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AWANA Cubbies Preview
Parent Guide
(A Preview into Cubbies)

Further Specific Details Can Be Obtained From Our Cubbies Director



*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

What happens at Cubbies?

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club program for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Our purpose is to help your children to take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's ways...in routine activities...passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program is designed to help leaders and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do in the same truth that you have worked on at home. Our story, games, and activities, will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really "cement" that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds!

Introduction/Bear Hug Brochure

The *Bear Hug Brochure* is the first and only (introduction) booklet received in Cubbies. Upon completion of this Entrance Booklet the clubber is eligible to purchase their Handbook available in Cubbies.



Handbooks/Reviews



Celebrations Handbook - Hopper and Jumper: Includes memory verses and activities divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week's Bear Hug at home as background for the teaching at club the next week. Then they repeat the memory verse to their leader at club. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree supplemental section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are optional, and not required for book completion.

Book One and Two: A supplemental book filled with activities and verses that help lay a foundation for Godly character. Children work in the book with their parents, and recite the verses to their leader at Cubbies Club. If desired, this book may be used at the same time as the Celebration Handbook. Children may begin at any time and work at their own pace. *This is not required material.*



Memory Work Order

Bear Hug Brochure: Each Cubbie must complete this brochure before work in the handbook may begin.

Handbook:

Learning Level A - Complete one Bear Hug each week. All children work on the same Bear Hug at the same time. If your child has missed a week of club, be sure to check the schedule for the current week's Bear Hugs (maximum of 3 in one day). Do not do any future Bear Hugs.

Learning Level B - Under the Apple Tree may be done after the current Bear Hug and any missed Bear Hugs are completed. When you complete an activity, sign it and have your child recite any verses to the leader at club. Your child will receive a special stamp on his hand, and apple stickers for his book.

Learning Level C - Cubbies Character Builder sections may be done after the current Cubbies clubber has recited the current Bear Hug, any missed Bear Hugs, and Under the Apple Tree activities. A special Cubbies Bear sticker is given for each completed character lesson. These count toward the maximum of 3 Bear Hugs in a day.

Requirements for memory work

- * Cubbies are allowed two "helps" per Bear Hug.
- * Bear hugs must be recited in one session. If there are two verses in the Bear Hug, both must be recited at one session and in the order they appear.
- * Four-year-olds must recite the verses AND the reference. Three-year-olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
- * Cubbie clubbers will recite the verses they have learned at home to their Cubbies leader during club.



Tips on How Parents Can Help

- * Help your child learn each weekly Bear Hug.
- * Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child...morning and evening.
- * Check the schedule and calendar for what Bear Hug to work on for the next week.
- * Read each week's Bear Hug to your child and follow the simple instructions.
- * Listen to your child recite the verse and sign your name. Be encouraging!
- * Only one Bear Hug will be done per week. The Cubbies will all recite the same Bear Hug each week.
- * Find a special place at home to keep your child's book and uniform, so it can always be found on Cubbies day.
- * Be sure your child wears the uniform vest to club. The uniform is where their awards are displayed plus helping with motivating them to learn and work in their books.
- * Bring your child to club on time, so we can begin and end promptly. Be sure to come to the Cubbies room to pick up your child after club.

Items Available to Purchase (not required)



CUBBIES HANDBOOK MUSIC: Kids can have a blast while memorizing Scripture. Includes all the verses in the handbooks set to music. Also includes the Cubbies Theme Song. CD's are \$10.00 and cassettes are \$4.50.








CUBBIES HANDBOOK BAG: Your Cubbies won't lose their handbooks anymore! This blue twill bag with a red handle will keep everything they need for Cubbies together. And they won't get them mixed up either, because there is space for their names. 11" x 13". Book bags are \$5.50 each.

Awards

When a clubber has completed the requirements to earn an Award, the Award will be issued to them during the Award Ceremony. **AN AWARD WILL NOT BE ISSUED IF THE CLUBBER DOES NOT WEAR THEIR UNIFORM!** Therefore, each clubber should purchase their vest **before** they are eligible for their first Award and wear their vest to each club meeting.

What are the awards?

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| Achievement patches |  | Completion of the Lamb paths and Elephant paths in a handbook |
| Year 1 Book Award |  | Completion of one Celebrations handbook |
| Year 2 Book Award |  | Completion of both Celebrations handbook |
| Zebra or Giraffe patches |  | Earned for Sunday school and church attendance |
| Cubbie Bear patches |  | Completion of Cubbies Character builders in the supplemental books |

Schedule

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their child checked-into club 10 minutes before the beginning of club at 6:30 p.m. Each club night consists of *story and song time, handbook time, game time, snack time, craft time, and Awards Ceremony*. (All clubbers should be picked-up by Parents/Guardians no later than 5 min. after Dismissal at 8:00 p.m.)

Attendance

Cubbies has 4 quarters of Awarding Club Attendance. **You are only allowed 1 unexcused absence during each quarter to still meet requirements for club attendance awards.** Be sure to notify our Cubbies Director or Secretary with any excused absences for illness, etc. Your child will be sent home with a form asking about attendance in Sunday School/Church. Sunday School Awards are presented on a semester basis. (This is based on the Honor System for Sunday School/Church attendance at other churches.) **You are only allowed 2 unexcused absences during each semester to still meet requirements for Sunday School Awards.**



We hope that the information contained above in this PREVIEW of Cubbies will help prepare you and your child for the transition into Cubbies!

Your involvement will make a tremendous difference in the success of your child in AWANA, as well as providing an enriching experience for you. You are encouraged to stay and observe Cubbies and share in their evening, anytime.

If you have further questions concerning Cubbies, please consult our Cubbies Director anytime.

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