

Dear AWANA Parent,

2020-2021 Club Year

Thank you for allowing your child to attend AWANA Clubs at Christ Evangelical Free Church. We are grateful for the opportunity to get to know each child and to come alongside you helping the children to learn about God and memorize His word. Club meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30 pm. We will start on Wednesday, September 23rd, and continue each Wednesday through April 21st, 2021.

Please bring your children in through the front door each week and help get them checked in with our secretary. We ask them to bring their AWANA book, a Bible (not necessary for preschoolers), and to wear their AWANA uniform each week. Thank you for helping your child to remember these things. Parents then may leave if they choose, or may stay and observe. Some parents will even choose to wait for the whole 90 minutes, spending their time in the lobby or a side room of the church. Whatever you choose to do, please be prepared to pick them up from the fellowship hall at 7:30 pm. We cannot allow them to leave on their own. A parent or guardian must come inside the church to pick them up.

We are asking that each family pay a registration fee for each child. This money will go toward the cost of their handbook, uniform, awards, and all the other special things that we do throughout the club year. This year the fee is \$30 for the 1st child in a family, \$20 for the 2nd child, \$10 for the 3rd child. There is a \$60 maximum for each family, no matter how many children you have. We NEVER would turn away a child for lack of funds, so PLEASE do not let this fee keep you from letting your child attend. If you are in a place of financial hardship, CEFC would love to help out by offering your child a scholarship to pay their registration fee. The leaders of the church ask that you fill out a scholarship form, which will be available from the AWANA secretary or from the Ministry Director.

Please be sure to take a calendar home to keep on the refrigerator. This way you will know the theme for each night, and which weeks there will not be AWANA. Theme nights make club more fun and are a good way for your child to join in. Sometimes they will have the opportunity to dress up, or earn extra points, or participate in special events. I will do my best to keep you informed about the details for each week with a monthly flyer. Calendars and flyers will be always be available outside the fellowship hall.

In AWANA, we operate with a point system; points for attending, bringing their book and Bible, wearing their uniform, and passing their sections from the handbook. This means they will be learning memory verses from the Bible. They will be hiding God's word in their heart, something that will have lifelong benefits. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against God." It would be great if you, as a parent, would take some time during the week to help them prepare their next memory verse ahead of time. What a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child. If your child can say their verses by memory to you before they come to AWANA, please sign your full signature right underneath the verse. We will give them an extra point for memorizing their verse at home. Anyway, these points are meant to be a positive motivator for them. Twice a year, they will have the opportunity to spend these points in our AWANA Store.

As far as weather is concerned, if there is SNOW, please check to see if the Lehigh School District has cancelled classes. If there is no school in Lehigh on a Wednesday due to weather, then there will be no AWANA that night. If you are unsure, you can always e-mail, text or call me to find out. Thank you again for entrusting your children to us. We take it seriously and will do our best. I am the new ministry director for AWANA this year. I pray that our year will be a blessing to your family.

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