



September 7, 2016

Dear Parent:

Welcome to Awana 2016-17! 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.

If you are familiar with Awana you know that each club is unique. WBC and EBF partner in offering Awana for children ages 2 years old through 8th grade, including Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, and Trek.

Awana is fun & exciting. Game time is always a highlight of the night when everyone gets to shout, cheer for their team and be energetic. Our gym has two game circles. Be sure your children wear or bring gym shoes every week!



Music is also fun with a learning element. We have a talented and dedicated music team that loves leading the boys & girls in singing and praise.

Many consider Handbook/Small-Group time and Large Group time the core of Awana. These segments are where your children will read, hear, and actively learn about God's Word from the Bible. The handbooks are designed with one for each age/grade so that each child can complete the handbook during the club year and progress to the next book the following year. You can help support your child's progress in his or her handbook by encouraging them and working with them at home.

Please have your children use the bathroom before club to minimize the need for bathroom trips during club time.

Club begins with a brief flag ceremony promptly at 6:45pm in the gym for T&T and Sparks. Puggles and Cubbies meet at 7:00 pm in their rooms (NH 101 and 103). **Please check your children in on a computer kiosk in the lobby or lower level. At end of night give your printed ID sticker to the Director).** For security we ask everyone to enter *and leave* from the front lobby door only.



There are designated locations for coats, boots, and book bags for each club:

- Puggles and Cubbies** - The hall outside their rooms
- Sparks** - The pegs on the wall outside their rooms FL 103-104
- T&T (Boys and Girls)** - Leave coats & boots in the lobby coat-room or at the gym coat-racks. Put book bags up the stairs outside the gym. After games they will pick up their book bags as they leave the gym.

The evening is structured as follows:

- Arrival/Welcome/ Opening Flag Ceremony – 5 minutes
- Rotations through: Handbook/Small-Group time, Game time, Large Group/Music time
- Pick-up at 8:15pm (Puggles and Cubbies 8:00pm) from their room. Please give your matching check-out sticker with your student's club Director before leaving through the front doors.

We strive to start and end Awana according to the schedule. Please be prompt in picking up your children – Puggles & Cubbies from their rooms at 8:00 pm, Sparks from their room and T&T from the gym at 8:15 pm. Please decide where to meet your Trek student after 8:15 pm. After 8:25pm any remaining students will be taken to the lounge adjacent to the lobby to wait with leaders for a parent or guardian.

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.

You are always welcome to stay, observe, or be part of the activities. Please let a leader know at check-in and you will be given a visitor name badge. We can still use helpers, listeners, or leaders in Puggles, Cubbies, T&T, and Trek. 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. Cape Missions International - Shoes for South Africa (where we have members serving in missionary roles)



The goals of Awana, to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, have not changed even as the methods and curriculum are updated. Awana is doing more to build relationships and disciple girls and boys to lifelong faith and service while having fun.

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

For the Gospel,

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