

Cubbies Calendar 2023-2024

August

- 23 Kick-off Night in Gym
- 30 Apple Acres Booklet A

September

- 6 Apple Acres Booklet B
(Purchase book, vest, etc. after club if finished Booklet)
- 13 Bear Hug 1
- 20 Bear Hug 2
- 27 Bear Hug 3

October

- 4 Bear Hug 4
- 11 Bear Hug 5
- 18 Bear Hug 6
- 25 Bear Hug 7 - Fall Festival
(Dress up as your favorite farm animal)

November

- 1 No Club - Missions Conference
- 8 Bear Hug 8
- 15 Bear Hug 9 - (Dress up as a Pilgrim/Indian. No weapons please)
- 22 No Club - Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Bear Hug 10

December

- 6 No Club - Nativity Practice
- 13 No Club - Nativity Practice
- 20 No Club - Christmas Break
- 27 No Club - Christmas Break

January

- 3 Bear Hug 11
- 10 Bear Hug 12
- 17 Bear Hug 13 - Slipper Night
(Wear your silly or favorite slippers)
- 24 Bear Hug 14
- 31 Bear Hug 15

February

- 7 Bear Hug 16
- 14 Bear Hug 17
- 21 Bear Hug 18 - Stuffed Animal Night
(Bring only 1 stuffed animal)

March

- 6 Bear Hug 20
- 13 Bear Hug 21
- 20 Bear Hug 22 - Hat Night
(Wear your silly or favorite hat)
- 27 Bear Hug 23

April

- 3 No Club - Easter Break
- 10 Bear Hug 24
- 17 Bear Bug 25
- 24 Bear Hug 26

May

- 1 Make-up any missed verses.
Cubbies entering K5 visit Sparks.
Puggles visit Cubbies.
- 8 Make up any missed verses.
- 15 PJ & Movie Night. Wear your pj's. All books finished!
- 22 Awards Ceremony - Gym
Wednesday Night 6:30pm
Be in Worship Center by 6:15pm

CLUB COSTS

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| Yearly Fee (this includes dues, uniform, handbook, awards, special evenings) | \$30.00 |
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| Optional Expenses | |
| Badge Magic | \$ 2.00 |
| Handbook Bag | \$ 9.00 |

Replacements for Apple Acres Booklet & Weekly Awards

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| Apple Acres Booklet | \$ 1.00 |
| Trail Emblem | \$ 2.00 |
| Achievement Emblem | \$ 1.00 |

First Apple Acres Booklet and weekly awards are free. If they are lost or damaged, replacements may be purchased. Please make checks payable to Shenandoah Baptist Church.



Available for you to purchase directly from Awana:

Gifts, Handbook Music CDs, and more!

For more information go to www.Awana.org/store.

To finish the book in 1 year, say 1 verse per week. If your child misses a week, they should be prepared to say the missed verse, along with the scheduled verse, the following week.

“Special Day” verses are not mandatory and, therefore, not required to receive the Book Award at the end of the year. If your child needs to say missed verses or special day verses, please send us a note.

Welcome to Cubbies



We are truly thankful for this time with your child. It is with GREAT JOY that we are able to share the love of Jesus! Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to serve you in any way we can!

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Dear Parent,

Cubbies, a two-year Awana program for children **ages 3-4 (by Sept. 30)**, is built on two premises:

- 1. Young children can and should receive spiritual training.**
- 2. Home is the primary place for spiritual training.**

The purpose of Awana is to teach boys and girls the gospel of Jesus Christ and train them to serve Him. Crafts, awards, and other activities create an atmosphere where fun and learning go hand in hand.

Check-In: Each week club begins with your child checking in with the Cubbies secretary. **Parents, PLEASE remain with your child until check-in is complete! Please encourage your child to wear their vest to club and to keep it on throughout the night as this will prevent lost vests and badges.**

Cost: **There is a yearly fee of \$30.00.** This fee includes dues, uniform, handbook and awards. There are optional expenses such as Badge Magic and a Handbook Bag....please see the Secretary for details. All fees for these and any supplies may be paid online or by cash/check. If paying by cash, please have correct change. **Please write your child's name in their vest and on their handbag.**

Handbook Time: Once your child has been checked in, you should kiss and hug them "good-bye" as they make their way to a leader to say their verse for the week. **We ask that you please not follow your child to Handbook time.** Experience has taught us that children will often want to say their verse to you instead of their leader or not at all. If your child becomes upset upon your leaving, they usually calm down and are playing with the other children within a few minutes. **Please be assured we love your child and will do everything we can to gently and lovingly calm their anxious fears.**

Personal Items: Cubbies should take their handbook and jacket (if they have one) with them as they go to recite their verse(s). By doing this, their book and jacket can be kept together, making dismissal much easier. Please label their belongings. **We also ask you not send sippy cups, toys, etc. to club with your child.**

Cubbie Handbook Bags are available for purchase to help your child

carry their book along with any papers, awards, crafts, etc., they receive each week. This bag is not required, but it does help your child (and us!) keep everything together. Don't forget to check the bag each week for any awards, notes, etc., that may have been sent home with your child. **Please keep a change of clothes in their bag in case of an accident (pants/underwear).**

Apple Acres Booklet: Each Cubbie begins the year working through the **Apple Acres Booklet**, which gives a brief overview of the program and presents God's plan of salvation at a preschooler's level. **Once they complete this booklet and the yearly fee has been paid, they will be given their handbook and vest.** Your child should then return to club each week with verse in memory, handbook in hand, and wearing their vest.

Cubbie Handbook: Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with your child's handbook; pages two and three are filled with helpful information. It is very important you work with your child at home, so they know their verse before they come to club. **We have set a standard of two helps per verse.** If your child is unable to say their verse after two helps, they will need to study it more and try again. The goal of Cubbies is for your child to hide God's Word in their hearts, not simply to repeat the verse after someone else says it to them. Although it is not necessary for 3-year olds to recite the reference, it is strongly recommended that 4-year olds do so. All Cubbies work in the same handbook and on the same verse each week. **Please follow the schedule on the calendar for each week's verse. Please DO NOT work ahead in the handbook.** We present awards according to the schedule and on designated nights. Your child is always encouraged to make up any verse he/she has missed along the way.

Weekly Awards: As Cubbies attend club and say the verses in their handbook, they will receive patches to reward their accomplishments. These awards are presented every two to four weeks for memory work completed. **We strongly recommend you sew the patches onto the vest OR use the Badge Magic sheets available for purchase.** Patches that are simply ironed on tend to fall off and are easily lost. Please see the back of the calendar for replacement costs.

Review & Under the Apple Tree: Located at the end of each Bear Hug, these sections are excellent sources of review. They are not required, but we encourage your child to complete them as often as possible. If your child completes all of these sections, they will receive an additional award on awards night.

Potty Training & Dress: After check-in and handbook time, we continue on a very active and tight schedule, moving from one activity to another about every twenty minutes; reinforcing the spiritual truths being taught with every activity. Because we are on such a busy schedule, **we ask your child be potty trained.** Since Cubbies is a club ministry and not a nursery, we do not change wet bottoms. Game time is especially active. As weather permits, we may go out on the playground. **Please dress your child in comfortable, modest clothes and running shoes. Bring a jacket if colder temps are expected.**

Dismissal: Cubbies are usually dismissed around 8:00pm. Please be prompt in picking your child up once the Worship Service is over. **To help maintain an orderly dismissal, please do not come into the cafeteria.** Please line up in the hall at the far door (not the double door) of the cafeteria and we will bring your child to you. If you have a child in more than one Awana club, we ask that you pick up your youngest children FIRST, before going to the Gym for your Sparky or attending any special meetings/events. Thank you!!

Parents are expected to remain on campus when their children are participating in any children's ministry program. If for some reason you cannot be on campus one evening, please leave a phone number with the Cubbies Secretary where you can be reached.

Wellness Policy: Please make sure your child is symptom-free for at least 24 hours before bringing them to club. If your child was sick enough to be kept home from school/church that day, please do not bring them to club. This is to prevent the spreading of infections and to protect the wellness of all children, leaders, and their families.

***** Please see the Children's Ministry Family Guidelines*****