



PGCC Family Resource 2023-2024 Booklet

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Our Awana Clubs Meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm

The clubs follows the Rhinelander K-12 Public School District calendar. **PGCC Awana does not meet when the Rhinelander School District classes are not scheduled or if school or after school activities are canceled.**

Calendar of Special Dates (subject to change)

You will receive an email the week before the upcoming Special Night with more details. Also, the first Wednesday of the month is a Free Church Meal for Everyone starting at 5:30.

2023

- SEPT 13 Fall Kick-Off Event
- SEPT 20 1st Regular Club Night, PGCC Weds. start
- SEPT 27 Bring a Friend / Wear Your Club Color Night
- OCT 18 **Missions Night:** Cowboy Truth /
Dress like Cowboys/Cowgirls
- NOV 15 Thanksgiving Theme / Dress like Pilgrims,
Turkeys - bring a canned good for Food Pantry
- NOV 22 **NO CLUB** - Happy Thanksgiving!
- DEC 13 **NO CLUB** - Christmas Break
- DEC 20 **NO CLUB** - Merry Christmas!
- DEC 27 **NO CLUB** - Happy New Year!

2024

- JAN 17 Crazy Hair Night
- FEB 21 Backwards / Inside Out Night
- MAR 13 **NO CLUB** - Spring Break
- MAR 16 Grand Prix Workshop, 9-Noon, Saturday
- MAR 20 Paint / Sticker Your Face Night
- MAR 27 **Awana Grand Prix**
- APR 10 **Missions Night:** MARC Alaska Missions
- APR 17 Wear Your Crazy Hat Night
- APR 24 Last Regular Awana / Share Store
- MAY 1 Awards Night with Monthly Meal

VESTS & DUES

The Cubbies and Sparks will be encouraged to purchase and wear Awana vests. This is a great way to display their awards for Bible verses they have learned.

We are once again asking parents to pay dues to help defray some of the cost of Awana. The fee will be \$10.00 per child or \$20.00 maximum per family.



**We invite you and your family to
join us for our Worship Service!**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:45 am Sunday School

(for all ages, starts September 10th)

10:00 am Worship Service

(Childcare available for those age 3 & under)

Please call the church at 715.369.5404 with any questions or visit our website at www.pgcc.us for information about what we believe, upcoming events, watch or listen to current and past series, and learn about the other ministries that we offer.

Our YOUTH GROUP is for Grades 6-12

Meets 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesdays when Awana meets

PGCC and Awana Staff:

Senior Pastor	Jeremy Vander Galien
Assoc Pastor of Congregational Life	Jeff O'Malley
Associate Pastor of Worship	Marc White
Office Assistant	Terri Hansen
Awana Commander	Jeremy Vander Galien
Cubbies Director	Deb Franks
Sparks Director	Amber Scholten
T & T Directors	Joel Drabek, Clare Braband
Awana Secretary	Rachel Fugle

- Please work with your child and do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. You will find that your child will memorize more quickly if they understand what he/she are memorizing.
- Please initial the sections you feel that your child is ready to recite to his/her leaders.
- The Handbooks are designed to be finished in one school year if the Clubber recites at least 2-3 sections per week.

Looking for More Information on Awana?

Check out the information at: www.pgcc.us/awana. We have a complete calendar and registration form for the year and many resources for parents and Clubbers.



Like us on Facebook, type in **PGCCawana**



WELCOME TO AWANA
at Pine Grove Community Church

What is Awana?



Awana stands for: **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed (from 2 Timothy 2:15)

AWANA is an international ministry program that gives children 3 years – 5/6 grade (divided into three age appropriate clubs) an opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus, no matter their background.

We are Awana Club #4756.

Why Kids and Parents Love Awana!

Why do so many kids attend Awana Clubs at Pine Grove Community Church every week? Awana is fun! And of course, they're learning and growing in Christ, too.

Awana Club weekly meetings are brimming with life-enriching experiences! Trained leaders guide children through age-appropriate material. Clubbers learn that God is real, that He loves them, and that He has expressed that love through Jesus Christ. They also learn how to apply the truths of the Bible to their daily lives because the program is distinctively Christian and Bible-centered.

Note: Parents/guardians are invited to visit and observe at any time. Feel free to contact Pastor Jeremy Vander Galien or any Director with questions.

*** Please Note:** Cost should not keep *any* child from participating. Please see any Club Director for lightly used items, making payments, and for scholarships to help defray your costs.

3 different Awana Clubs at Pine Grove are geared for the needs of your child's age/grade:



Cubbies Club: Pre-K (2 years prior to entering Kindergarten). Children must be age 3 by September 1 and potty trained. The Cubbie Director is Deb Franks.



Sparks Club: Kindergarten-Grade 2

Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized. The Sparks Director is Amber Scholten.



Truth and Training (T&T) Club: Grades 3-5/6

Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized. T & T Directors are Joel & Clare.

Leader's Contact Information

Pastor/Commander:		
Jeremy Vander Galien	715.369.5404	
Cubbies Director:		
Deb Franks	715.282.6227	
Sparks Director:		
Amber Scholten	608.553.2814	
T & T Directors:		
Joel Drabek	715.360.3442	
Clare Braband	262.719.4009	

The PGCC Website has a calendar with all church and Awana activities listed. Go to www.pgcc.us then click on the "church calendar" icon. Click on any activity and additional info will pop up.

Sparks and T&T Large Group Time

Large Group Time includes a time of worship through songs, club announcements, and a Bible lesson with real-life application. Incentives, theme nights, and special guests add to the excitement of coming to Awana.



Incentive for Sparks and T&T

Clubbers will individually receive "Awana Shares" for passing sections of Bible verses, wearing their vest/shirt, bringing their book and Bible, and for team color efforts. Shares may be spent periodically at the Awana Share Store. Share Store dates are the first Wednesday of the month. In addition, Sparkies will receive either a patch or a jewel to put onto their vest, once a unit is completed.

Helpful Hints for Sparks and T&T Handbooks

- New Clubbers receive an free Entrance Booklet.
- Once the Entrance Booklet is completed, Clubbers may purchase a Handbook (\$12)
- Entrance Booklets and Handbooks contain "sections" that are passed when the requirements for each are met (completion of Bible memorization and activities).
- "Sections" are passed when said/shown to an Awana leader. Parent leaders may not pass his/her own child's sections.
- A book bag may help avoid frantic, last minute searches for the Clubber's Handbook and Bible.

Sign in/out for each Spark and T&T Clubber will be in the hallway just outside of Sanctuary door S-2. Both these Clubs start at **6:30pm**.



Sparks and T&T Clubs begin in the sanctuary where they will be dismissed to their individual clubs. Both clubs gather again at the end of the evening and are dismissed at 8:15pm from the sanctuary.

Both Sparks and T & T clubs have similar formats but occur separately with their own club activities.



Sparks and T&T Game Time

Playing a variety of unique games involves all of the Clubbers in fun, fast activity as part of a team. Games are age-appropriate and designed for varying physical abilities. Adult/Teen team leaders encourage organization, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship. Please dress your child casually and wearing appropriate shoes for running games.

Sparks and T&T Handbook Time

Each Clubber will be given an Entrance Book. When completed, each clubber may purchase a Handbook. The Clubber and their family review the Bible verses at home and the Clubber then recites to their leaders on club night.

Leaders guide a small group of Clubbers through their book during Handbook Time. Emphasis is placed on helping Clubbers achieve Bible memorization, understanding and application of the Biblical truth presented.

Family Registration Information:

Please complete the Children's/Youth Ministry Family Registration Form. Only **one** completed form per family is needed.

Sign-In/Sign-Out For All Children:

1. All children **must be** signed in/out each club night by a parent/guardian at their club's registration table:
Cubbies....in classroom #35
Sparks.....in the hallway outside Sanctuary door S-2
T&T.....in the hallway outside Sanctuary door S-2
Children will be released only to the parents or guardians listed on his/her registration form.
2. All children must be picked up **inside** of the facility; for safety reasons, no child will be allowed to meet his/her family outside of the facility.
3. Please send **written** permission or **notify** your child's Club Director for someone else to transport your child to/from Awana on a non-regular basis. Please notify that individual to sign your child in/out.
3. **If an emergency arises**, please make arrangements or contact Pastor Jeremy at the church office at 715.369.5404 or your club leader. (See Leader Contact Info on Page 3).

What About Illness?

Please keep your child home if they missed school due to illness or are showing signs of illness.



What About Inclement Weather?

- Whenever the Rhinelander K-12 Public School District cancels school or after school activities or dismisses early due to weather, PGCC Awana is also canceled.
- Club may be canceled if weather conditions are considered unsafe for travel. Every effort will be made to contact each family as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding whether club will be meeting or not, call the Church Office at 715.369.5404 by 4:00 pm or see our Awana Facebook page.

All About Cubbies Club



Cubbies Club is designed for Preschool aged children to join the Cubbie fun from **6:30-8:15pm** in **Classroom #35**, located across the hallway from the cafeteria.

Please sign-in/out your child at the Classroom Registration Table. Your Cubbie may join in a group activity until Lesson Time.

Handbook Helps for Home

Focus on helping your child to understand the meaning of the Bible verses in simple terms. Most of the weekly “Memory Seeds” (Bible verse) have two choices - you choose the one most suited for your child’s ability. Please sign and date your child’s book. “Under the Apple Tree” are “extra” optional activities in the Handbook.

All About Cubbies Club continued

Cubbies Snack/Craft Time and Game Time

The night would not be complete without a snack/craft and games. The snack is provided by the “Cubbie of the Day” followed by a craft that compliments the Bible lesson.

Clubbers rotate to non-competitive games designed for energetic Cubbies. ***For your child’s safety, please do not send your Cubbie in flip-flops or girls in long dresses.***

“Cubbie of the Day”

Each Clubber has an opportunity to be the “Cubbie of the Day,” near his/her birthday, whenever possible. He/she brings a treat to share at Snack Time and receives a small gift from Cubbie Bear. You will receive a reminder note with your child’s date and the number of treats needed. **(Suggestion: non-messy treats-fruit snacks, cookies, granola bars, cut-up fruit. No peanuts due to allergies.)**

Parents/Guardians Are VERY Important!

Parenting young children comes with challenges and rewards. Let us know of any event shaping your child’s life. We are available to help you and provide you with helpful, practical resources.

As a parent, you can help your child be excited about learning God’s word. When they pass certain markers, they’ll get a patch that you can iron onto their vest. The Cubbie leader will share more information on how you can help with this.

CUBBIES SONG

***We are Awana Cubbies, we’re happy all day long.
We know that Jesus loves us! That’s why we sing this song.
We hop because we’re happy and we jump and shout for joy.
For Jesus is a friend to us. He loves each girl and boy.***