

Awana Parent Information

2026–2027 Parent Information

Welcome to DHBC Awana

Awana is a midweek evangelism and discipleship ministry focused on building godly character in children through Scripture memorization, biblical teaching, games, awards, and prizes. We exist to glorify God by reaching children with the Gospel of Christ and discipling them according to His Word.

Club nights: Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m., beginning September 9, 2026.

Theme verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 — “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Programs and Materials

Program	Age / Grade	2026–2027 Material
Puggles	Age 2	Program materials provided by the club
Cubbies	Ages 3–5	HoneyComb Handbook; vest
Sparks	Kindergarten–2nd grade	Assigned Sparks handbook; vest
T&T Boys / Girls	3rd–6th grade	Agents of Grace; T&T shirt
Nursery	Infants–age 2	Available only for children of Awana volunteers

Registration Costs

- \$15 registration per child
- \$13 handbook, if needed
- \$14 vest, if needed
- \$19 T&T shirt, if needed
- Scholarships are available when finances would otherwise be a barrier; please contact the church office.

Cubbies vests may generally be worn for up to two years, Sparks vests for up to three years, and T&T shirts for up to four years. Families may wish to allow room for growth; Cubbies vests tend to run small.

Important Contacts

Role	Name	Contact
Commander	TBD	Leadership contact to be finalized
Club Secretary	Tod Burres	360-481-1880 tlburres@gmail.com
Secretary / Admin	Lisa Burres	360-481-2155 momburres@gmail.com
Nursery Director	Ellie Wheeler	480-356-2335 ellieerichardson89@gmail.com
Puggles Director	Katherine Slaton	530-712-8708 conleykatherine3@gmail.com
Cubbies Directors	Caleb and Kindle Taylor	602-647-4692 / 602-647-4690 kindlesuetaylor@gmail.com
Sparks Director	Rod Hillis	602-332-8311 rodhillis78@gmail.com
T&T Boys Director	Alex Miles	623-556-6078 toniandalexmiles@gmail.com
T&T Girls Director	Amber Roberts	602-568-6828 amberle91411@gmail.com
Games Director	Micah Pietsch	602-317-7000 MDMMoose2001@gmail.com

Weekly Check-in and Check-out

- Please take children to the bathroom before club begins.
- Check-in stations in the Children's Ministry courtyard open no earlier than 6:00 p.m.
- Children may be dropped off in their assigned rooms no earlier than 6:15 p.m., after two leaders are present.
- Security tags are required. Children through 6th grade must be dropped off by a parent or legal guardian and released only to a person with the matching security tag.
- Club ends promptly at 8:00 p.m.; please complete pickup no later than 8:15 p.m.
- Children may not roam the church campus, gym, classrooms, or playgrounds without supervision before, during, or after club.

Wednesday Night Schedule and Room Layout

Time	Activity
5:45 p.m.	Rooms unlocked
5:50 p.m.	Check-in administrators arrive; Awana Basecamp setup
6:00 p.m.	Directors and FastTrack leaders arrive; room setup and parent check-in begin
6:15 p.m.	Table Leaders, Helpers, and Floaters are in place; clubber drop-off begins
6:30 p.m.	All club programs begin
8:00 p.m.	All club programs end promptly; clubber pickup begins
8:30 p.m.	Rooms locked

Detailed Room Layout

Program	Room / Location	Use
Nursery (infants–age 2)	Room 102	Only for children of Awana volunteers
Puggles (age 2)	Room 103	Drop-off and pickup
Cubbies (ages 3–5)	Rooms 104 and 111	Drop-off and pickup at Room 104
Sparks (K–2nd)	Fellowship Hall	Drop-off
Sparks (K–2nd)	Rooms 106, 107, 109, and 110	Pickup from the child's assigned room
T&T Boys (3rd–6th)	Gym lobby	Parents may drop-off or have clubbers report here
T&T Boys (3rd–6th)	Fellowship Hall — east side by courtyard	Pickup
T&T Girls (3rd–6th)	Room 203, directly above Room 103	Parents may drop-off or have clubbers report here
T&T Girls (3rd–6th)	Fellowship Hall — west side by gym	Pickup



What Clubbers Should Bring and Wear

- Wear closed-toed athletic shoes suitable for active games; no flip-flops.
- Wear the appropriate Awana vest or shirt.
- Bring a Bible, Awana handbook, and water bottle each week.
- Leave phones, toys, and other distracting items at home unless requested for that night's theme.
- Come prepared to recite memorized verses and complete handbook sections.

Verse Recital Guidelines

- The goal is word-perfect recital, with a maximum of two helps per section.
- An entire section must be recited at one time; partial credit is not awarded.
- Sections may not be recited to a family member, and clubbers may not look at the handbook while reciting.
- Written blanks must be completed before credit is given for sections that require them.
- Parents should tell the Director or Commander about learning needs or other reasons a child may require an approved accommodation.

Parent and Clubber Expectations

- Parents are expected to help children study verses and progress through their handbooks during the week.
- Parents should communicate promptly with the club Director regarding verse-recital needs, attendance concerns, food allergies, or other important information.
- Clubbers are expected to participate in games unless a parent has made prior arrangements with the Director.
- Parents and clubbers agree to cooperate with church and Awana leadership regarding safety, conduct, and disruptive behavior.
- A parent may arrange to observe one club night after checking in with the Commander. Continued participation in rooms with children requires completion of DHBC Children's Ministry volunteer screening and safety requirements.

2026–2027 Parent Calendar

Unless a date is identified as No Awana, regular club meets each Wednesday from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Special activities shown below are part of the 2026–2027 schedule.

Date	Event
Sep. 9, 2026	Club Night — First Awana Club Night
Sep. 16	Club Night
Sep. 23	Club Night
Sep. 30	Club Night — Crazy Hair Night
Oct. 7	Club Night
Oct. 14	Club Night — Parents Night #1
Oct. 21	Club Night
Oct. 28	Club Night
Nov. 4	Club Night — Red, White & Blue Night
Nov. 11	Club Night
Nov. 18	Club Night
Nov. 25	No Awana — Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2	Club Night — Sparks Awana Store
Dec. 9	Club Night
Dec. 16	Club Night — Christmas Celebration
Dec. 23	No Awana — Christmas Break
Dec. 30	No Awana — Christmas Break
Jan. 6, 2027	Club Night / Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 13	Club Night — Silly Socks Night / Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 20	Club Night / Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 27	Club Night / Bible Quiz Practice
Feb. 3	Club Night
Feb. 6 (Saturday)	Awana Bible Quiz Competition
Feb. 10	Club Night — Parents Night #2
Feb. 17	Club Night — Missions Night
Feb. 20 (Saturday)	Grand Prix Car-Building Workshop
Feb. 24	Club Night — Grand Prix Weight Pre-check
Feb. 26 (Friday)	Grand Prix Race Preparation
Feb. 27 (Saturday)	Awana Grand Prix Race
Mar. 3	Club Night
Mar. 10	Club Night
Mar. 17	No Awana — Spring Break
Mar. 24	Club Night — Bible Character Dress-Up Night
Mar. 31	Club Night
Apr. 7	Club Night
Apr. 14	Club Night
Apr. 21	Club Night
Apr. 28	Club Night — Sparks Awana Store
May 5	Club Night — Leader Appreciation Night
May 12	Club Night — Final Club Night / Year-End Party
May 19	Club Night — Awards Night