



Adventure Bible Club



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Dear Parents,

We are excited to share the Adventure Bible Club and Cross Training ministries with you and your children. Our ABC teaching staff and committed volunteers are looking forward to seeing children grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray that they will allow Him to be Lord and Savior in their lives.

We sincerely want to help children understand who God created each one of them to be, help them deepen their understanding of Biblical truths, so we encourage children to attend faithfully each Wednesday evening that we meet. We will introduce Biblical accounts in unique ways, help them understand their importance and apply each teaching to their life. We trust that you will see your child mature in faith.

Please be assured that our staff and volunteers consider their ministry roles as a serious responsibility. They look to honor and glorify God only in serving your children. Thank you for this humbling opportunity to work with and minister to your children.

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About ABC Adventure Bible Club and Cross Training

What is ABC?

We strive to introduce & help children discover the truth of God's Word equipping their young hearts for His service. We teach the gospel of Christ utilizing praise and worship music and large and small group teaching time that targets key Bible accounts. Each small classroom breakout will focus on age/grade appropriate lessons with a focus on 'community-based' progress. Our hope is for each child to grow physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually as a result of attending and participating in ABC.

What is Cross Training?

Cross Training is open to young adults from 6th grade through 12th grade. Youth will be exposed to interactive object lessons, in-depth discussion, and age appropriate games. Your young adult is sure to enjoy this time of fun and learning.

When does ABC and Cross Training meet ?

Beginning mid September through April/May, ABC and Cross Training will meet on most Wednesday evenings for Family Meals with your new ABC / Cross Training family and then Lesson and Activities. Themed Family Meal nights will feature a seasonal focus with a unique evening planned for your whole family. We don't meet when the local school districts are on holiday. We will not have a Wednesday meeting if school is cancelled during the day due to weather. As soon as weather or other unforeseen circumstances arise causing us to cancel our gathering, please watch for an email or phone call alerting you to such a change.

Why place my child in ABC?

Why should my child be excited to be in ABC?



1. The mission of ABC is to introduce God's Word to children – help them to know and understand the Bible Accounts, how the lessons apply to their own lives, for each child to be 'hiding God's Word in their hearts' (the 'discovery' component) and equip them to use their new found knowledge in everyday life.

Proverbs 2:1, 4-5 “. . . if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding – indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”

2. Throughout the course of the ABC season, each child will learn how to apply hermeneutics to learning the Bible. A fictional character developed by Answers in Genesis, Herman Euticus, guides the the students through 3 steps of inductive Bible study: Observe, Interpret, and Apply. He also reminds students of the who, what, when, where and why when reading the Bible.

II Timothy 3: 16-17 “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.”

GETTING STARTED in ABC and Cross Training

How does my child get started in ABC and Cross Training?

After a registration form is completed for each child (including the review of ABC/Cross Training night drop-off and pick-up procedures), he or she will meet their teacher then join their age-appropriate class in the sanctuary at Opening Time and complete the evening with those peers.

Where does my child fit - ABC or Cross Training?

Winneconne Christian Fellowship's ABC ministry offers five age-level/grade-level placements for children age 4 through 5th grade:

- Explorers – Age 4 and Kindergarten
- 1st/2nd grade
- 3rd/4th grade
- 5th grade

Depending on the enrollment of individual grade levels, classes may be combined.

Wednesday evening programming also ministers to **Cross Training** youth:

- Junior High Youth Group – grades 6-8
- Senior High Youth Group – grades 9-12

These two groups also meet in the WCF building. Depending on the numbers of youth in attendance, the group may meet as a whole.



What happens at ABC and Cross Training?

An ABC gathering will consist of these activities:

1. Sign In - 5:45pm or after
2. Opening Time – prayer, welcome, recite pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag and sing the Books of the Bible (see back of this Handbook for pledges and song), acknowledge guests and special announcements
3. Acknowledge Birthdays / Praise and Worship Music
4. Theme for evening introduced
5. Small Group Lesson – focus in on Bible Account introduced in Large Group, study, verse recitation
6. Closing Time – lesson review, final announcements, prayer

A Cross Training gathering will consist of these activities:

1. Sharing on themselves: Questions & opportunities to share about the previous week
2. Game time: fun, interactive games
3. Learning: applicable Biblical teaching for young adults
4. Snack: Opportunity to hangout and chat with each other



What should my child bring and NOT BRING to ABC each week?

Explorers (age 4-K) should bring their DVD Bible and cloth bag for the evening's lesson.

Grades 1st-12th grade are encouraged to bring their Study Bibles.

Technology is a wonderful thing and we utilize it during our praise and worship and large group sessions. But we strongly recommend that ABC children leave all devices at home. Thank you.

How should my child dress for ABC?

Highly recommend tennis shoes always - best for when we will have game nights!

Dress appropriately for the outside temperature, comfortable, modest attire – no mini skirts or cutoff shorts. We do encourage children to 'be creative' on Theme Nights (i.e. favorite sports jersey, crazy hair day etc.)

What Bible translation is used at ABC?

We recommend the New International Version (NIV) or *New King James Version (NKJV)* which specifically correlates with the AiG curriculum.

Is there a reward system of any kind in place at ABC?

Though the focus is on realizing the treasure of God's Word, we do highlight and 'award' special coins. The children can earn these tokens for being present, contributing during class-time, a cooperative, helpful spirit while at ABC, etc. The coins that each child accumulates can be exchanged for a prize from the treasure chest at specific times during the ABC season.

SUPPORTING MY CHILD, OTHER FAMILIES and ABC / Cross Trng

What can I do to support ABC and Cross Training?

1. First, **pray** for your child, his or her peers and their families in these youth programs.
2. **Pray** for WCF church and its leadership.
3. **Pray** for your child's teacher, helpers, and mentors.
4. **Financially support** through ABC fundraisers or consider a donation.
5. Please read the **discipline guidelines** found in this handbook and review them with your child. We have necessary rules that ensure all ABC children have an opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, enjoyable setting. Ill-behavior will be identified and guidelines will be enforced.

6. **PLEASE Arrive and pick-up ON TIME** – this gets young children home in a timely fashion and shows respect for our ABC volunteers' evenings. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

What can I do to help my child succeed in ABC and Cross Training?

1. **Encourage and support** your child's efforts. **Be his/her cheerleader!**
Praise every attempt!
2. Help your child **read and review the Bible Account** they bring home. Check for clear understanding by asking open-ended questions (look for a response that's more than just 'yes' or 'no').
3. Help your child be **regular in attendance**, and arrive at ABC and Cross Training on time.
4. **Attend church and Sunday School** at a Bible-believing church. Our desire is not to take you away from your home church; however, if you do not have a home church, we invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning – 9:30 Worship and 10:15 Kingdom Kids (children's Sunday School).
5. **Volunteer!!!** Children love to have their parents involved in their activities. You can volunteer to serve regularly each week or help provide/serve Family Meals (see ABC Calendar). We can find a place for everyone!

EXPECTATIONS

What's expected of my child when they come to ABC?

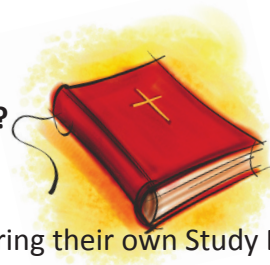
To the child:

- Explorers - Bring my DVD Bible and my ABC bag.
Students in Grades 1st-12th are encouraged to bring their own Study Bibles.
- We suggest that students leave all devices at home (i.e. phones, ipods, etc.)
Any visible device may be confiscated and returned at the end of the evening.
- I'm entering God's House – **be respectful** in it, to it, to my friends, my ABC teachers, Cross Training leaders, helpers and mentors.
- Leave food, candy, and gum in my ABC bag.
- No beverages (other than water) or food containers in the sanctuary.
- Be ready to **participate in all aspects of ABC** (singing, lesson time, etc.) and activities associated with the Cross Training presentation for the evening.
- Come ready to learn God's Word.
- **Tell others about Jesus** and how much He loves me.
- **Always stand for the Truth** of God's Word – be honest, caring and loving.
- Follow the **GOD RULES**.

- G Give** the speaker my attention - quiet my mouth.
- O Only** say right words at the right time.
- D Don't** be a space invader – keep my hands to myself.

- R Respect** all people – my classmates, my teachers, helpers, and mentors.
- U Understand** what is being asked of me.
- L Listen** quietly and attentively.
- E Expect** to learn and have fun!
- S Stay** where I'm supposed to be.

GOD RULES



DISCIPLINE

Discipline is “training to produce a specific character or pattern of behavior, especially training that produces moral or mental improvement.* ” Discipline is teaching acceptable behavior and self-control. (*www.dictionary.com)

In our efforts to teach the behaviors we deem appropriate and necessary, our first step will be to praise every good effort. Our expectations are clearly stated from the beginning and repeated many times throughout the year. Our ABC staff will be quick to compliment ABC children for the positive things they see.

Most of the time, we will use an oral ‘five-count’ system in order to maintain control in a large group setting. A staff member will begin counting loudly from “one” to “five” becoming softer each time a number is called. The goal for the group is to be totally quiet and ready to listen by the “five” is reached.

As part of our goal to equip boys and girls to serve Christ, we will correct or redirect behaviors that don’t line up with God’s Word. We will use a “3” count system in order to enforce established rules and expectations for behavior. In the event that a particular ABC child refuses to cooperate with staff once club has begun, the “3” count system as described will be used.

If a child is intentionally disrespectful or disruptive to the Club, we will use the following procedures:

1. A “1” count will be given for the first offense and a verbal explanation as to the inappropriateness of the behavior will be given by his or her teacher.
2. A “2” count will be given for the second offense and the child will be counseled by a teacher or next level staff.
3. A “3” count is given for the third offense and parent(s) will be contacted. Conversation will be necessary to resolve the incidence and any further action will be discussed.

We pray that no situation will ever have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all ABC children and staff, the above procedure will be enforced as necessary.

WELLNESS POLICY

Please follow these guidelines in determining if your child is well enough to attend ABC. Children who have had any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours should NOT come to ABC:

- Fever
- Coughing, croup or sneezing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Green or cloudy runny nose
- Inflamed throat or mouth
- Runny or pink eyes
- Any skin inflammation such rashes, ringworm, impetigo
- Symptoms of any childhood disease (chicken pox, measles, mumps, etc.)
- If my child didn’t go to school during the day, they should not attend ABC at night
- If my child needs medication for any reason during the time of ABC, they should not attend



ABC VOLUNTEERS

What are the roles of the volunteers?

We have committed volunteers that fill the following four roles:

1. Teachers: those who organize and teach the lessons for their particular age group.
2. Helpers: those who are dedicated to support the teacher and be available as a substitute.
3. Mentors: those who work one-on-one with children who might have specific needs.
4. Meal support: those who prepare food, serve food, and those that clean up

ABC STAFF EXPECTATIONS

What is expected from teachers, helpers and mentors?

Since volunteers in any area of ministry are held to a higher level of accountability, we expect a great deal from our ABC and Cross Training volunteers. We challenge our volunteers to be Godly examples for our children as well as for each other. We have requirements that all volunteers must meet in order to serve in our ABC and Cross Training ministry.

Requirements: An ABC or Cross Training volunteer must . . .

- Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Always be seeking to grow in his or her relationship with Christ.
- Desire to work with children and exhibit compassion for them.
- Attend church regularly.
- Live a life that pleases God every day.
- Agree with the doctrine, beliefs, and philosophies of our church.
- Agree with the content of this handbook and doctrine of the ABC and Cross Trng programs.
- Successfully pass a background check.

Expectations: We expect our volunteers to . . .

- Love children!
- Lead by example.
- Arrive on time.
- Follow and enforce our ABC / Cross Training rules.
- Pray for our ABC clubbers, Crossing Training students, our church, and its staff.
- Recognize that ABC and Cross Training are ministries.
- Display a proper attitude at all times.
- Engage with/sit amongst the ABC and Cross Training children in every opportunity throughout our Wednesday evening. Refrain from any outside conversation so as to totally focus on the needs of the children within our 75 minutes of youth sessions.



PLEDGES

Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge for the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and
to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.
One Savior, crucified, risen and coming again with life and
liberty to all who believe.



Books of the Bible Song

(Old Testament books)

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, DEUTERONOMY, JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH,
1 SAMUEL, 2 SAMUEL, 1 KINGS, 2 KINGS, 1 CHRONICLES, 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH,
Esther, Job, PSALMS PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES, SONG OF SONGS, ISAIAH, Jeremiah,
LAMENTATIONS, EZEKIEL, DANIEL, HOSEA, Joel, Amos, OBADIAH, JONAH, MICAH, NAHUM,
HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH, HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, MALACHI

(New Testament books)

Matthew, MARK, LUKE, JOHN, ACTS, ROMANS, 1 CORINTHIANS, 2 CORINTHIANS,
GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, 1 THESSALONIANS, 2 THESSALONIANS,
1 TIMOTHY, 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS, PHILEMON, HEBREWS, JAMES, 1 PETER, 2 PETER,
1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN, JUDE, Revelation



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