

*The Leaders of the FBC Cubbies Club
want to thank you for allowing us the privilege of working with your child.*



The Cubbies Ministry

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club ministry for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Puggles is a program for pre-Cubbies (**must be 2 years old prior to September 1, 2018**) that presents basic Biblical concepts during their nursery time. Our purpose is to help your child take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

Deuteronomy says that parents are to teach their children about God's ways...in routine activities...passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies and Puggles programs are designed to help children and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week the parents help their Cubbies complete the scheduled Bear Hug. We also encourage them to review the previous three Bible Verses (Under the Apple Tree). Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces

the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do on the same truth that you have worked on at home. Our story time, handbook sections, games, and activities will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really cement that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds!

Requirements for Memory Work:

1. Cubbies are allowed two helps per Bear Hug.
2. Bear Hugs must be recited at one session. If there are two verses in the Bear Hug, both must be recited in one night and in the order they appear.
3. Four year olds must recite the verse and reference. Three year olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required to.
4. Cubbies will recite the verses they have learned at home to their Cubbies leader during club.

The Cubbies Materials

HoneyComb Handbook

This handbook includes memory verses and activities that are divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week's Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the next week. They then repeat the memory verse to their leader at club. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree supplemental section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are encouraged, but not required for book completion. Children in Cubbies wear a blue vest and earn patches to display on this vest. It is important that parents attach these patches on the vest.

Cubbies Theme Song

We are AWANA Cubbies, we're happy all day long.
We know that Jesus loves us, that's why we sing this song.
We hop because we're happy, we jump and shout for joy.
For Jesus is a friend to us, He loves each girl and boy.

AWANA Cheer

Leader: What does AWANA stand for?

Clubbers: Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed!

Leader: What is the 1st goal of AWANA?

Clubbers: To reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ!

Leader: What is the 2nd goal of AWANA?

Clubbers: To train them to serve Him!

Weekly Schedule

5:30 pm – Check in starts below the Atrium

5:45 pm - Begin with opening ceremony

During this time, clubbers will...

1. Say the pledge to the American Flag
2. Say the pledge to the Bible
3. AWANA cheer
4. Cubbies theme song
5. Greeting song
6. Bible song

6:00 pm - Bible story

6:15 pm – Classroom time, includes book time, craft time, and snack

Game time – Each group rotates through game time.

7:15 pm – Dismiss

Rules and Discipline

Rules:

Do not be disrespectful to leaders or other clubbers

Do not be disruptive during learning or instructing times

Discipline:

1. The first stage in discipline is for the Director to pull the child to the side and explain to them that their behavior is not acceptable. If the child continues the bad behavior, a consequence may occur. An example would be for the child to miss 5 minutes of game time.
2. The second stage in discipline is for the Commander of AWANA to talk to the child and to remove the child from their part of the club for a few minutes.
3. The third stage in discipline is for the Commander to confer with the parents, and the child may be required to miss a week or more of Awana.



Dear Parents:

First, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to have your child involved in the AWANA program. We are excited to get to know your child! It is a privilege to work together with you in the spiritual training of your child. Please know that as you send your child to Cubbies or Puggles, they will be taken care of by people who have prayed for them and are ready to help them hide God's word in their heart. All of the leaders take this job seriously and find so much joy in watching each child learn Biblical truths. Our goal is to help your child learn that God loves them and has a special plan for their life.

This packet is designed to help you understand what the AWANA program is about and how you can help your child be prepared for Cubbies each week. Please read all the information and get excited about the time you will be able to spend with your child helping him or her learn scripture. Each week your child should bring the following to Cubbies: handbook, vest, \$.25 for dues, and Cubbies bag.

Pick up and drop off can be a confusing time, especially for little kids. Please know that we start club at 5:45 and **end at 7:15 p.m.** each Wednesday. Parents are required to check their Puggle or Cubbie at the check-in desk in the foyer outside the nursery area. Check in begins at 5:30 p.m. It is important that your child has already had dinner before they come. They will be doing lots of activities, and we don't want them to get hungry. Be aware that if your child is late or if your child gets picked up early, they are going to miss out on some important and fun activities. We ask that you pick your child up at 7:15 as most of our leaders have small children they need to pick up as well. Parents will no longer be allowed to drop off their Cubbie/Puggle and leave the church building. This is part of our Church policy. If you decide to leave the building while your child is in Cubbies/Puggles, you must have a designated person in the building that is responsible for your child. We are encouraged to enforce this policy for the safety of your children. You will be asked during check-in and registration to give the name of the person who will be in the building and in charge of your child during the entire AWANA meeting.

Sincerely,
Cubbie/Puggle Staff



Dear Parents:

We are so excited about this upcoming year of Awana Puggles/Cubbies. We think we can speak for the entire staff when we say that we feel very blessed with the opportunity to work with each one of your very precious children. This is the seventh year that we have been in the preschool ministry and the fourth year that we have served as the Directors of Cubbies and Puggles. We cannot put into words how it blesses us to see children hiding the word of God in their hearts and minds.

As the Directors, our philosophy is safety first, and then comes a loving environment in which we hope to see each child's love for God grow as they gain knowledge of His Word.

It is our goal to foster your child with love. We want him/her to enjoy coming to Awana and taking part in learning more about the awesome God we serve. We are excited to get to know them and watch the children as they make new friends. It also excites us to think we are playing a part in building a foundation for your child's relationship with Jesus in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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