

Dear Awana Parents,

On behalf of all the leaders, we are blessed to be involved in the Awana ministry and to be able to partner with you as you guide your children's spiritual development! We have been involved in Awana for more than twenty years, and although our kids are grown, we still remember their excitement when they mastered "A is for All" and "C is for Christ" to earn their Cubbies vests!

One thing we've seen over those years is that Awana is a great program for helping children come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. And if you're like our family, that is your highest goal for your children. But we've also seen that getting the most benefit from the program requires team work – parents and leaders who are working together to encourage and guide children in their spiritual development. This is why Heritage instituted the Parent Partnership program. As part of the program, one adult from your family will be scheduled to attend Awana with your child once every four to six weeks.

Approximately five times per year, you will receive an e-mail asking which club nights you will be available to attend over a four - six week time period. Please answer this e-mail promptly so that we can schedule you for a convenient time to participate with your child as a Parent Partner. About a week later, you will receive an e-mail with a calendar indicating your family's scheduled date and which club you will attend. Scheduling your Parent Partner date and club helps us know which families to expect each week, and you won't have to remember to sign up. Once the calendar

is posted, it's your responsibility to participate on the night and with the age group indicated. If your availability changes, we ask that you first see if another adult family member can participate in your place as this will be more meaningful to your children. A tab on the Parent Partner calendar will have a list of names and phone numbers so you can trade nights with another parent if needed. We respectfully ask that you do your best to keep your Parent Partner commitment. Everyone who serves in Awana, including us, is serving as a volunteer. We are not available to help you find a substitute.

On your scheduled date, at least one adult from your family needs to be at Awana for the entire evening, although both parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Your child(ren), the other clubbers and the Awana leaders will be counting on you to be there! When you arrive, check in on the Parent Partner bulletin board near the check-in counter. Make a name tag and sign in on the sheet on the bulletin board. You will also find a Parent Partner instruction card and a schedule card which lists the nightly schedule and room locations. Feel free to carry the cards with you throughout the evening. Then go to Room P2 for Puggles, Room P3 for Cubbies, Runway 12 for Sparks or Hangar 56 for T&T.

We always welcome parents, so feel free to join us any time, even if you are not scheduled. As parents of grown children, we encourage you to take advantage of this time in your child's life when they want you to be part of their activities. We have often observed that children seem to be asking the subconscious question, "What's important to my mom and dad?" They answer that question by watching how you spend your time. So we encourage you to embrace Parent Partnership not as an obligation, but as another opportunity to demonstrate your love for them and for God.

In Christ,  
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*"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

*Deuteronomy 11:18-19*