



# Adventure Clubs

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Dear Adventure Club Host,

We are so thankful that you are considering partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) by hosting an Adventure Club! It is a blessing to have people in communities who desire to share the Gospel message with the children.

The purpose of this packet is to answer any questions you might have about hosting an Adventure Club. Our commitment is that all of us remain on the same page throughout this planning process. Our goal is to communicate well, work as a team and be as helpful as possible for you. We want to see your club be successful. Seeing children come to learn about Jesus—and some even choosing to dedicate their lives to Him—makes it all worthwhile.

We are excited to see what God has in store for the summer of 2021! The CYIA team believes that He will do BIG things. Thank you for your willingness to participate in advancing God's Kingdom in this way.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The CYIA Team

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## **Why should I host an Adventure Club?**

*Child Evangelism Fellowship* strives to reach the unreached children in our communities. There are many successful programs for the boys and girls who attend our churches, but we often forget to go beyond our four walls to reach those who do not get to hear about Jesus' love and what He did for us. We want to see that changed and what better way to step outside of our comfort zone and try something new this summer. Through hosting and having an Adventure Club, we can begin to make an unknown Gospel known.

## **What is an Adventure Club?**

We are taking a whole new look at how we do summer ministries for 2021. We are excited to introduce you to Adventure Clubs! The clubs will be held for three consecutive days and last two and a half hours. Each day will include a Bible and mission story, memory verses, songs, games, crafts and intentional conversations. No more just sitting on a blue tarp, but instead we will be moving around and creating fun ways to teach stories through dramas and using all our senses. We are excited to try something new and pray that we can reach even more boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Who is teaching the Adventure Club?**

*Christian Youth In Action (CYIA)* is a wonderful program that allows us to train, equip, pray over and send out teenagers as missionaries to spread the Gospel into our communities. These young people are giving a big part of their summer because they have a heart for children, and they see the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission.

The *CYIA* team will teach the Bible lessons, mission story, memory verses, songs, crafts and games each day of the club.

We are excited for you to get to know these amazing teens and to love and encourage them in their journey. We have full confidence and trust in our teams, and we know you will see their desire to follow Christ.

## **When should I host my Adventure Club?**

This is a process in which we will work with you. You must decide what week works best, what time you want your club and where it will be located.

Our ministry weeks to choose from are: July 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 or 27-29.

The time frames for the weeks are: 9am – 11:30am, 1:30pm – 4pm or 6pm – 8:30pm

## **Where should I host my Adventure Club?**

Choosing a location is an important process and is a big part of what brings success to the ministry. We want to be where there are children so we can share the Gospel message with as many boys and girls as possible. We also need a larger space to set up multiple stations. Here are some of our suggestions when choosing a location:

### Parks

- Parks are a fun place to host clubs and are often easily accessible for kids in your local community. When choosing a park, pay attention to how heavily the park is used. You want to be somewhere where there are plenty of kids that you can invite on the day of your club.
- Find a park with shade or shelter to protect the group from our unpredictable Colorado weather. We are needing an area for a space that will hold four to five canopies.
- Look for an area that has easy access to bathrooms. With clubs being two and a half hours long, a bathroom will be needed.
- We recommend that prior to the week of your Adventure Club, you go visit the park around the time of day you are planning to host your club. Doing this helps to plan the perfect spot to meet, ensure that it is a safe area, and gauge if there are children hanging around during that time. The more children that are present, the more opportunity to share the Gospel. This also provides a great time to walk the park and pray for all the boys and girls you will be reaching!

### Churches

- If you have a great big open grassy area at your church, we would love to set up the Adventure Club there. It would look very similar to having the club at the park.
- If there isn't an open grassy area at your church, we can have the Adventure Club inside. Instead of canopies, we would need to use four to five classrooms that are in the same location. We can walk through your church and map out which rooms would be best for the clubs.

## **What materials and equipment are needed for an Adventure Clubs?**

Your *CYIA* team will have all the materials needed for the lessons, songs, games and prizes.

There are a few things that you can provide that will help make the club successful:

1. **Snacks:** A small treat and water for the kids. In the middle of the club, we will have a snack and bathroom break.
2. **Name Tags:** This can be simple as sticker name tags. This is helpful for the *CYIA* missionaries, the volunteer team and yourself to learn the kid's name.
3. **Extra tarps/blankets:** It is always nice to have extra things for the kids to sit on if the ground is wet.

We do have a need for a few items if you are able to provide, that would be greatly appreciated. Please know if you are unable to provide these materials, our *CYIA* team will happy to provide them.

1. **Craft Items:** We will provide a list of craft materials needed for the club.
2. **Table & Chairs:** It will be helpful to have a table and a couple of chairs for registration and for the craft area.

## **What is the schedule for the Adventure Club?**

On the next page, you will find the schedule that we will be using for each day of club. Depending on how many children come to the club, we will either stay in one big group or divide up to four different groups that will rotate through the entire schedule.

Our *CYIA* missionaries will be trained on when and how to divide up the group, if needed.

There will be four stations, three big group times and a snack and bathroom break. During each station, we will do songs and the Word-Up!

# Adventure Club Schedule

## **Arrive, Sign in & Games**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Welcome, Prayer, Rules, Word Up & Introduction**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Station 1: Bible Story**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Station 2: Memory Verse**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Snack & Bathroom Break**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Station 3: Missions Story**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Station 4: Craft**

15 minutes

### ***Transition Time***

4 minutes

## **Review Games, Prayer, Good-Bye**

15 minutes

## **What about volunteers?**

Once you have decided on the time, date, and location, you need to start creating a team of volunteers who can work with you and the *CYIA* team. It is best that you have a team of 3-5 volunteers present at your club. It is a good idea to have a few backup volunteers, just in case someone is not able to come. We ask that at least two of those volunteers are over the age of 18.

Your team of volunteers is extremely important in order to have a successful club. They will be helping by:

- Setting up and tearing down
- Checking in students
- Checking out students
- Passing out snacks
- Assisting children who need help during the club
- Possibly driving the *CYIA* team to the next location
- Overall safety for the club

## **What is required for volunteers?**

It is EXTREMELY important and required that ALL volunteers, including yourself, complete and follow our Child Protection Policy (CPP) background check, done through *CEF*. All background checks must be completed two weeks prior to when your club will take place.

We ask that you provide a list of your volunteers to this email: [cyia@coloradocef.org](mailto:cyia@coloradocef.org). This will help make sure all the paperwork is turned in and nothing is missing.

The CPP background check is good for five years as long as the volunteer stays active in *CEF* each year. If a volunteer goes inactive for a year, they must do the re-screening background check.

If you have a volunteer that is under the age of 18, they still need to fill out the CPP, but we will NOT run their background check. However, we will need to obtain verbal and written references from their pastor and a non-family member.

## **Helping with transportation for the *CYIA* missionaries?**

We ask that you as the host do everything you can to provide drivers for our *CYIA* missionaries. The driver will coordinate with the *CYIA* team leader for transportation throughout the week.

We recommend that each club has a backup plan for drivers. You can have more than one driver throughout the week as long as they meet the requirements.

Requirements for drivers are:

- Drivers must be 21 years of age or older
- They must complete a CPP background check through *CEF*
- Any driver (regardless of gender) should not be alone with only one student (regardless of gender)

On the next page, you will find our *CEF* Volunteer Checklist. The link to our online application form is on that page. Contact us for a hard copy of the application for volunteers under the age of 18.

You can also visit our website for all volunteer requirements and links:

**[www.coloradocef.org/cyia](http://www.coloradocef.org/cyia)**

# CEF Volunteer Checklist (Ages 18+)

## FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

- Online or paper copy:** Read CEF's Statement of Faith and sign Worker's Compliance Agreement
- Online or paper copy:** Read CEF's Child Protection Policy
- Online or paper copy:** Watch or listen to *Protecting Today's Child* presentation
- Online or paper copy:** Complete volunteer application, which includes: (1) Confidential Screening Form, (2) Background/Reference Check Authorization, and (3) Your brief salvation testimony
- Show government-issued photo ID
- Go through personal interview
- Get photo taken for name badge
- Get "Screened Volunteer" name badge from CEF office
- Now you are clear to serve!

## FOR RETURNING VOLUNTEERS:

- Annually: Watch or listen to *Protecting Today's Child* presentation
- Annually: Sign Worker's Compliance Agreement
- If inactive for more than one year: Go through re-screening process
- If active every year: Go through re-screening every five years

## ONLINE APPLICATION:

The entire CEF volunteer application packet can be completed online:  
[www.coloradocef.org/volunteer](http://www.coloradocef.org/volunteer)

Once you've started the online application, you'll have 40 minutes to complete the form. You will want to be prepared to list previous addresses for the past five years, as well as three references (church leader, previous employer, and personal), contact information such as their phone number, mailing address and email address.

## **How do I invite children to our Adventure Club?**

*CEF* will provide flyers for you to pass out to your community. It will be your responsibility to spread the word about your club. Be creative! We can provide hard copies and electronic copies of the flyers. Ideas of where you can pass out fliers are: community boards, your church info area, going door to door and your *Good News Club* kiddos.

We do recommend that you have multiple days where you are passing out the flyers for your clubs. Here is how we recommend going about promoting your club:

- Start talking about your Adventure Club a few months/weeks in advance
- Pass out the flyers a month or so leading up to your club
- Pass out the flyers again the week prior

Doing this will help parents to put the club on their calendars and it will make advertising seem less stressful to you as the host if you spread it out over time. Encourage your volunteers to keep flyers on them to hand out throughout their day.

Have extra flyers available during your club so that if there are children around the park or your location, you can invite them as well. Also, you can give flyers to the children who come to the club to encourage them to invite more friends.

Don't be afraid to think outside the box and please know that we are here to help you.

## **What should I do once our Adventure Club has finished?**

After your club is over, it is so important to follow up with each child who attended your club. We want them to continue to know they are loved, but also to get them involved in a church if they aren't already. How wonderful would it be if a child was able to grow up in the church because of your influence? Even better, what if their whole family was introduced to Christ because of an Adventure Club?

Have information on your church to give to families and any information for upcoming events your church will be hosting. Pass out flyers for the Good News Clubs which begin in the fall at the local school.

## Other Questions

Please feel free to ask any questions that you have!

Our goal is to make this process an enjoyable one and to try to minimize the work that is needed to make your club successful. We are so excited to partner with you and to see what God does in your community!

Don't forget to have FUN!

CEF has a team ready to help you throughout this entire process. We are here to work alongside you. Everyone is praying for you, your volunteers and every child who will be hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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