

Rocky Bayou Baptist Church



Parent's Guide for Cubbies

2009 – 2010

Welcome to Cubbies!!!

We are so blessed to have your child in Cubbies this year and we look forward to working with you toward your child's spiritual growth.

This handbook is designed to give you all the information you will need to have a fun and successful year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at ANY TIME!

Cubbies Club will be every Wednesday unless otherwise noted on the RBBC Calendar. Cubbies can be dropped off beginning at 6:00 p.m. When you arrive, please take your child to the restroom and then check them in and help them get their nametag. Put their handbook and other items in their team bucket and then help them to the table for the Coming In Activity.

We will end at 8:00 pm and will be on the playground (weather permitting). For safety reasons, we require a parent or another *adult* you have designated pick up your child.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

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About the Cubbies Program:

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club program for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Our purpose is to help your child take their first little step on a lifelong journey. In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's word, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program is designed to help leaders and parents in this critical role.

Club time is broken down into 7 areas. All of the areas tie into each other based on the Teaching Aim for that lesson.

Coming in Time: Welcome Activity

Starting Time: Opening Ceremony, Puppets and Prayer

Story Time: Story and kids response to story.

Book Time: Verse recital.

Craft Time: Craft

Snack Time: Snack

Game Time: Games

The Teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each part of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do on the same truth you have already worked on at home. Our story, games, craft and even our snack 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 and hearts.

About the Cubbies Materials...

BEAR HUG BROCHURE

A brochure containing two sample Bear Hugs as well as basic information about the Cubbies program. All Cubbies will complete this each year.

CELEBRATIONS HANDBOOK - 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. They then 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.

CUBBIES CHARACTER BUILDERS - 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 (time permitting) or before club. If desired, this book may be used at the same time as the Celebrations 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 or calendar for the current week's Bear Hug. After completing the current Bear Hug, work on making up any missed Bear Hugs [maximum of 3 per night]. We also scheduled "Make Up" days periodically to help us all get caught up. 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 and sign it. Your child will receive an apple sticker for their book.

Learning Level C-Cubbies Character Builder sections may be recited after the Cubbie has recited the current Bear Hug, any missed Bear Hugs, and Under the Apple Tree activities. A special Cubbie bear sticker is given for each completed character lesson.

Requirements for Memory Work

- ❖ Cubbies are allowed two "helps" per Bear Hug
- ❖ Bear Hugs must be recited at 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 verse AND 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.

Suggestions for Memorizing

- ❖ Repeat the verse over and over to your child. Break the verse up into short phrases.
- ❖ Explain what the verse means
- ❖ Show them how the verse relates to their life. There are examples in the Bear Hug story in the Celebrations Handbook.

Tips on How Parents Can Help

Help your child learn 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.

Bring your child to club on time and in uniform

- Find a special place at home to keep your child's book and uniform, so it can always be found on Cubbies night.
- 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 playground (weather permitting) to pick up your child after club.

Take a turn supplying a snack

- You can help by providing a snack for the children in our Cubbies Club-this is a favorite part of the night.
- Suggestions will be given for a snack to fit the lesson theme. Please see the chart in the Cubbies room for signup. THANK YOU!

Cubbie Bear Buddy Rules

The leaders in the room will be repeating the Cubbie Bear Buddy Rules many times throughout the year and especially during the first few weeks. Please help us, and your Cubbie by going over the rules at home also. The Cubbies have 4 very basic rules to be a Cubbie Bear Buddy:

1. Listen and don't talk when a leader is talking.
2. Always raise their hands when they have something to say or when we ask the group a question.
3. Always fold our hands in our laps during Story Time and prayer.
4. Always keep your hands and feet to yourself, no hitting, kicking or wrestling.

