we focus on being generous—like City Gate Night, when we bring items to donate to this ministry, and Care Ministry Night, when we make cards to send to members of our congregation who need a little encouragement.

Pick up a copy of the theme night calendar at the check-in desk or access it on the church website:

calvarymonument.org/ministries/children

Important Dates 2025-2026

Wed September 24: First night of club, 6:40-8:15 pm

Wed October 9: Bring S'more Friends Night
Clubbers are encouraged to bring a friend with them to Awana!



Wed October 25: What's the Scoop About Awana?

6:45 pm: Enjoy coffee and hot drinks while you enjoy some time getting to know CMBC staff and other Awana parents.

7:15 pm: Awana Orientation in the auditorium for an overview of the handbooks, tips for scripture memory, & a time of Q&A.

7:45 pm: Enjoy your own ice cream sundae while you meet your child's leaders!

Come to one, two or all three of these events!

November 26, December 24 & Dec 31: No Club

Sat Jan 31: Grand Prix, 8:30 am. Snow date: Feb 7

Awana clubbers are invited to express their ingenuity by creating and racing their own wooden Grand Prix cars. At the event, cars will be raced on a 4 lane wooden track. Awards are given for both design and speed.

Wed March 25: Bring a Grown-Up Night

All Awana clubbers and their families are invited to join us for a dinner before club. Clubbers can also invite a grown-up (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc) to join them for the entire club evening. Dinner will be served from 5:15-6 pm, so feel free to drop in anytime during that time. We will be having a short program around 6:15 pm. There is no cost to attend.

Our club night will begin at 6:40 pm with the Opening Ceremony. Our grown-up guests will then travel with their clubber through their regular club night schedule.

Wed May 6: Awana Closing Program, 6:45 pm

Come celebrate with us as we recognize the hard work and dedication of our Awana clubbers and leaders!

Arrival and Pick-Up

Arrival

- Each night when you arrive at Awana, please stop by the computer kiosks to check in your clubber. You will receive two labels—one is a name tag for your clubber to wear and the other contains an alphanumeric code that matches the one on your clubber's name tag. Bring this label with you when you pick up your child, so the codes on the two labels can be matched.
- Parents should supervise their children in the lobby until the auditorium doors open for the opening program at 6:35 pm. The opening program will begin at 6:40 pm.
- **Section Station:** Clubbers are welcome to join us before club begins from 6:20-6:35 pm for a pre-club section station.
- Before dropping off your child, please hang up their coat in the lobby and have them use the restroom.



Pick-Up

- At 8:15 pm, clubbers may be picked up from the auditorium. Parents/Guardians should bring the label with the alphanumeric code to their clubbers' assigned pick-up door and hand the label to the Awana leader stationed at the door. Clubbers will then be dismissed to their parents/guardians. Please keep your children with you to avoid any dangerous situations in the parking lot.

Snow Cancellation

Check any of the following places for weather related cancellations: WDAC 94.5, WJTL 90.3, the church website, or the CMBC facebook page. As always, for your child's safety use your best judgment.



CLUB Nightly Schedules

Our night includes four main segments:

Opening Ceremony

All clubbers will meet in the auditorium to pray, sing, and hear club announcements.

Large Group Time

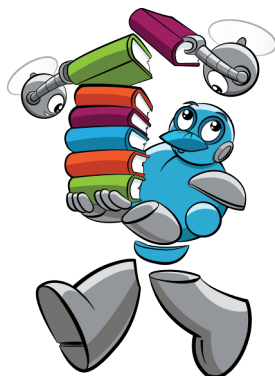
Each age group holds their own separate Bible teaching time, which also includes an introduction and explanation of the scripture contained in the handbooks.

Small Group Time

Clubbers meet in small groups to study and discuss the night's scripture and Bible story. During this time, the clubbers will recite their memorized verses to their leaders.

Game Time

Clubbers play high energy group games! Some nights even include some fun additions related to the night's theme!



Memory Verse Helps

Resources available to help clubbers memorize scripture:

- Memory verse song playlists: check out the QR codes on the back of the theme night calendar.
- We've prepared a list of our top tips for memorizing scripture, as well as a ton of ideas to make memory work fun. See the church website for this list. calvarymonument.org/ministries/children
- If your child is struggling with memorization, please be in touch. We would love to work with you to find a strategy that works for your child.



HANDBOOK COMPARISON

New this year! Choose how your Awana journey (Sparks/T&T) will unfold by selecting the handbook style that works best for you. What type of adventure will you choose?

- Free Style Climber—a thrilling journey where you'll reach many personal milestones. This is the traditional handbook, filled with Bible studies, scripture to memorize and more.
- White Water Rafter—an exciting, fun-filled guided tour. This handbook is an abridged handbook, which your leader will guide you through. At-home study is optional.



Handbook Title	Traditional	Essentials
Participate in theme nights & events	✓	✓
Receive handbook, uniform, and club bag	✓	✓
Large Group, Small Group, Game Time	✓	✓
Incentives like patches, jewels, shares	✓	✓
Receive a year-end award	✓	✓
Abridged Handbook	×	✓
Expanded Handbook	✓	×
Handbook contains graphic novel/story	✓	×
Handbook work recommended at home	✓	Optional
Scripture Memory	✓	Optional

Clubbers will receive assistance as needed when reciting scripture. On the registration form, there is space for you to indicate if your child needs any accommodations or adaptations or if your child would like to be eligible for Awana scholarships.

For more details, see the Sparks and T&T comparison charts

For sample pages, scan the QR Code





SPARKS



Handbook Title

Scripture Memory

All clubbers will have the opportunity to practice the verse during the club night and will be provided with memory helps for practice at home.

Bible Biographies and Sparkie Stories integrated into the handbook

Handbook Activities

Incentives

Sticker Chart, allowing clubbers to choose small prizes

All clubbers earn stickers for attendance and coming prepared with handbook & uniform

Year End Awards, given at the Closing Program in May

Traditional

Clubbers will have verse(s) to memorize each week with occasional review verses(s).



Occasional puzzles, missions activities, and more to complete.

Earn up to 8 jewels by completing handbook sections through scripture memory and other activities.

Extra stickers can be earned for section completion (which includes memorizing scripture).

Clubbers will either earn the traditional Book Completion Award or receive an Award of Merit certificate

Essentials

Optional. The verse for the week is printed in the book. Memorizing the verse is optional. No review verses are included.



Optional weekly coloring page, maze, puzzle, or other activity included.

Receive a star patch to display on uniform at 10 pre-determined points in the club year.

Extra stickers can be earned for completing the week's activity and memorizing the verse.

All clubbers will receive an Awana Essentials certificate



T & T



Handbook Title	Traditional	Essentials
Scripture Memory <i>All clubbers will have the opportunity to practice the verse during the club night and will be provided with memory helps for practice at home.</i>	Clubbers will have a verse to memorize each week, and many weeks will also have a review verse	Optional. The verse for the week is printed in the book. Memorizing the verse is optional. No review verses are included.
Start Here Activity	✓	✗
Extra Credit Sections (Gold & Silver) Mission Go! Sections	✓	✗
Explore (Bible Study) <i>During small group time, all clubbers will be guided through discussion about the week's topic.</i>	A guided Bible study is provided with questions to answer, verses to look up, and space provided to write responses.	A summary of the Bible Study is included. There are no questions to answer.
Graphic novel integrated into the handbook	✓	✗
Incentives	Earn a chevron patch for every 4 sections completed by doing the Start Here and Explore sections and reciting the week's memory verse(s). Earn a max of 8 chevrons per year.	Receive a star patch to display on their uniform at 5 pre-determined points in the club year.
Shares, which clubbers can spend in the T&T Store <i>All clubbers earn shares for attendance and coming prepared with handbook, Bible & uniform</i>	Extra shares can be earned for section completion (which includes memorizing scripture).	Extra shares can be earned for reciting the week's memory verse.
Year End Awards, given at the Closing Program in May	Clubbers will either earn the traditional Book Completion Award or receive an Award of Merit certificate	All clubbers will receive an Awana Essentials certificate



Puggles is for children who are two years old. At Puggles, children are introduced to Biblical precepts and parents are equipped to teach them at home. Toddlers love having their very own Awana club just like their older siblings.

Schedule

6:50-7:20 pm: Play and Story Time

7:20-7:35 pm: Game Time

7:35-7:45 pm: Craft Time

7:45-8:05 pm: Play Time

8:05-8:15 pm: Transition to Auditorium for Pick Up

Take Home Cards

At the beginning of the year, your Puggle will receive an activity bag and a bag made just for them! Each week, your child will complete a simple activity or coloring page at home that will help them prepare to learn four Big Truths of the Bible: God Made Everything, God is Great, God Loves Us, and We Give Thanks. Along with the activity book, you will receive a packet of take home cards. On these cards you will find activities and resources to reinforce the Puggles lessons at home. The lessons on the take home cards are the same ones we teach in club, so you will be able to prepare and review the materials with your Puggle!

Please send your child to Puggles with their bag and handbook each week; the take home cards can stay at home!

Awards

At the end of the year, all Puggles who attended club will receive a Puggles Certificate, along with some other fun surprises!





Cubbies is for children who are 3-5 years. Cubbies helps children develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.

Schedule

6:40-6:50 pm: Opening Ceremony

6:50-7:05 pm: Handbook Time

7:05-7:35 pm: Story Time

7:35-7:50 pm: Craft Time

7:50-8:10 pm: Game Time



Handbooks

The Cubbies handbooks include memory verses, Bible lessons and activities that teach basic truths about God, Jesus, sin and salvation. You can listen to an exciting audio version of the book via audio download. The download is available at <https://www.awana.org/leadershipdevelopment/> or scan the QR code. (Click AppleSeed in the filter box)

On the last page of each handbook section you will find the Bear Hug verse for that lesson. All Cubbies should learn the bolded print. When only a portion of the verse is in bolded print, you can decide if you want your child to learn the entire verse, or just the shorter portion that is bolded. Please mark which version your child has learned and sign at the appropriate place. There is also an Under the Apple Tree and verse review in most sections. You can decide if you want to do either of these two sections with your child. Please mark the appropriate areas in the handbook so child's leader knows you completed the Apple Tree or review.

Awards

By completing the work in the handbook, Cubbies will earn their trail patch and green and red apple patches at the places marked in the handbook. Cubbies will earn a medallion for completing their handbook.

Cubbies Need to Know

- Parents, please take your children to the restroom every week before taking them into the sanctuary for the Opening Ceremony.



Sparks, children learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

Schedule

6:40-6:50 pm: Opening Ceremony

6:50-7:15 pm: Small Group Time

7:15-7:45 pm: Game Time

7:45-8:15 pm: Large Group Time

Handbooks

The Sparks handbooks include Bible biographies which show kids that the people in the Bible were real. The handbooks also come with a download of a dramatic audio reading of each biography—with music and sounds effects! The download is available at <https://www.awana.org/leadershipdevelopment/>. (Click the name of your child's handbook in the filter box)



Our Sparks Clubbers use the “We Move Together Method.” This means that clubbers will all work at the same pace through their handbooks. Follow the schedule that is inside your clubber's handbook.

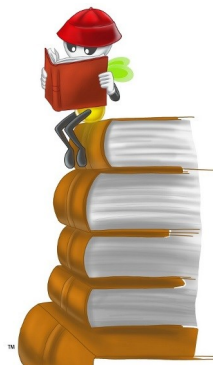
Awards

See the Essentials and Traditional Handbook comparison charts to learn more about the Sparks awards.

Additionally, Sparkies will be able to earn stickers for attendance, coming prepared and completing sections. They can earn small prizes for earning these stickers.

Sparks Need to Know

- Some of the sections will have adjusted directions. Be sure to carefully read the schedule in the front of the book and any sticker labels in the book.





Truth and Training (T&T)

Truth and Training, or T&T for short, is for children in grades three through six. As children enter into the pivotal elementary years, our T&T curriculum ensures that kids are not only knowledgeable of God's Word but are able to apply His truth to their lives and face anything as disciples of Christ.

Schedule

6:40-6:50 pm: Opening Ceremony 6:50-7:15 pm: Large Group Time
7:15-7:45 pm: Small Group Time 7:45-8:15 pm: Game Time

Handbooks

T&T Clubbers use the “We Move Together Method.” This means that clubbers will all work at the same pace through their handbooks. Follow the schedule that is inside your clubber’s handbook to see which section they should come to club prepared to complete.

During small group time, the T&T leaders will guide the clubbers through a discussion on the night’s topic and help clubbers to begin completing the associated section in the handbook.

In the traditional handbook, there are optional Gold and Silver Extra Credit in each section, which may be completed at your child’s own pace. Also, clubbers can earn the Awana Go! patch by completing two of the activities listed at the beginning of the handbook. Completing all of the Missions: Pray & Go sections in the handbook is one of these options.

Awards

See the Essentials and Traditional Handbook comparison charts to learn more about the T&T awards.

Additionally, T&T clubbers are able to earn shares to spend at the Shares Store. The store is open several times during the year and contains lots of fun prizes that the clubbers can purchase with their shares. Sixth graders are able to trade their shares in for gift cards to some local stores at the end of the year!

How can your child earn shares?

- **Attend Club & Come Prepared** with their Bible, handbook, uniform.
- **Completing Sections**
- **Participating:** Shares can be earned for some contests, during game time or large group time and more.

T&Ters Need to Know

- In the traditional handbook, we have adjusted the manner in which the review sections are completed (1.6, 2.8, 3.8, 4.8). When clubbers review the verse for the first time in the unit, the verse will be marked complete in the review section. On the review night, clubbers would only need to review any verses not reviewed previously. They do not need to do all of the review verses in one sitting as stated in the handbook.



Awana Youth Ministry

Did you know that Awana has handbooks for students in seventh-twelfth grade? Although we don't continue to complete the handbooks as a group at CMBC, we do provide support to students who would like to complete the handbooks on their own. The youth ministry handbooks provide the same great Bible studies as the rest of the Awana handbooks, as well as provide a Bible reading plan!

Additionally, students who complete 10 third-twelfth grade handbooks are eligible for scholarships at more than 40 Christian colleges, including Lancaster Bible College and Carin University. For more information, contact Heather and Michael Ensslen.



We would love to have you join us on Sunday mornings! We have exciting activities for all ages that will help students understand God's love for them and their place in His kingdom. Check out some of our Paradise Kids ministries:

Sunday School:

Beginning with a time of praise and worship in Room 9, children in grades K -4 will meet in age specific classrooms to learn how the gospel changes every part of who we are. Each week students age 2 through 6th grade will look at the same passage of scripture and explore how it points to Jesus. We offer nursery care for children under 2 and age based classes for children ages 2-5.

Pier 56:

Pier 56 is a group specifically for our 5th and 6th graders. It engages preteens in profound Bible study, helps them form lasting and meaningful connections between peers, and encourages the growth of spiritual foundations so they are equipped to make choices for Christ in their everyday lives.

Junior Church

Children in K through 6th grade are dismissed during the worship service to experience a church service in Room 9, designed just for them.

Service times are listed below:

9:00 AM—Worship Service and classes for birth through 6th grade

10:30AM—Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs)

Paradise Kids Promise

In an effort to keep our Paradise Kids programs running smoothly we are asking our kids to abide by the Paradise Kids Promise. These promises should serve as a reminder to behave in a way that brings glory to God in everything they say and do.

- **To do all to the glory of God!!!** (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- To be **kind and respectful** to people and things. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- To be **attentive**. (Hebrews 2:1)

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