

**First Baptist
Church of Arnold
2020 - 2021
Parent & Clubber**



**Manual
Club # 8884**

Clubber's Name

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A Note to Parents:



We are excited to welcome you to the Awana Clubs ministry at First Baptist Church

of Arnold! Our program is focused on the Awana vision of partnering with parents to raise children and youth to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

A typical Awana meeting will include opportunities for your child to develop new relationships, memorize Scripture and develop a deeper understanding of God's Word. Your child will also get the opportunity to compete in games and receive awards for their accomplishments.

In an effort to promote a safe environment, all of our leadership is required to participate in a child abuse/criminal background check and adhere to the policies and practices stated in the Child Safety Policy booklet. Additionally, our leaders adhere to the doctrinal statement of First Baptist Church of Arnold and receive the appropriate training for their specific area of responsibility.

We strongly encourage parents to take an active role in their child's Awana experience. Please set aside time during the week to discuss what your child is learning and to review handbook sections with the goal of completing 1-2 per week. Please let us know if your child needs special assistance.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fun Awana year!

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Parents please visit **www.awana.org** for an interactive website that helps explain the Awana Club program.

COVID-19 and FBCA Awana Clubs

Have we ever missed gathering together with you!!!! We are excited that as part of “The Great FBCA Comeback” and part of our slow, step by step process following all state and local safety, deep sanitation and distancing guidelines, our goal is to begin our 2020 – 2021 Awana Club year beginning, Wednesday, September 2, 2020!

As we are navigating ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that situations change almost daily. Due to the recent increase in cases in our county we have decided to start our Awana Clubs virtually for at least Sept.—Oct. During this time and any other time we can't meet on campus, we will provide virtual training for kids and parents during the time away and make families aware of any changes in programming through our weekly Awana e-newsletter.

When we do meet on campus, we know that some of you will not yet be comfortable with your children attending Awana Clubs on our campus. God wired each of us differently. We need to follow the Lord and the pace He gives us concerning our comfort and confidence. Whether or not you join us on campus, we support your decision. We are one united church family. We will walk forward together with the goal of returning to a sense of normalcy.

Due to the nature of this time and our local county and state guidelines, when we meet on campus our Awana Club will look a little different (this is temporary). We will implement a number of protocols to aid the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. These will include increasing cleaning & disinfecting, reducing the number of children in our rooms, increasing social distance as much as possible and reducing the amount of child-to-child contact throughout the evening.

To help make our kids, families and leaders as safe as possible, please be aware of the following:

- Parents, please follow social distancing guidelines during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Please remind your children to socially distance, wash their hands, not touch their face and of any other local, state or federal guidelines for the prevention of COVID.
- Only adults are allowed to touch the check-in station's touchscreens. Please use hand sanitizer before & after check-in.
- Only the child will proceed to the Large Group Room while the parent will exit via the stairwell near the restrooms.

Procedures for the evening:

Social Distancing

- Chairs will be spread out to help with social distancing.
- Kids will be encouraged to social distance during game time.

Sanitation

- The Awana club rooms, stairwells, hallways and restrooms will be cleaned before and after each Awana Club program.
- No snacks or candy will be served during club.

Bathroom policy

- Parents will be encouraged to have their children use the restroom before Awana Clubs begin and to have them wash hands thoroughly following our evening.
- Bathroom breaks will be discouraged. If a child must use the bathroom, we will monitor a limited number of children at a time in the bathroom. They will thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) wash their hands with soap and water.
- Drinking fountains will not be available. Parents may wish to have their child bring a reusable water bottle each week.

Dismissal

- Please be prompt in picking up your child (see page 8).

General Health Guidelines

- For the safety of our Awana Secretaries and of everyone else, if at all possible, please pay any and all dues or fees online at fbcarnoldweb.myshelby.org
- If a child is not feeling well or showing signs of illness, please keep the child home.
- A child MUST be fever free (less than 100) for at least 24 hours before returning to Awana Clubs. **The CDC recommends that any individual with a fever should be fever free for 14 days, before coming in contact with any other individual.**
- Any person with a communicable disease – green/yellow runny nose, excessive coughing, diarrhea, questionable rash, etc., should please stay home.
- If a child becomes ill at any time, parent/guardian will be notified immediately and the child will be isolated from all other children.

Thanks for your understanding as we all navigate these uncharted waters with the Lord's guidance. We are fully dependent on the Lord during this time and all times.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Club Schedule & Locations:

This schedule is subject to change for special events or Family Life Center space considerations. We will do our best to provide advanced notice of these changes.

Puggles (2 1/2 — 3 year olds born before 02/01/2018)

Located in the FBCA nursery area

- 6:15 – 6:45 Play Time
- 6:45 – 7:15 Bible Story Time
- 7:15 – 7:55 Activity
- 7:55 – 8:00 Closing/Parent Pick Up

Cubbies (3—4 year olds born before 08/01/2017)

Located on the Top Level of the Family Life Center

- 6:15 – 6:25 Opening, Flag Ceremony (Large Group Rm)
- 6:25 – 6:50 Bible Story
- 6:50 – 7:05 Mission Story
- 7:05 – 7:55 Game Time /Handbook Time (LGR / Level 2 Rms)
- 7:55 – 8:00 Closing/Parent Pick Up (LGR)

Sparks (K—2nd Grade) (born before 08/01/2015)

- 6:15 – 6:52 Handbook Time for Y & B Game Time for R & G
- 6:52 – 7:30 Handbook Time for Y & B Game Time for R & G
- 7:30 – 7:55 Flag Ceremony / Movie Time / Council Time / Missions Study / Awards (FL 04 — 07)
- 7:55 – 8:00 Closing/Parent Pick Up

Truth & Training Clubs (3rd – 6th Grade) (born B4 08/01/12)

- 6:15 – 6:40 Flag Ceremony / Movie Time (FL 04 — 07)
- 6:40 – 7:15 Small Group Time (FLC Level 2 Rooms)
- 7:15 – 7:30 Council Time (FL 04 — 07)
- 7:30 – 7:55 Game Time (Gym)
- 7:55 – 8:00 Parent Pick Up (FL 08)

Club Activities:

A typical Awana meeting includes each of the following activities.

Game Time

Awana games are an exciting and safe time of fun and friendly competition. All children are expected to participate in game time unless excused by a parent.

Handbook Time

Learning and memorizing God's Word is the most important part of Awana Clubs. Each Awana Leader meets with small groups (6-8 children) to review their handbooks, recite scripture and discuss what they have learned. Each clubber will have the opportunity to complete at least 2 sections per week. (more, if time permits).

Council Time/Missions

Clubbers gather in a large group meeting for a time of singing, testimonies, age appropriate Bible stories, and exposure to missions both at home and beyond.

Required Weekly Dues:

Dues **\$ 0.50** per week

The entire year's weekly dues can also be prepaid during online registration.



The required dues are used to defer the cost of our Awana club program, including material costs, food, special event fees & awards.

Weekly Missions offering is expected.

\$ 0.25

FBCA supports missions and will give bonus points to clubbers who bring in a weekly 25 cent missions offering.

Uniforms

Puggles T-shirt	\$14.00
Cubbies Vest	\$16.00
Sparks Vest	\$16.00
T&T Jersey	\$20.00



Clubbers are eligible to purchase a uniform after completing the entrance booklet, which will be provided during the first meeting attended. A used uniform may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis at 50% of the current price.



Handbooks

Puggles Coloring & Activity Book	\$ 4.00
Cubbies & Sparks Handbooks (w/audio download)	\$12.00
T&T Handbooks	\$14.00
Sparks Frequent Flyer Extra-Credit Book	\$10.00
Puggles Big Truths Music CD	\$16.00

Please make checks payable to the First Baptist Church of Arnold (F.B.C.A.). Make sure to include the uniform size when you order. You can also pay for handbooks and uniforms online at fbcarnoldweb.myshelby.org.

First Baptist Church of Arnold does not want any child to be deprived of participation in Awana due to finances. If you have a financial need, please contact the Children's Pastor to request a financial need application.

General Guidelines:

Safety:

- At the beginning of each club night all clubbers must be checked in by an adult at one of our Awana Check-In Stations.
- Parents / adult guardian of all children are encouraged to stay on campus to serve in Awana Clubs or attend a Life Class. **Parents / adult guardians of Kindergarten age or younger children are required to stay on campus.**
- **Club concludes at 8 p.m. sharp.**
 - Please be prompt when picking up your child out of consideration for our leaders and their families. If picking up multiple aged children, **please pick-up the youngest children first.**
 - Your child will only be released to an adult (16 years or older) who has your child's pick-up receipt.
- Soft-soled, non-scuffing athletic shoes are an absolute must for game time. Clubbers will NOT be allowed to play games on the gym floor in their bare feet, socks, or inappropriate shoes.

- If your child experiences an injury during club, basic first aid will be administered. If professional care is deemed necessary, you will be contacted immediately.

Sick Children:

- For the protection of all children, parents are asked not to drop off a sick child. On the recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases, a child should not be taken from home when any of the following exist: Fever, vomiting or diarrhea currently or within the past 24 hours, any symptom of a childhood disease such as scarlet fever, measles, mumps, chickenpox or whooping cough, the common cold, sore throat, croup, persistent cough, green runny nose, any unexplained rash, head lice, pink eye or other eye infection or hand foot and mouth disease. If a child develops a fever or other symptoms of illness while at church, they will be isolated and the parents contacted to take the child home.
- If your child has a food allergy, please be sure to indicate on your registration and inform the secretary and/or your child's leader.

Personal Belongings:

- Please use a laundry marker to write your child's first and last name on their uniform (on the tag). Lost uniforms will be collected and placed in a lost and found bin in the secretary closet. Please also label coats and bags/backpacks.
- Nice "church" clothing is not appropriate Awana apparel. Shorts are permissible as long as they are modest (to the end of your finger tips when standing upright).
- Please write your child's first and last name on their Awana handbook.

Cancellations:

Occasionally, our meeting will be cancelled due to inclement weather. The Children's Pastor will send out an email, if there is advanced notice, and will include notices and information on his voicemail (see phone number on pg. 3).

Behavior:

- All Awana leaders and staff must be respected and obeyed.
- All clubbers are expected to take part in the entire club program, unless there is a written note from parents.

- When arriving to club, parents are to take their children to their club's designated meeting area.
- Uniforms are to be worn at all times.
- Bathroom privileges & drinks are at designated times only.
- When in the hallway, please walk quickly and quietly.
- Clubbers, who do not attempt to complete a section in their book for 3 consecutive meetings, will not be allowed to participate in game time the following week. If there is no attempt to complete a section after that, the child will be asked to stay with their parents.

Discipline:

- A "Five Count" system will be used to quiet the group at various times. When the leaders have counted to five, all clubbers and leaders are expected to be still, quiet and paying attention.
- A "Three Count" system will be used to warn an individual clubber when their behavior is not meeting expectations. After three warnings, the clubber will be removed from the meeting and parents will be called immediately. The clubber is welcome back when he or she is willing to meet the club behavior expectations.

Scripture Memorization:

- Each section, which may include multiple verses, must be completed during one session. A clubber may not refer to their handbook, neighbors, *etc.* during a session.
- A leader may give two "helps" per section. A "help" is whatever aid a leader chooses to assist a clubber in the completion of a section. If a clubber requires more than two helps, they will be asked to review the section and start again from the beginning.
- Sections must be completed in person to an Awana leader. **Parents are encouraged to review and listen to sections at home and initial the sections to provide extra points (Sparks and T&T Club) for their clubber.**
- Please discuss any special needs related to reading and/or scripture memorization with your child's leader. Additional memorization resources are available from your club director and at www.awana.org.



Puggles (born before 02/01/18)

recognizes the learning ability of 2 and 3 year olds by introducing biblical precepts at church and equipping parents to teach them at home. Toddlers love having their very own Awana club just like their older siblings.

In Puggles, children are welcomed each week with play time, songs and simple crafts and activities. Leaders present age-appropriate lessons using large, colorful teaching cards, finger puppet plays and more. Lessons teach and reinforce four basic biblical precepts:

- God Made Everything
- God Saw That It Was Good
- God is Love
- Give Thanks

The Puggles Coloring and Activity Book — Fun pages help children engage artistically and review what they learn in an age-appropriate way. Participating in Puggles will give your child a head start on the path to loving & following God for life.



Cubbies (preschoolers born before 08/01/17)

includes a cute character named Cubbie Bear, a blue vest with accompanying awards for "Cubbies" to wear and an apple motif. Cubbie Bear encourages children as they achieve in handbooks. All lessons are designed to help Cubbies grow in their respect and love for God, His Son and His Word.

Apple Acres Entrance Booklet

Includes Bear Hug A and B sections, Cubbies key verse and

motto, fun activity pages, basic Cubbies info and a gospel presentation.

Cubbie Handbooks

The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers.

The HoneyComb or AppleSeed handbook combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. Each Cubbies handbook contains a helpful audio download to use at home. One handbook is completed in a club year. Each handbook contains 26 Bear Hug sections along with four special-day sections.

Cubbie Game Time

Cubbies play on the Cubbie Game Circle/Square and is designed to be fun and non-competitive.

Cubbie Song and Story Time

For Song and Story Time, Cubbies join together for singing their favorite songs and listening to a Bible Story. The Bible Story comes alive with the leader's illustrations. A mission story provides the children with an early understanding of missions.

Cubbie Awards

A Cubbie who completes all available elements of the curriculum for the year will earn:

- 1 AppleSeed or HoneyComb Trail Emblem
- 4 Green Apple Emblems
- 4 Red Apple Emblems
- 14 Green Apple stickers
- 14 Red Apple stickers
- 20 review stickers (eight Cubbie Bear, six Luvie Lamb and six Katie Collie)
- 30 Golden Apple stickers (replacing the hand stamps for Under the Apple Tree)
- 4 Special Day stickers (one different sticker for each special day)
- 1 AppleSeed or HoneyComb Book Award



Designed for Kindergartners (born before 08/01/2015), First and Second-graders

Sparks includes a fun firefly character named Sparky, a red vest with accompanying awards for "Sparkies" to wear and a nature motif. The 3 Sparks handbooks and ranks are HangGlider (1st year), WingRunner (2nd year), and SkyStormer (3rd year). Sparky firefly encourages and motivates children through handbook achievements. Handbooks provide Bible memorization curriculum and other Bible-centered activities.

Sparks Rank Emblems

Sparkies earn a Sparks emblem by completing the first portion in their handbooks: HangGlider, WingRunner and SkyStormer. Sew these emblems on the upper left side of the Sparks uniform vest below the Sparks emblem.

Sparks Pilot Wings

Sparkies receive a pilot wing when they earn their first achievement jewel in a particular handbook. Pilot wings are green for HangGlider, blue for WingRunner and red for SkyStormer.

Achievement Jewels

There are 12 achievement jewels for each handbook with 4 of each color. That's a total of 36 jewels for all three Sparks handbooks. Red and green jewels are awarded for completing the handbook sections. Blue jewels are awarded for club attendance.

Other Sparks Emblems

Sparks Small Group Attendance Emblems (300 pts) – 2 times; two absences permitted during every 17-18 weeks.

Sparks Frequent Flyer Emblem and Pins

Sparkies completing the book review (by reviewing the handbook itself or by doing the review in the Frequent Flyer cards) receive the Book Review Emblem, which is placed under the pilot wings.

Sparkies earn the Frequent Flyer pins by completing the *Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Books*. The Extra Credit Books correspond to the three handbooks.

Please, look at the back of the handbooks for more specific information on award placement.

Sparks Teams / Points

Sparkies are assigned to one of four team colors and earn points for themselves and their team by:

- attending club (10 pts)
- bringing a Bible (5 pts)
- bringing handbook (5 pts)
- bringing 50 ¢ weekly dues (5 pts)
- bringing 25 ¢ missions offering (5 pts)
- reciting sections (10 pts per section, 20 per extra credit section)
- wearing their uniform (5 pts)
- bringing a friend to club (50 pts)
- attending Sunday small groups (300 pts)
- participating in the special theme nights (10 pts)
- parents / guardians initialing up to 2 sections memorized for Handbook time recitation (5 pts each).

Monthly points determine the Sparky of the Month. Points are also used to determine the amount of Awana Bucks one receives for Awana SuperStore.

Sparks-A-Rama is an Awana game competition between other churches in our area. The event is held each spring and consists of a team with a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15 players from our club. These events are competitive and have limited team member spots available.



Designed for third through sixth grade boys and girls. The T&T (Truth & Training) curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace.

T&T Clubbers will spend time learning how the characteristics and attributes of God relate to them on a personal level. In addition, they will have a fresh and fun story to dive into each week.

Before working in a handbook, kids new to T&T complete a short entrance booklet that explains God's wonderful plan of salvation.



T&T Teams / Points

T&T Clubbers are assigned to one of four team colors and earn points for themselves and their team the same way as Sparks (see above).

Monthly points determine the Clubber of the Month / Year. Points are also used to determine the amount of Awana Bucks one receives for Awana SuperStore.

Awana Grand Prix

Awana Grand Prix is a model car racing event that is popular among our Awana clubbers. Weeks before our race, clubbers can purchase small, pine blocks of wood and plastic wheels from which they construct their cars, usually with the help of parent or leader. During the actual Grand Prix, clubbers compete within two categories: speed and design. The cars race on a high speed aluminum four-lane track with an electronic timer. Clubbers are awarded first, second, and third place trophies for each category.



Awana Bible Quizzing

Awana Bible Quizzing is a Bible Knowledge challenge event. Quiz questions are taken from the Start Zone Entrance Booklet and Handbook. Team members are selected on the basis of their ability, team attitude and practice attendance.



AwanaGames is a fun regional game competition between other churches in our area. A team consists of a minimum of 10 players (5 boys, 5 girls) and a maximum of 14 players (7 boys, 7 girls). These events are competitive & have limited team member spots available. After meeting the eligibility

requirements, team members are selected by the AwanaGames' coach based on team needs, the coach's discretion and the clubbers' practice attendance; the number of sections passed in their handbooks this Awana year; and their ability in these events and their team attitude. FYI: Due to the limited spots everyone practicing is not guaranteed a spot on the team.

Note: Awana Bible Quizzing and AwanaGames will only take place if sponsored by our regional Awana Clubs.

2020—2021 Awana Calendar

September

- 2 Awana Club Night # 1
- 9 Awana Club Night # 2
- 16 Awana Club Night # 3 — Crazy Hair Night
- 23 Awana Club Night # 4
- 30 Awana Club Night # 5 — Sparks & T&T Movie Night
and Cubbie Favorite Stuffed Animal Night

October

- 7 Awana Club Night # 6
- 14 Awana Club Night # 7 — 1st Qtr. Attn'd. Awards
- 21 Awana Club Night # 8 — Candy Drive
- 28 Awana Club Night # 9 — Cubbie Store

November

- 4 Awana Club Night # 10
- 11 Awana Club Night # 11
- 18 Awana Club Night # 12 — Canned Food Drive
- 25 No Awana Clubs — Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 2 Awana Club Night #13
- 9 No Awana Clubs — Voices of Christmas Rehearsal
- 16 No Awana Clubs — Next Gen Family Christmas
- 23 No Awana Clubs — Merry Christmas!
- 30 No Awana Clubs — Happy New Year!

January

- 6 Awana Club Night #14 — Sparks & T&T
Superstore / Small Group Award #1 (08/30-12/20; 15 of 17)
- 13 Awana Club Night # 15 — 2nd Qtr. Attn'd. Awards
& Cubbie Race Night
- 20 Awana Club Night # 16 — Super Hero Night
- 26 T&T Grand Prix Trial Runss 6 pm
- 27 Awana Club Night # 17— T&T Grand Prix

February

- 3 Awana Club Night # 18** — Sports Night
- 10 Awana Club Night # 19**
- 17 Awana Club Night # 20**
- 24 Awana Club Night # 21** — Cubbie Store

March

- 3 Awana Club Night # 22** — 3rd Qtr. Attnd. Awards
- 10 Awana Club Night # 23** — Sparks Race Car Night
- 17 Awana Club Night # 24** — Camo Night
- 24 Awana Club Night # 25**
- 31 Awana Club Night # 26**

April

- 7 Awana Club Night # 27**
- 14 Awana Club Night # 28** — Cubbie Race Night
- 21 Awana Club Night # 29** — Jammies Night
- 28 Awana Club Night # 30** — Sparks and T&T Super store / Small Group Award #2 (01/03-04/25 15 of 17)
— 4th Qtr Attnd Awards

May

- 5 Awana Club Night #31**
- 12 Awana Year End Celebration**

Note: This Calendar is tentative and subject to change as the year progresses. For up to date information please read the weekly Awana Email newsletter

Awana Website Information

FBCA's Website: www.FBCArnold.org/firstkids

Official Awana Clubs' Website: www.awana.org

Regional Awana Clubs' Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/MissouriAwana/>

Awana Leader Expectations & Role Descriptions

FBCA's Purpose Statement: First Baptist Church of Arnold is about building God's Kingdom through life changing relationships that are biblical and relevant.

Leader Expectations

As a FBCA Awana Leader you are committing to and agreeing

- that you are born again and active member of FBCA or another local evangelical church
- to grant authorization for FBCA to run a confidential background check
- to be here at least 25 of 30 club nights
- to set a Christian example in words and in actions
- to build relationships with the clubbers by actively participating in **all** club segments (i.e. Handbook Time, Large Group Time, Game Time).

Leader Role Descriptions

Club Director

Oversees one age-specific Awana club (i.e., Puggles, Cubbies, etc.). Responsibilities include communicating vision, shepherding leaders, managing administrative duties and communicating to church leadership, parents, children and leaders.

Club Secretary

Provides administrative support by maintaining attendance and achievement records using the Approved Workman computer database.

Adult Leader

Keeping with our Purpose Statement an adult leader builds relationships with a small group of clubbers to help them learn and understand handbook sections and Bible lessons. Actively participates in **all** club segments

Student Leader

Teenager or pre-teen who serves as an Awana leader in a younger club under the direction of adult leaders.

Large Group Teacher

Teaches children age-appropriate Bible lessons in a large group setting.

Song Leader

Leads song time in an age-appropriate way in a large group setting. May sing, play an instrument and/or lead hand motions.

Game Director

Plans and leads age-appropriate games during Game Time. May direct Game Time in one or more clubs on the same night.

Training for Awana Leaders

We provide two online training resources for our Awana Leaders.

1. www.awana.org/leadershipdevelopment/training/

Provided by Awana Clubs. Note: you will have to login (you can create your own login or use Facebook, Google or Twitter to login). Once on the page, click on your club on the left and it will show your club specific training modules.

Click on your module. Then click on “Let’s Begin” and follow the instructions.

Club Directors, Secretaries and Handbook Leader, you can also click on “Resources” at the top of the page and see helpful club resources that you can download. You can also narrow down the resource list by clicking on your club on the left side of the screen.

Awana leaders can visit the online training anytime.

2. www.fbcarnold.org/firstkids

Provided by FBCA. See our website (Wednesday Tab) for our very important and helpful FBCA Club specific online training videos and documents

Awana Club Room Locations

