

# Parent Handbook 2023-2024



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**Welcome!**

**We are excited to have the opportunity to share the Gospel and Gods Word with your children.**

**Awana was founded in 1950 as a nondenominational Bible centered evangelism and discipleship program for children ages 2-18. Each week in churches around the world more than 4 million children, and 470,000 volunteers meet in over 47,000 churches across the world. The name AWANA means “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.**

**“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”**

**2 Timothy 2:15**

**We want our Awana program to do just that. Teach our children to not be ashamed and correctly handle Gods Holy Word. We desire to partner with you as your child walks through each lesson at home, and during club time. We also desire to develop an understanding of what local outreach is, and on a larger scale why missionaries go into the world as workmen.**

**Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has any special needs.**

**Dan and Heidi Ware**

**Awana commanders**

**Parents Weekly Checklist**

The very heart of Awana is Bible memorization. Your child’s success and enjoyment will depend on their ability to stay on pace with their club as they progress through their handbooks. It is essential that you stay involved and help your children with memorization and understanding their weekly verses. Please remember that your child’s leaders are here to help! Please let us know if you are having any problems or have any questions!

Encourage your clubber to attend Awana every week. This will help keep them on track!

Help your child memorize the section given by their director each week!

Your child will receive extra Awana bucks if you listen to and initial their sections memory verse each week.

Be sure your child wears their uniform, brings their Bible, and handbook each week! **Clubber cannot receive awards if they are not wearing their uniform.**

Have your clubber wear casual clothes and sneakers to club. Dress shoes and sandals are extremely dangerous on the gym floor during game time**, clubbers not wearing sneakers will not be able to participate in game time.**



**Communication**

There will be a weekly email from Heidi communicating your child's verses for each week, theme nights, special events, and any other news.

You can also look for the latest information with Awana at [www.cheyennefree.org](http://www.cheyennefree.org).

If there is a need, we will contact parents directly via the contact information given at registration.

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**Snow**

There is the possibility of the Awana Club being cancelled due to snow or ice during the winter. Awana will be cancelled if roads become hazardous. Cancellation will be decided by 2 pm that day. Check out the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Cheyenne-Evangelical-Free-Church](http://www.facebook.com/Cheyenne-Evangelical-Free-Church) or contact the directors for information.

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| Commanders | All Ages | Dan Ware307-772-1956Heidi Ware208-932-3311 |
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| Trek | 7th-8th grade | Rick Tozer307-369-8691 |

### Schedule

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ***3:00-3:25*** | ***3:25-3:55*** | ***3:55-4:25*** | ***4:25-4:50*** | ***4:50-5:00*** |
| ***Sparks******(K - 2nd grade)*** | Opening Ceremony/Fast Track | Games | Small Group | LargeGroup | Closing Ceremony |
| ***Truth & Training******(3rd - 5th grades)*** | Opening Ceremony/Fast Track | Small Group  | LargeGroup | Games | Closing Ceremony |
| ***Trek******(6th-8th grade)*** | Opening Ceremony/Fast Track | LargeGroup | Games |  SmallGroup | Closing Ceremony |

  Each of the evening activities are based on the Five AWANA Principles:

#1. Awana is centered on the Gospel.

#2. Scripture Memory is Key.

#3. Awana is fun and exciting.

#4. Children and Youth Learn to Serve.

#5. Awana is built on strong Leadership.

**We encourage parents to join us in the Sanctuary each afternoon at 4:50 pm for the awards presentations during the Closing Ceremony.**

**Theme Nights-**Special activities and themed dress up nights add to the fun and team-building of AWANA! Some theme nights may have special prizes!

**Awana Directors**

Awana leaders are trained to provide your children with the best club experience possible. If you have any questions, issues, or concerns do not hesitate to contact your child’s director or our Awana Commanders.

**Awana Awards**

Each Awana member has the opportunity to earn exciting awards that can be worn on his or her uniform. Medals, plaques, and trophies are also given for the completion of one or more years of handbook work. This year everyone will be working at a guided pace that has been predetermined by their leader. **Please do not work ahead of our guided pace, each verse will be taught with the appropriate lesson!** **Clubbers may always do extra credit sections and books at their own pace**. If you are interested in an extra credit book, please speak to your director.



**Club Rules**

Clubbers are expected to participate in all portions of the night unless a written notice was given by their parents or guardian. Clubbers are also expected to listen and obey the directions given by their leaders.

In the case of a defiant clubber a 3 count will be used. This is a 3 strikes and you’re out rule! A 1 means the clubber will be told what behavior needs to be modified. A 2 is given when the child still will not cooperate (and the director or commander must be called). A 3 is when the parents/guardians are notified, and the clubber will be asked to sit out of club for one week**. WE MUST ENFORCE THE RULES!**

**End of Afternoon Procedure**

In order to ensure your child’s safety, all clubs, with the exception of cubbies, will remain in their rows in the sanctuary until their parent has signed them out from the club secretary. Cubbies will be picked up from their classroom. Children will only be released to their parents unless other arrangements have been made with your child’s director. **Please join us in the sanctuary at 4:50 for our closing ceremony. Help us cheer on your children as they receive their rewards. After awards you may sign your children out.**

#### 2022-2023 AWANA Calendar

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| Aug 27 | Club Kick Off Family Night! |
| Sept 10 | Noah Night (Bring your favorite stuffed animal) |
| Sept 17 | Creation Night |
| Sept 24 | Missions Night |
| Oct 1 | **No Awana, CEFC Semi-Annual Meeting!** |
| Oct 8 | Mustache Night |
| Oct 15 | Grace Night (Ephesians 2:8-9) |
| Oct 22 | Dress like your favorite Bible Person Night |
| Oct 29 | Teacher Appreciation Night  |
| Nov 5 | **No AWANA! Come join us for Fall Fest!** |
| Nov 12 | Operation Christmas Child Night (Bring a small item to put into a child’s gift box) |
| Nov 19 | Fisher of Men Night! (Matthew 4:19) |
| Nov 26 | Thanksgiving Break – No AWANA |
| Dec 3 | PJ Night |
| Dec 10 | Store Night |
| Dec 17 | Happy Birthday Jesus Night/Share the Gospel Night |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Break – NO AWANA |
| Dec 31 | Christmas Break-NO AWANA |
| Jan 7 | Snowman Night (Bring a roll of toilet paper and snowman dress up items.) |
| Jan 14 | Fruits of the Spirit Night |
| Jan 21 | ½ Way Night (Get a prize if you are ½ way through your book!) |
| Jan 28 | Missions Night |
| Feb 4 | S.A.C.K. Night |
| Feb 11 | Candy Guess Night |
| Feb 18 | Write Notes to Our Missionaries Night |
| Feb 25 | Crazy Hat Night |
| Mar 3 | Gospel Night |
| Mar 11 | Dot Night (Put a dot on your leader for every verse) |
| Mar 17 | Generosity Night (We will be collecting a love offering for Josh and Charity Griggs) |
| Mar 24 | Congregational Meeting – NO AWANA |
| Mar 31 | No AWANA, Happy Easter! |
| Apr 7 | Awana Game Show Night |
| Apr 14 | Fashion Disaster Night |
| Apr 20 | Awana Grand Prix! |
| Apr 21 | Appreciate Your Leader Night (bring a note/card to let your leader know how much you appreciate them!) |
| Apr 28 | Store Night |
| May 5 | Award Ceremony |

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# Cheyenne Evangelical Free Church Welcomes You!

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Sunday Service Schedule 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

9:00am ~ Sunday School classes for

PreK – 12th Grade

 & Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30am ~ Children’s church is available for ages

 3- 5th grade

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**Start the year off right! Sign and return the bottom portion of this page next week **

**EARN AWANA BUCKS!**

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Parents,

I have read this AWANA Handbook, and I pledge to do my best to help my child learn and pass at least one section per club night!

Parent’s Signature

Clubbers,

 I pledge to do my best to pass at least one section per club night!

Clubber’s Signature

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