



August 2020

Dear Parent:

Welcome to Awana 2020-21!

This letter will give you an overview of Awana at Winnetka Bible Church so that you know what to expect and your children get the most out of their time with us.

Awana is an international, nonprofit ministry committed to the belief that the greatest impact for Christ starts with kids who **know, love and serve** Him. The mission of Awana is to help "reach kids, equip leaders and change the world for God."

Winnetka Bible Church offers Awana clubs for children ages 3 years old through High School, including Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Trek, and Journey.

**Due to guidelines to limit the spread of Covid-19, initial meetings will be held outdoors and shortened to 65 minutes and following CDC guidelines. Please see our Re-gathering Plan.**



The usual Awana Game Circle games are temporarily on hold. Each club will incorporate fun activities with individual supplies.

The night starts with Music as all clubs sing fun kids' worship songs a safe distance from others. We have a talented and dedicated music team that loves leading the girls and boys in singing and worship.

Many consider Handbook/Small-Group time and Large Group time the core of Awana. These segments are where your children read, hear, and actively learn about God's Word from the Bible. Age appropriate Awana handbooks are designed so that each child can complete it during the club year and progress to the next book the following year. Now more than ever, parents are encouraged to work with their children at home and for some grades, sign completed handbook sections.



**This year check-in will be at the courtyard on Elm St. At end of night we ask each parent to pick-up their children at the courtyard.** Please have your children use the bathroom before club to minimize the need for bathroom trips during club time.

We will begin the evening with a brief flag ceremony for all age groups promptly at 6:45pm. At 7:00 pm all groups will move to their own areas for their club activities.

There are designated locations for each club. You are encouraged to have your child bring his or her own beach towel, blanket, or lawn chair to sit on.

Please have your child bring:

- Handbook
- Awana bag
- Water bottle (if desired)
- Blanket, beach towel, or folding chair



The evening is structured as follows:

- 6:45 pm - Arrival/Welcome/ Opening Flag Ceremony – 5 minutes
- Music – 10 minutes
- Club meeting time: Handbook/Small-Group time, lesson
- 7:50pm - Ending. Please meet your student at the table / entrance to the church courtyard.

We strive to start and end Awana according to the schedule. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

In the event of inclement weather, the church building will be used so that clubs can be in areas away from one another and with adequate space to allow distancing. Should it be necessary to cancel a club night for any reason, such as due to weather, official notice will be sent from WBC to the primary email you provided when you registered for Awana.

Before Covid, parents were always welcome to stay, observe, or be part of the activities. This year we ask that family members observe from outside of the courtyard. However, **we still need adult volunteers, listeners, or leaders and will hold online training Wednesday September 2nd.** Please let me know if you wish to volunteer!

Mission and service opportunities will be announced during the year and include.



1. Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child (Christmas boxes)
2. Food Drive – New Trier Township Food Pantry
3. Another to be determined



You may contact me with any questions, concerns, or if you wish to help in any way.

For the Gospel,

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