



Dear Parents,

It's time to get ready for another great year! We are excited that you are considering having your child attend our Awana Club on Wednesday nights. Mark your calendars for our first night of Club on **Wed., Sept. 6th** from 6:30-8:00pm. This will be an open house event where your student will get to know their teacher and find their classrooms. We will also be having a parent meeting to talk about what you can expect this year!

What is Awana? Awana is a children's Discipleship Program. AWANA stands for Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15). The mission of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. We seek to provide an atmosphere in which your child can enjoy learning that God is real, that He loves them, and that He has expressed that love through Jesus Christ. They will also learn how to apply the truths of their Bible to their daily lives.

Club Age Groups:

1. Puggles: 2-3 years old
2. Cubbies: 4-5 years old (not in Kindergarten)
3. Sparks: Kindergarten – 2nd graders
4. T&T: 3rd – 6th graders

Each club meeting consists of three parts: Large Group, Small Group, and Games/Activities.

1. Large Group:
 - Consists of teaching from God's Word in a way that is fun and relevant to the children's lives
2. Small Group:
 - consists of time spent where the clubbers recite Bible verses from their handbooks (memorized during the week at home)
3. Game/Activity Time:
 - clubbers will get to play games, sing songs, or make crafts on a rotating basis each week

Handbooks: Your child will bring home their handbook each week which is the first step in AWANA achievement. We hope you will help your child complete their lessons at home each week. As a parent, you have the biggest influence on your child's spiritual development and the handbook is one way that Awana equips parents to be successful in this area of their children's lives. When they come to class they will hear additional information about that week's topic from their Large Group leader, then will

discuss the lesson with their friends and a small group leader. They will also be given time each week to review and recite their memory verses. Once they have reached different points in their handbooks, they will receive rewards.

Uniforms: Uniforms are an important part of Awana. When your clubber earns a reward, they will receive an emblem or pin to attach to their Awana vest or jersey. Uniforms also provide a sense of belonging in the classroom!

While the church provides the handbooks, the awards, and additional supplies to run a successful Awana Club, we ask that each clubber pay for their uniform. Please speak with one of the Awana Commanders (Brandon or Trisha Martin) if purchasing a uniform is a financial hardship for your family and are in need of a scholarship.

Uniform Order Form: <https://raglandbaptist.breezechms.com/form/a536328764>

Inclement Weather Policy: We follow the Goochland County Public Schools Inclement Weather Policy. If school is cancelled for the day due to weather, we will not have Awana that evening.

Sick Child Policy: It is the goal of RMBC to provide a healthy and safe environment for all children. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children when deciding whether to allow their child(ren) to participate in RMBC programs when they are displaying symptoms of an illness. Children must be fever and vomit free without medication for 24 hours before returning to any activities.

Church Home: If you currently do not have a church home, we invite you to visit our church. We have Sunday School for all ages starting at 9am. The worship service begins at 10:00am with children 4 years old through 3rd grade being dismissed to an optional children's church prior to the start of the sermon. If you have children who have aged out of Awana (7th grade and older), we have a youth group that meets on Sunday Nights from 6:00-8:04pm. Youth Group is led by our Associate Pastor, Ryan Ferrell.

While Awana is going on, we also offer separate Women's & Men's Bible Studies. So, bring the whole family!

Thank you for entrusting us with your children!

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