



Dear Cubbies' Parents,

The 2017-18 AWANA year is here, and we are excited to partner with you in teaching your child the truths found in God's Word! Here are few things to keep in mind throughout the year.

- ❖ Club starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. You will drop your child off and pick them up from their classroom. At check-in, they will get a name tag. Please make sure this gets back to the leader when checking your child out. Kids should bring their handbook to club every week.
- ❖ We will be using the 3 count in Awana for any discipline issues that may arise. The goal of leaders is to teach self-discipline in a loving way. The 3 count is as follows: 1-verbal warning, 2-separating your child from the activity/group for a short time, 3-removal of your child from their group until the end of club, at which time you'll be notified. If there are consistent behavior problems, you may be asked to stay with your child during club for a week or two.
- ❖ Each semester, if your child does not have more than 2 unexcused club nights, they will receive an apple patch. For those Cubbies who have received all the other apple patches by saying their verse each week, these attendance patches will complete the letters on their vests. Sickness or extenuating circumstances are excused, but please let your child's leader know through a note or by speaking with them. Sports or vacations are not excused.
- ❖ Cubbies move through their handbooks at the same pace. Please refer to the Cubbies calendar to know which Bear Hug your child must complete each week. There is one glued in the front cover of your child's handbook.
- ❖ All Cubbies will start with the Apple Acres booklet before moving on to their handbook. On the second night of club, your child needs to know the Cubbies' motto verse-Bear Hug A. The following week they will complete Bear Hug B in the booklet and then the third week will have them in their handbooks. Here are the sections in their handbooks:
 - One section is their key verse. At times, there is either a long or short version offered. Cubbies do not need to memorize the reference, though it's encouraged for older Cubbies to help prepare them for Sparks. Reciting this verse is the only thing required in order to receive their apple patch at the end of each unit. In general, they will receive two helps, if needed, to complete this section. If there are any special circumstances that would affect your child's ability to memorize or recite scripture, please let your child's group leader know. We want to help in whatever way we can to encourage your child in their study of scripture.
 - The second section is the "Under the Apple Tree" section. This is an activity that you can choose to do with your child during the week that reinforces the Biblical truth they have been studying.
 - The third section is the review verse. This is a verse that Cubbies have already learned. They will receive an additional two helps, if needed, to complete this section.
- ❖ In the back of your child's handbook, you'll see what awards your child will earn throughout the year as they complete sections and also where those awards go on their uniforms. To attach emblems and patches to uniforms, just iron them on. Your child has an envelope in their Cubbies handbook that will be used to send their patches home.
- ❖ If your child misses a club night, they should move on ahead with the Bear Hug that the rest of the group is on. When they return to club they can recite any verse that they have missed, as well as the verse for that week. All key verses in the Bear Hugs listed on the calendar must be recited in order to receive the book award at the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us, and what He will accomplish in the lives of our Cubbies this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me! I am here to help and look forward to partnering with you to help your child develop their God-given potential to SEEK Him diligently, SERVE Him faithfully and SHARE Him boldly, which is what AWANA is all about!

Sincerely,
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(Please turn over to see the Cubbies
calendar! →)

