

**Welcome to
Cubbies!**



WELCOME

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are very pleased to have your child in Cubbies this year! It is a privilege to work together with you in the spiritual, mental, social, and physical training of your child.

This booklet is designed to give you the information you need to know about our club. If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Cubbies Club will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Awana Cubbies, whose parents are serving in other clubs, will be transferred to Room 160 and may stay until 8:30.

When you arrive at cubbies, take your child directly to their assigned table for the coming in activity.

The Awana Cubbie program requires that at least one parent stay each evening to help out in the Cubbie classroom. This will allow us to provide the best possible care for your Cubbie.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

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Cubbies Schedule

6:45-7:00 Craft Time

7:00-7:25 Story Time

7:25-7:35 Games/Snack (Group #1)

7:35-7:45 Games/Snack (Group #2)

7:45-8:00 Book Time

8:00 1st Dismissal
(Most parents and kids will
be going home at this time.)



8:30 2nd Dismissal
(All remaining cubbies, whose parents' work in
other clubs, will be transferred to room 160 until the
final dismissal time.)

Awana Cubbies FAQ

Q. What is Cubbies?

The Awana Cubbie program is a two year pre-school program designed to lay the foundation to introduce children to Christ and to help parents gain confidence and skills in discipling their own children. Cubbies nationwide will rotate through 2 books, the Jumper book and the Hopper book. They will complete one book per year and will have completed both books by the end of their second year in Cubbies.

Q. What do you do each week?

A. Each week our entire program is structured to reinforce the Bible lesson and verse the Cubbie is learning. We have an activity or craft for the kids to do when they come in. Then we will sing songs, tell the Bible story, see a puppet show, play games and have book time all around the same theme.

Q. What is book time?

A. Book or Table Time is the time when 4 or 5 children will interact with one leader at a table to say their verses, review the Bible story again, make their craft and eat a snack. This gives the leaders a chance to interact with the children on a 1 on 1 basis.

Q. What do I do with the Bear Hug Brochure?

A. This week you will work on the "Bear Hug Brochure. Open the brochure and you will see Bear Hug A and B. A "Bear Hug" is just the Cubbie name for a lesson. Read the Bear Hug Brochure to your child. Help him/her to memorize the bold verses and motto. Cubbies will complete the brochure in two weeks. Some will need more time and that is fine. Once you are confident that your child knows the verses, please sign and date the brochure. Return it to class with your Cubbie next week. Your Cubbie needs to be prepared to say Bear Hug A on their first night of club.

Q. When will my Cubbie get his/her book and vest?

A. When your Cubbie completes the Bear Hug Brochure, the first awards he will earn are his/her book and vest. Many Cubbies will earn their books and vests the second week. Others will take longer. That is ok. Even if they get started a week or two late, Cubbies will catch up fast. Your Table Time Leader will work with you and your Cubbie to do this. Once the Bear Hug Brochure is completed, we will give your child his boo, vest and bag. You may purchase the book and vest at the Children's Ministry Office during class time. You may also purchase an optional Cubbie bag to carry the Hopper book, crafts, newsletters and other items throughout the year.

Q. How do I use the Jumper Book?

A. Each week read the Bear Hug (lesson) to your Cubbie. Help them memorize the week's verse. Children learn best when verses are repeated regularly throughout the week. Pick a time early in the week to read the lesson and then review it frequently. Often a good time to read the book is right before bedtime as a story.

Q. What standard is required for reciting the verses?

A. Your child will be required to say the verses and motto to his Table Time Leader with no more than two helps. (However, if it is only a three word verse we will not help them twice.) Four year olds are required to say the reference (e.g. I John 4:10). Three year olds are not, but we do encourage that you try to teach them if possible. Many three year olds do not have a sufficient grasp on numbers yet to do this.

Q. What if my child is shy or won't say their verses?

A. We understand. Work with your child's Table Time leader. You may come into the room and be with them while they say the verse. Remind your child of the awards he will receive when he says his verse. Be positive and keep encouraging him.

Q. What other awards may my child receive?

A. Each time a Cubbie says his verse to his Table Time Leader, he will receive a Cubbie Bear sticker to put in his book. Every two to three weeks, he will earn a patch to be sewn on his vest. For placement of the patches, look at the picture in the back of the Cubbie book. (FYI - Please do sew on the patches. Although patches are supposed to be iron on, they do come off in the washing machine if they are not sewn on.) At the end of the year, first year Cubbies who complete the entire book receive a Cubbie Bear to wear on their vest. Second year Cubbies receive a ribbon which is worn with the Cubbie Bear.

Q. What are the Under the Apple Tree sections?

A. Under the Apple Tree sections are optional activities that you can do with your child during the week to review verses and deepen his understanding of biblical principles. If you complete these sections, be sure to sign off on it in the book. Your child will receive apple stickers to put in his book.

Q. What are the Special Day Lessons?

A. Special Day Lessons in the very back of the Hopper book are optional extra lessons discussing Christmas, Valentines, etc. that you may complete on your own. On the Cubbie Calendar, we have made suggestions for when you might want to use these lessons during weeks that we will not be meeting. Using these lessons helps to continue good habit patterns at home even when the club is not meeting. If your Cubbie does learn these verses, mark his book and we will be sure to reward his (and your) extra effort.

Q. My Cubbie wants to do more. What do I do?

A. For Cubbies who are looking for extra challenge, we also have the Character Builder handbooks available. Those children who complete the Character Builder earn a Cubbie Bear patch for their vests.

For more information about AWANA in general, please contact our Children's Ministry Secretary, Julie Andereggen @ 925-516-0653, ext 140. Our Cubbie Director: Jeanne Miller may be reached at (W) 516-0653, ext 141; or email: jeannemiller1@hotmail.com.