



## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO AWANA?

Your child should wear their uniform each week and gym shoes with non-marking soles. They should also bring their handbook, a Bible and dues for global missions. Please leave all personal belongings such as stuffed animals, toys and books at home. These items sometimes become a distraction during meeting nights and are often left behind in the building.

## IS THERE ANY FLEXIBILITY WITH THE AGE GROUPINGS?

Unless it's an extremely exceptional case, we group kids according to their age. Awana materials are age appropriate and are designed to give our clubbers plenty of activities and extra challenges during their time in club. If we make an exception for one child, then it will be difficult to not make exceptions for others. Children will be grouped according to their grade in school, or (for Cubbies) according to the year they will enter kindergarten.

## SHOULD I HELP MY CHILD MEMORIZE AT HOME?

Yes! The more you help at home, the more successful your child will be. We welcome clubbers who are ready to say their verses when they arrive at handbook time.

## HOW WILL INFORMATION BE COMMUNICATED?

We primarily use e-mail to communicate upcoming events or special reminders. Please make sure that we have your current and most frequently checked e-mail address on file. You can also check our Rockpoint Kids Facebook page!

## DO I NEED TO STAY IN THE BUILDING WHILE MY CHILD IS IN AWANA?

No. But we do ask that ONE parent or guardian (older sibling 6th & up is also fine) come into the building for both check in and check out. Other than that, you're free to grab a quick bite, run to the store or nap in your car! Please be on time for pick up at 8PM.

## SO, WHAT'S THE STORY WITH COVID, MASKS AND WELLNESS IN GENERAL?

We will not require masks, regardless of vaccination status, unless the state of MN mandates it. Our wellness policy will always be in place—

**Please do not send your child to Awana if they are experiencing the following symptoms—**

- Fever of 100°F or higher within the last 24 hours
- Persistent cough or shortness of breath
- Congestion, runny nose or green nasal discharge
- Unexplainable rash
- Watery, matted eyes
- Head lice

## IS THERE A SCHEDULE OR PARTICULAR PACE FOR THE HANDBOOKS?

Because of how our Cubbies and T&T clubs are structured, we have provided schedules for our families to follow. For Sparks, your child can pretty much go at their own pace. A good rule of thumb is to pace your child to finish their book by the end of the year. The kids really look forward to receiving their book completion awards on awards night.

## MY CHILD REALLY STRUGGLES WITH SCRIPTURE MEMORY. HELP!

We have 3 main suggestions. First of all, make it fun. Click here for a list of ways to make scripture memory fun for your kids.

[vibrantchristianliving.com/games-memorize-bible-verses](http://vibrantchristianliving.com/games-memorize-bible-verses)

### **Drip, don't pour.**

Work on verses, one phrase at a time, every day. For example, at bedtime, say the first few words of a verse and on the next night, say the first few words again and add the next few words and so on. Posting the verses where they can see them regularly also helps. Try dry erase marker on the bathroom mirror or index cards in the car.

### **Go for the meaning or the general concept.**

Because of how God has wired some kids, memorization is just not going to happen. Don't let your kids become frustrated or discouraged. If a verse is too hard for them to memorize, ask them to at least explain what it means or put the verse in their own words. We want them to enjoy learning Bible verses. It shouldn't be a chore!

## WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD FINISHES THEIR BOOK EARLY OR WOULD LIKE MORE OF A CHALLENGE?

If your child is in **Sparks** they can...

- Review their entire book again.
- After book review, there is an additional book called the Frequent Flyer.
- In certain cases, they can move on to a different book, but please ask your Awana coach or Sparks director first.

If your child is in **T&T** there are silver and gold sections for extra credit. They can also complete the sections that are not included on our yearly calendar.