



Hello Clubbers and Families!

We are so excited to announce that Awana will be happening this fall!! After several discussions and recommendations from the medical team at Redeemer, club nights have been cleared to happen with some modifications. These changes will be in place for the start of club nights and as we move through the year, with continued improvements in COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin, we can then move back to a traditional club night. We ask for your continued patience as we work through these changes throughout the year.

First major change is that club will start out meeting two nights a week. T&T Club (for kids in grades 3-6) will meet on Tuesday nights, starting October 27, from 6:15-7:45PM. Cubbies (for 3K-4K) and Sparks Club (for kids in grades 5K-2) will meet on our traditional Wednesday nights, starting October 28, from 6:15-7:45PM. We do realize that this can be burdensome on families with children in multiple age groups. However, the desire of the medical team to have smaller group sizes in the facility in order to hold Awana, was only possible by splitting up the club nights into 2 nights.

Another change is that we will have modified game time for the Clubs. We will not be playing games that will use high touch equipment or for kids to be in close contact during the game. We will be switching to more individualized types of games or challenge games that will require more skill than equipment. This will be for the start of year, with the hope to move into traditional game time after the holidays.

We will plan all activities to be aware of standard COVID-19 health practices including leaders and children wearing masks as required (and suggested for those ages 3-4 even though not required), keeping group sizes small, staying in larger open spaces when possible, providing hand sanitizer often, keeping high touch items to a minimum, sanitizing the spaces prior to club nights and making sure leaders are healthy. We ask that you help us in this process by not attending club if you, your child, or anyone else in your family has symptoms, has tested positive or has been exposed recently.

Both nights, we will be welcoming Awana families in the main church entrance where children will be screened by a temperature check, verify they have a mask on and questions of illness.

Children will then be checked into their club directly in the lobby and taken to their club space by Awana Leaders. Parents will not be allowed to remain in the building nor bring their children to their rooms. Parents must be wearing a mask when dropping off and picking up your Clubber. Cubbie Leaders will be doing their sign-in/out in the lobby as well and having the children stay in that location until all children arrive, they will then move to their normal classroom.

We will be doing Awana Registration in several ways this year. One, you can sign-up online and pay your fees by visiting the Redeemer website <https://redeemerefc.com/sign-ups/>. The online form is simple to complete and will allow you to pay online with a small processing fee. You can also still complete and submit the form and make payment with cash or check the first night of club. Two, we will have sign-up in person between services on October 18 & 25 in the church lobby. Three, you can sign-up at the Parents Meeting on October 21. Fees include yearly dues, handbook purchase and vest/shirt if needed.

We will be holding a **PARENTS ONLY information night on Wednesday, October 21** to go over all the changes/expectations. This will be a short meeting, 6:30-7:00PM to address questions parents may have, clarify the drop-off/pick-up guidelines, and talk about what happens if we have a confirmed COVID-19 class within the club. Parents will also be able to pick up your child's handbook at that meeting so that they can begin to work on their sections for the first night of club. Due to the anticipated number of people, we ask that only one parent from each family attend and without children if at all possible. We will do our very best to finish this meeting in 30 minutes.

That same night, **October 21, we will have an Awana Leaders meeting from 7:15-8:30PM**. This is a required meeting for anyone volunteering as a leader. If you have children attending Awana and have an interest in helping out, please let us know so we can get you in touch with the appropriate club director. With going to two nights we are expecting to need some additional help filling spots due to conflicts.

We know that this are uncertain times, but we are certain that meeting with the Clubbers, learning God's word and having valuable Club lessons, will be a benefit to them. We desire to see them grow in their knowledge of God, who He is and how He is in control. We also wish to arm them with God's word to fight these battles going on. We hope that you will join us this year as our club returns in its new format.

Thank you for your continued support of Redeemers Awana! Be sure to keep watch on the church website and our Facebook page for updates.

Commander Jeff & Commander Tammy

