

Bethany Church

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Parent Guide

2024-2025

What:

The Bethany Awana program is a weekly Christ-centered club for children ages 4 through 6th Grade. Club-night consists of interactive large group lessons, exploring God's Word in small groups, and fun-filled game time, all done in an orderly, safe, and respectful environment.

When:

Awana meets every Wednesday evenings (except holidays) at Bethany Church from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. during the school year, beginning **Sept 4th, 2023**

Clubs:

Pre-school 4-6 yrs Old



K-2nd Grade



3rd- 6th Grade

Registration & Fees

A single registration fee for the year will apply, payable by cash or check to Bethany Church at the time of registration. The single fee covers both the clubber's book and dues for the year, which recover a portion of the Club's costs (the rest being covered by Bethany Church).

Per family/household:

1. clubber	\$45
2. clubbers	\$75 (i.e. second clubber = \$30)
3+ clubbers	\$105 (i.e. third clubber = \$30,

Bethany Church Awana desires to ensure that finances are never an obstacle to participation. If registration fees represent a hardship, please let Commander Steve or Monika know and allow us to work with you on an alternative payment plan.

Awana shirts, vests, bags, & replacement books can be purchased at the front desk:

\$20	Book replacement cost (all clubs)	\$10	Bag for Sparks
\$20	Vest for Cubbies	\$28	Shirt for T&T (green or blue)
\$20	Vest for Sparks	\$20	Sling Bag for T&T
\$10	Bag for Cubbies		

Drop-off and Pickup

Each club-night clubbers are to be checked-in by the parent/guardian at the Awana table, located upstairs at the entrance to the church. Once checked in, clubbers are to remain inside prior to opening ceremony (e.g. no going back outside to play basketball)

At the end of the club evening, the parent/guardian (or designee) will pickup (sign-out) their clubber from the clubber's classroom. Please be prompt in picking up your clubber at 8:00 sharp.

Electronics

More and more kids are getting smart phones, and at earlier ages, and we do acknowledge the many benefits of this technology, however...

At Bethany's -Awana program, the use of electronics (phones, games, music players) by clubbers during club-time (6:30-8:00) is **prohibited**. We understand that some clubbers may have become accustomed to routine use of an electronic Bible, but ask that they use old fashion paper ones for Awana club-time - we always have plenty of extras!

Snacks

With the increasing prevalence of food allergies among kids, Bethany Awana program desires to ensure a safe environment with respect to snacks. While we try to serve only nut-free snacks, as a rule, we cannot guarantee the environment. If your child has a food allergy (or any other allergy), please make sure to let us know so that we can enhance awareness and make reasonable accommodations.

Occasionally, clubbers will want to bring in snacks (e.g. cupcakes) to share with their small group; if your clubber wants to do that, please keep in mind that some may not be able to enjoy, and discuss with the leader in advance.

Uniforms

Camaraderie among clubbers and respect for Club order is greatly enhanced when everyone is wearing their uniforms. (both clubber and leader alike). We urge all clubbers to wear their club uniforms every club-night.

Awards

There are a variety of earned awards available to clubbers throughout the year, including: periodic and frequent progress awards towards book completion, event and theme night prizes, special recognition for bringing friends to Club, and the nightly earning of Awana shares that can be redeemed at the **Awana store**.

The Awana store for clubbers will be opened twice during the winter/spring program year (December and May).

The signature award is for book completion, awarded in front of the Bethany church body during the awards ceremony at the close of the Awana year.

Parental involvement

Awana is a dynamic ministry whose ultimate goal is to lead clubbers to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Awana leaders and many others behind the scenes are working and praying towards that goal. And while we consider it a privilege and honor to serve the Lord and your family in that pursuit, the biblical model calls for parents to take the lead role in the spiritual development of their children (Deut 6:4-9). We want you to know that we are praying for you! The materials the kids have are terrific, and we ask you to invest time with them outside Club, helping them with their sections (which many clubbers are unable to complete without outside help). If you have any questions regarding the curriculum, our common faith, the church, or how to discuss matters of eternity with our precious children, please let us know – we would love to partner with you more closely!

In Christ,

Shameka Strong and the Bethany Awana ministry team