

# Parent Handbook 2025-2026



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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 then 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 sent out with current sections, theme nights, and more. Please be sure to read them to stay current on what is happening in Awana. You may also contact Heidi at any time! Phone 208-932-3311 or email <a href="https://hware220@gmail.com">hware220@gmail.com</a>.

You can also look for the latest information with Awana at <u>www.cheyennefree.org</u>.

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



There is the possibility of an 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

<u>www.facebook.com/Cheyenne-Evangelical-Free-Church</u> or contact the directors for information.

Commanders	All Ages	Dan Ware 307-772-1956 Heidi Ware
Cubbies	3 years- prior to Kindergarten	208-932-3311 Katie Yim 719-359-2027
Sparks	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	
Т&Т	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
Trek	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Rick Tozer 307-369-8691

### Schedule

	3:00-3:20	3:20-3:50	3:50-4:20	4:20-4:50	4:50-5:00
Sparks (K - 2nd grade)	Opening Ceremony	Games	Small Group	Large Group	Closing Ceremony
Truth & Training (3rd - 6th grades)	Opening Ceremony	Small Group	Large Group	Games	Closing Ceremony
Trek (7th-8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Opening Ceremony	Large Group	Games	Small Group	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! Please check the schedule in the back for Theme Nights!

#### **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. Clubbers may always do extra credit sections and books at their own pace. The leaders will let the parents and children know the pace necessary to complete the handbook in one year.



#### 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 Evening Procedure

In order to ensure your child's safety, all clubs, with 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.

#### 2025 - 2026 AWANA Calendar

Sept 7	Noah Night
Sept 14	Teacher Appreciation Night
Sept 21	Mustache Night
Sept 27	2 Timothy 2:15 Night
Oct 5	No Awana- CEFC Semi-annual Meeting
Oct 12	Missions Night- Sweeden Night
Oct 19	Creation Night (Bring something that represents your favorite day of
	creation)
Oct 26	Dress like your favorite Bible Person Night (No regular Costumes Please)
Nov 2	Fall Fest – NO AWANA
Nov 9	Operation Christmas Child Night (Bring a small item to put into an OCC
	shoe box.)
Nov 16	Crazy Hair Night
Nov 23	Gratitude Night
Nov 30	Thanksgiving Break – No AWANA
Dec 7	Store Night
Dec 14	Happy Birthday Jesus Night
Dec 21	Christmas Break – NO AWANA
Dec 28	Christmas Break – NO AWANA
Jan 4	Game Show Night
Jan 11	Hawaiian Night (Come dressed in your favorite beach attire)
Jan 18	Halfway Night (Clubbers who are caught up with the schedule will receive a prize)
Jan 25	Snowman Night (Bring a roll of toilet paper and snowman dress up items.)
Feb 1	Missions Night- Peru Night
Feb 8	SACK Night (Bring a stuffed animal for the SACK ministry)
Feb 15	Candy Guess Night
Feb 22	Write Notes to Our Missionaries Night
Mar 1	Crazy Hat Night
Mar 8	Gospel Night
Mar 15	Love offering Night (We will take a love offering for Josh and Charity Griggs, our missionaries in Peru.)
Mar 22	Congregational Meeting – NO AWANA
Mar 29	Dot Night (Put a dot on your leader for every verse you can say)
Apr 5	No Awana ! Happy Easter!
Apr 12	Club Color Party Night (Each group will be assigned a color to wear)
Apr 18	Awana Grand Prix
Apr 19	PJ Night
Apr 27	Appreciate Your Leader Night (bring a note/card to let your leader know how much you appreciate them!)

# Cheyenne Evangelical Free Church Welcomes You!

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

Adult & Children Sunday School Classes 9:00 AM

Children's church available for ages 3- 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30 service only.





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





#### 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

