

Awana News

Because Kids Matter to God

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Psalm 136:1 "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

With Thanksgiving in the month of November, it's an obvious time to be thankful for all God has provided us. Maybe start a conversation about thankfulness around the table, on the way to practice, or during afternoon pick-up—whatever time fits, it just requires a little bit of intention. You may choose to discuss some of the ways we looked at how God Protects us: The EARTH – not just it's beauty, but the complexities that He simply spoke into place which sustains our world. How about our INCREDIBLE bodies! See if they can tell you some of the cool facts we learned. Lastly, make sure to be thankful for the FAMILIES that He gives to protect us! Ultimately, His Word – the BIBLE – protects us by giving us direction in ALL of life. Really, the possibilities are endless when it comes to our thankfulness to God!

We will have an opportunity to serve others in November through donations to our local food pantry, Bread of Life. Let's help fill the shelves with canned meats, Spaghetti-O's ravioli, and other non-perishable pantry items. Give with a heart of thankfulness for all God has provided for you!

Because **GOD PROTECTS!**

Mr. Darren & Mrs. Deb



November 2 | M&M Night

We will view our second Boyd Family video clip update from Vienna, Austria. Clubbers should bring in change or dollars in their M&M Bank and will receive a package of plain M&Ms in return. 100% of money raised will be donated to the TWR Project "For Little Children" – to share the Good News of Jesus with the Roma villages in Northern Bulgaria. If your clubber does not have a bank, pick one up in the AWANA office downstairs.

November 9 | Patriotic Night



Clubbers, should wear red, white & blue this night to celebrate Veteran's Day. We will show off our patriotic colors as Jeff Coester, a former Navy nuclear submarine specialist, is going to share with us from God's Word on this special night.

November 16 | Noodle Night



Clubbers can bring in pantry items in to be donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry to earn an AWANA \$1 dollar. They are in need for canned meats, Spaghetti-O's ravioli, and other non-perishables. We will have boxes by our nursery to drop these items off. Let's fill the shelves! We will have some Mystery Guests; but, here's a hint: curious if Mr. Darren was the perfect kid? We'll find out as our guests emphasize family roles tonight.

Saturday, November 19 | Ice Hogs Night @ BMO Harris Bank Center



Get your tickets for just \$7.00 for this family-fun event! Red Brick AWANA will have our Ice Hogs Night on Saturday, November 19, 7:00 pm game time. We have a ticket table set up each club night in the lobby. Get yours today!!!

November 30 | Crazy Hat/Hair Night

Clubbers are invited to wear either a crazy hat or style their hair in a crazy way for this night. Eric Walker of Good Ground Communications will encourage us from

God's Word as well as provide an update on his recent and future travels to share the Good News.



November 23 | No AWANA...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! There is no AWANA club this night! Enjoy your time celebrating all we have to be thankful for! A Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be at Kishwaukee Church in Stillman Valley at 7:00 pm. Please bring food pantry or monetary donations for the Bread of Life food pantry.

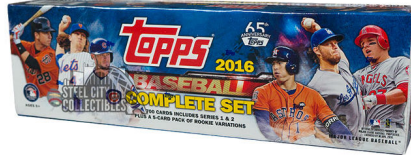
Clubbers Shop Til They Drop!

Two times per year, our AWANA club has an AWANA "Store" where we have fun items for the clubbers to "buy" toys, games, and other items with the AWANA dollars they've earned. Our first AWANA Store will be December 21.



If you would like to donate any new toy items to the store, feel free to bring them any club night. Drop them in the AWANA office downstairs. Below are some clubber favorites:

- ◆ Art kits/art supplies
- ◆ Balls (sport balls, playground balls, small or large balls, colorful ones, light-up ones, spiky ones, or fuzzy ones...the kids LOVE balls!!!)
- ◆ Pillow pets/stuffed animals
- ◆ LEGO kits
- ◆ Nail polish (fun colors)
- ◆ Sports card sets
- ◆ Baking/cooking kits
- ◆ Sidewalk chalk
- ◆ Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars
- ◆ Winter toys for playing outside



Clubbers will be able to shop during their game time (T&T first, Sparks second, Cubbies last). While they shop, our weekly leaders are upstairs working with your clubber learning verses. Because of this, we are in need of MANY parent volunteers to help in a variety of roles:

- ◆ Helping our clubbers shop—especially our Sparks and Cubbies!
- ◆ Check-out and collection of AWANA debit cards/AWANA dollars spent
- ◆ Clean-up at the end of the night

This is a HUGE event for our AWANA program and we need "all hands on deck" to make it successful. If you are available and can volunteer, please contact Deb or Darren on a club night or by phone or e-mail (provided in the "Stay Connected" box below). Thank you!! We can't do this without your help!!



Just for Parents/Guardians:

Clubbers need to wear **CLEAN** gym shoes to AWANA each Wednesday night for game time. As we get in to boot season, they should BRING a pair of gym shoes. It's a safety concern—we want to keep our clubbers safe and don't want to play games in slippery boots! If proper footwear isn't worn, clubbers may be asked to sit during game time. They won't be allowed to play with bare feet or in socks. Help us keep your kids safe on AWANA nights . . . we appreciate it!



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