

Welcome to Awana Club

At Belmont UMC!



We are glad to have you at Belmont UMC Awana Club, and we hope you enjoy the program this year!

Awana Club meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00p.m. Please follow the attached calendar for a list of dates and special events.

Clubs are organized by age:

Cubbies- 4 & 5 year olds who are in Preschool

Sparks- Kindergarten-2nd Grade

T&T- 3rd-6th Grades

While we are still growing, we will be combining groups for large group time and game time. We will separate into smaller groups for small group time according to age.

Example Schedule:

6:20-6:40 Greet clubbers, free play

6:40-7:05 Pledges, Awana songs, & large group time

7:05-7:30 Game time

7:30-7:50 Small group time

7:50-8:00 clean up, finish activities, free play, etc.

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A NOTE TO PARENTS...

Thank you for enrolling your child in our Belmont UMC's Awana Club! We trust that he/she will have a great time and will want to keep regularly coming all year!!

The Bible says,

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Realizing that today's children are confronted with more difficult decisions than ever before, the job of every parent is a difficult one. Belmont's Awana recognizes the primary training comes from you the parent. Belmont's Awana seeks to be one of many tools that you use for this awesome task. Our Bible-based program seeks to establish them on a firm biblical foundation which will provide direction for their daily lives. Each clubber is very special to God, and to us. We want them to realize this, know God through Jesus Christ and grow to be mature Christians.

Belmont's Awana presents an opportunity for each child to grow in self-worth as well as in his or her relationship with God and with others. You can help your child grow in these areas through Belmont's Awana if you:

- **Encourage your child to come each week**
- **Help your child to learn at least one section per week**
- **Show interest in his or her achievements**
- **Cover the Club Expectations with your clubber**
- **Communicate any special needs to us**

Feel free to visit our club meetings anytime. If you have questions, we will be glad to discuss them at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Your Belmont Awana Leaders

FAQ Sheet

Dues:

Many Awana Clubs have fees. It is VERY expensive to operate this program because it is such high quality and there are MANY resources your child receives by participating. Some of these items include: handbooks, vests/jerseys, awards, snacks, etc. We are trying to make Awana club FREE to your family this year. To do so, please be mindful of attendance. Once you have made the commitment to start Awana, please keep that commitment through the school year. The program will become unsustainable if children are receiving these items, but only attending for a month or two.

Attendance:

There are attendance awards within this program. Please make an effort to come each Awana night. If you cannot make it, please notify your Awana leader so that we can relay which sections of the handbook need completed, and we can catch you up when you return.

Illness:

If you have had a fever within the last 24 hours, have had severe cold symptoms, chills, diarrhea or vomiting, please make arrangements to stay home. Let's do our best to not share germs this year! Children visibly sick or have a temperature reading of 100 degrees or more will be sent home.

Lost Awards:

From time to time, Awards, handbooks, and vests/jerseys need replaced. If your child needs a replacement item, you will be responsible for the costs of replacement. Example items:

Patches: \$1.00

Handbooks: \$11.00

Vests: \$13.00

Jerseys: \$18.00

Inclement Weather:

Please join the Facebook group, Belmont UMC Dayton Kidz, for updates on inclement weather. If we need to cancel due to poor weather conditions, we will update to this group. If you do not have Facebook access, please let me know and we will make sure to text.

Things to Bring:

For each Awana night, please have your clubber wear their vest/jersey and bring their handbooks.

Memorization:

Each week there will be passages to memorize and handbook pages to complete. Work with your child throughout the week to be prepared each Awana Club night. Clubbers must be able to recite the scriptures on their own with only TWO prompts in order to receive credit for that passage.

WHAT TO DO IF... YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE MEMORIZING VERSES...

- 1) Dedicate a certain time for review each day.
- 2) Play memorization games
- 3) Put the books in the car and review while on the road (No accidents please)
- 4) Create or buy flash cards & use them (Verse Reference on front, Verse on back)
- 5) Purchase CDs and listen in the car to and from activities or at home
 - a. The new Sparks HangGlider book comes with a CD, use it!
 - b. If you have an MP3 player, download it and listen to it any time!
- 6) Visit parent tips, blogs, forums @ www.awana.org for ideas
- 7) Have your older child write out the verse with colorful markers or calligraphy, have your younger child color a page with the verse on it.

3-Strikes DISCIPLINE POLICY

Clubbers are given 3 warnings/reminders for a given misbehavior by leaders. Leaders are to calmly state the expectation to the clubber and warn with a strike. "This is strike 1." Leaders will do this discreetly if possible. Once the clubber has earned 3 strikes, the clubber is ineligible for a treat at the end of the night. If misbehaving conduct continues, the clubber will be removed from activities. Finally, parents will be called and ask to pick up their child.

CLUB EXPECTATIONS

Everyone:

- Honor God in all we do, say and think
- Love one another, forgive one another

Uniform:

- Includes Awana vest/jersey, pants & good running shoes (closed toe)
- Clubbers wear uniform each week for the whole club meeting.
- Clubbers attach your awards to it as soon as you can
- Game time leaders may ask kids not to play if they don't have running shoes and pants that go below the knee. This helps prevent accidents and injuries.

T&T Sections Policy:

- Clubbers prepared prior to club recite sections first
- Every clubber will have a chance to say at least one section
- Clubbers must complete the entire section with no more than 2 helps
- Read the “To complete this section”: in book to know what is required
- Leaders will work with clubbers as time permits

Clubbers are expected to respect the Leaders interpretation of these policies

Handbook Time Etiquette:

- Clubbers who are done with their sections will participate in activities that do not interfere with other clubbers working on their sections
- Clubbers obey and respect their leaders

Leaders:

- Model godly character
- Communicate with parents any issues and/or successes of the clubber

Parents:

- Work with clubbers at home during the week
- Communicate with leaders any issues and/or successes of the clubber