



FAQs

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- **What is Awana?** “Awana” comes from the ministry’s key verse, 2 Timothy 2:15 and stands for “Approved workmen are not ashamed.” Awana (awana.org) is a worldwide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions for children of all ages. Mount Vernon Baptist Church offers Awana clubs for ages 3-5th grade. *Children must be 3 years old by September 30, 2026.*
- **Are there dues?** The annual fee is \$25 per child. This covers all supplies and materials to complete one handbook a year. Additional handbooks, replacement supplies and extra credit books may be available for an additional cost.
- **What are Cubbies? Sparks? T&T?** The Awana program is divided into clubs based on age and grade, as follows: Cubbies: age 3-preK; Sparks: K-2nd grade; T&T: 3rd-5th grade
- **When does Awana meet?** Awana is held on Sunday evenings 5:45 pm-7:30 pm from **September 6, 2026 to May 23, 2027**. A full calendar will be distributed at the first Awana Club Meeting. The calendars are also available at mountvernon.church/awanacurrentfamilies.
- **Where does Awana meet?** Cubbies will meet in the Mount Vernon Kids area. Sparks and T&T will meet in the Multipurpose Building.
- **How does check-in work?** Check in starts at 5:45 pm in the Multipurpose Building lobby **and** in the Mount Vernon Kids lobby at our self-check-in kiosks.
- **Where is drop-off and pick-up?** Cubbies will be dropped off in their classroom in the Mount Vernon Kids area, as indicated on their printed name tag. Sparks will be dropped off in their classroom in the Multipurpose Building, as indicated on their printed name tag. T&T kids will be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall. All children will be picked up from the same location as drop-off. An adult (18 & older) must be present for drop-off and pick-up.
- **What will my child do at Awana?** Children are assigned to small groups. They move as a group through three rotations: Small Group Time, Large Group Time, Games. All these areas focus on studying God’s word through fun and fellowship.
- **What should my child wear?** Close-toe play shoes are strongly encouraged so that your child can run and play safely. Upon completing the entrance booklet for their program, your Awana Club kid(s) will receive an Awana uniform (Cubbies and Sparks receive a vest. T&T kids receive a t-shirt.) They will earn awards throughout the year, which will be displayed on their uniform. We ask that children wear their uniform each time they come to Awana (and some nights they will earn bonus points for wearing them!)
- **What should my child bring?** Each week, we ask your child bring their Bible and their handbook. Your child is welcome to bring their own bag to hold their materials, or we will have bags available to anyone who needs one. Sparks and T&T kids are encouraged to bring a water bottle labeled with their name on it.
- **Where can I find the audio files indicated in the handbook?** *We do not recommend that you use the link provided in the handbook*, as it is not very user friendly. We have compiled all of the available downloads for your handbook, plus some additional audio and video resources, at mountvernon.church/awanacurrentfamilies.

- **What are theme nights?** Just for fun, there will be theme nights throughout the year, typically the **second meeting** of each month. Your child's calendar lists the work they should be completing each week, as well as the theme nights as they occur. Participation in theme nights is completely optional!
- **Who are the leaders and volunteers at Awana?** We have phenomenal volunteers at Mount Vernon, and the passion and dedication of the Mount Vernon Awana volunteers is incredibly inspiring! These dedicated volunteers are actively involved at Mount Vernon. They have received dedicated Awana training annually. Like all children's ministry volunteers, they are background checked. Your leaders have been praying over this ministry and each Awana clubber for months, and they are so excited to partner with you in raising disciples! **If you are interested in joining our volunteer team**, please contact Mae Ledford (mledford@mountvernon.church).
- **What about homework? What should we be doing at home?** The club-home connection is central to Awana. Your child will be actively engaged in large group experiences, games, and small group handbook time during their 90 minute Awana club meeting each week. They will not be able to complete their assigned scripture memorization and written sections during the Awana club meeting. Please make every effort to support your child in completing the weekly handbook tasks at home. When they come to club prepared wonderful things happen:
 - 1) Scripture that has been memorized over a week's time will be written on their heart, rather than crammed in one evening and likely forgotten.
 - 2) They will stay on track to earn their awards and badges throughout the year.
 - 3) Small group time will be a time of fellowship, with a focus on discussing, applying, and digging deeper into the work completed at home. During small group time they will have opportunities to recite their memorized scripture.
- **When they memorize scripture, how close is close enough?** The goal for scripture recitation is "word perfect." Cubbies will begin the year reciting their verses as a group, but Sparks and T&T will be asked to recite memorized scripture to a leader or listener individually. They are allowed two "helps" on any given section. Beyond the two helps allowed, they will be congratulated on their hard work and encouraged to spend a little more time memorizing before earning credit for the section and moving on.
- **How do T&T kids earn extra credit (3rd-5th grade only)?** Gold and silver extra credit is optional for our T&T kids. Each week, kids will have an opportunity to share the extra credit work completed for Silver and/ or recite extra verse(s) for Gold. To earn a Gold award for a unit, kids must recite at least 4 of the gold verses from any of the sections within that unit. To earn a Silver award for a unit, kids must complete the Silver extra credit section for at least 4 of the sections within that unit.
- **What scripture translation will they be memorizing?** Sparks and T&T will be memorizing New King James Version (NKJV), which is a word-for-word translation. Pastor Josh frequently recites scripture from the NKJV, so your child will likely recognize scripture they have memorized while participating in the worship services at Mount Vernon. Cubbies will be learning phrases of New International Version (NIV) scripture.
- **What support is available for children with special needs and/or health concerns?** Please contact Ashley Jones, Minister for Special Needs to Children and Students, to discuss availability of support and accommodations to create a safe and comfortable experience for your child (ajones@mountvernon.church). Please contact Ashley PRIOR TO registering your child for AWANA to complete the Special Needs Ministry registration process. AWANA is available to children who can safely participate in both small group and large group settings. Space is limited for children receiving 1:1 support and a wait list may be in place. 1:1 support is offered as buddies are available. There is not a self-contained setting currently offered for children who would benefit from a separate environment. Priority registration will be given to children with parents serving in the Awana ministry.

I have some more questions!

For more information, visit mountvernon.church/awanacurrentfamilies or contact Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families, mives@mountvernon.church.

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