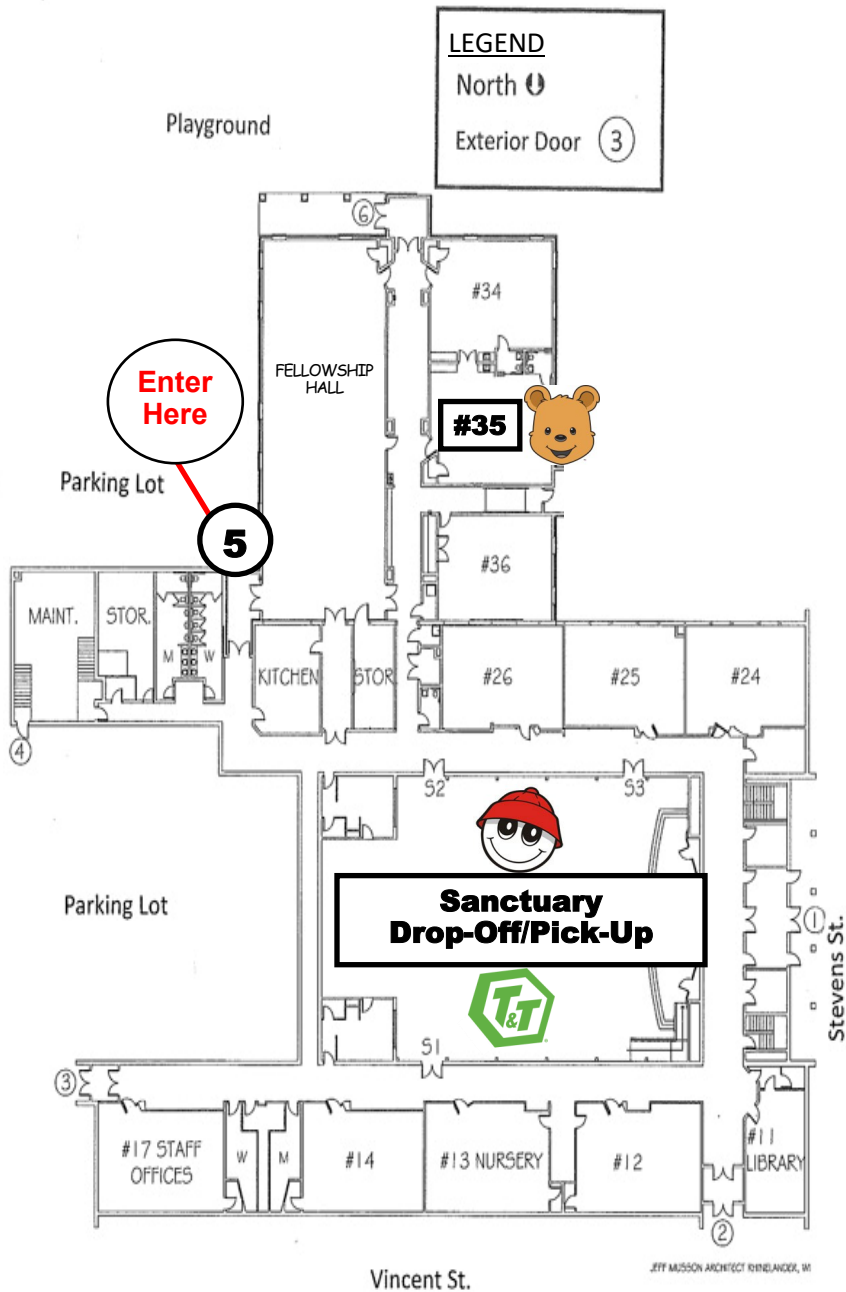




PGCC Awana Handbook 2025-2026

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

The clubs follow 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. Normally, the first Wednesday of the month is a *free church meal for everyone* at 5:30. The Awana Share Store is normally open on the first Wednesday, also.

2025

- SEPT 10 Fall Kick-Off Event for registration
- SEPT 17 1st Regular Club Night, PGCC Weds. start
- SEPT 24 Bring a Friend / Wear Your Club Color Night
- OCT 22 Missions Night: Cowboy Truth -
Dress like Cowboys & Cowgirls
- NOV 19 Tee 'Til You Gobble - Layer T-shirts like turkey
feathers!
- NOV 26 NO CLUB - Happy Thanksgiving!
- DEC 10 Christmas Dress-Up Fun!
- DEC 17 NO CLUB - Prepare for Christmas
- DEC 24 NO CLUB - Merry Christmas!
- DEC 31 NO CLUB - Christmas Break

2026

- JAN 7 Monthly Meal & Awana (No Share Store)
- JAN 21 Crazy Hair Night
- JAN 28 Grand Prix cars available for purchase until G.P.
- FEB 14 (Sat.) Grand Prix Workshop, 9-Noon
- FEB 18 Backwards/Inside Out Night
- FEB 25 Awana Grand Prix
- MAR 11 Dress in Neon Night
- MAR 18 NO CLUB - Spring Break
- MAR 25 Missions Night: Africa Missions
- APR 15 Wear Your Crazy Hat Night
- APR 29 Last Regular Awana & Share Store
- MAY 6 Awana Awards Night

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.



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

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:45—9:30 am Sunday School
(starts in the fall, check website for dates)

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 5/6-12

Meets 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesdays when Awana meets.
* Registration Form available at www.pgcc.us/youth *

PGCC and Awana Staff:

Senior Pastor	Jeremy Vander Galien
Executive Pastor	Jeff O'Malley
Associate Pastor of Worship	Marc White
Office Assistants	Terri Hansen Stevana Segó
Awana Commander	Jeremy Vander Galien
Cubbies Director	Deb Franks
Sparks Directors	Jarvis & Abigail Kaderlik
T & T Director	Clare Braband
Awana Secretary	Rachel Fugle

- The handbooks are designed to be finished in one school year if the clubber recites at least 2-3 sections per week.
- Please work with your child and do your best to explain the meaning of each verse. Children will memorize more quickly if they understands what they are memorizing.
- Audio songs for the OT and NT books of the Bible are at www.pgcc.us/awana
- A book bag may help avoid frantic, last minute searches for the handbook and Bible. Awana bags are available for purchase through PGCC. (See order form).

Looking for More Information about Awana?

Check out the information at:

www.pgcc.us/awana

We have a complete calendar and forms for the year and many other resources for parents and clubbers.



WELCOME TO AWANA

at Pine Grove Community Church

What is Awana?



AWANA is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.
It is an abbreviation for:

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

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

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.

Vests and T-shirts

Cubbies and Sparks are encouraged to wear an Awana vest as a way to display the awards they have earned for memorizing Bible verses. T & T clubbers are encouraged to wear a PGCC Awana T-shirt. Both are purchased through PGCC Awana.

Dues

We are once again asking parents to pay dues to help defray some of the costs (\$10 for one child or \$20 per family).

Three Awana clubs at Pine Grove geared for the needs of your child’s age/grade:



Cubbies: PreK (2 years prior to entering Kindergarten 5K). Children must be age 3 by Sept. 1st and potty-trained. The Cubbies Director is Deb Franks.



Sparks: Kindergarten (K5) - Grade 2
Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized. The Sparks Directors are Jarvis & Abigail Kaderlik.



Truth and Training (T&T): Grades 3 - 5/6
Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized. T & T Director is Clare Braband.

Directors’ Contact Information

Pastor/Commander:		
Jeremy Vander Galien	715-369-5404	
Cubbies Director:		
Deb Franks	715-282-6227	
Sparks Directors:		
Jarvis Kaderlik	715-493-2223	
Abigail Kaderlik	715-493-2311	
T & T Director:		
Clare Braband	262-719-4009	

Our church website is www.pgcc.us

For a calendar of all PGCC church events, go to our website and click on the calendar icon.

For more information on Awana, go to: www.pgcc.us/awana. You can view and download the Awana calendar, this handbook, the registration form, and the order form for Awana supplies. The songs for the Old and New Testament books of the Bible that the clubbers learn are also available on our Awana page.

Sparks and T&T Large Group Time

Large Group Time includes worship songs, club announcements, and a Bible lesson with real-life application. Fun extras like incentive rewards, theme nights, and special guests add to the excitement of coming to Awana!



Incentive for Sparks and T&T

Clubbers earn “Awana Shares” by completing handbook sections, memorizing Bible verses, wearing their vest/shirt, bringing their Bible and handbook, and joining activities. They can spend their shares at the Awana Share Store, usually open the first Wednesday of each month.

Sparks receive a patch or jewel for their vest after completing a unit.

How It Works

- New Sparks and T&T clubbers complete a free entrance booklet first.
- Clubbers can then purchase the first handbook in the series. Check the order form or ask the Awana Secretary or Director for assistance.

How your child progress through a handbook:

1. Each handbook has units and smaller sections. A unit is finished when all of the sections are done.
2. Children recite verses and show their work to their leader, who signs off when it is correct.
3. Parents can’t sign off, but you play an important role! Help your child practice at home, and let their leader know when they are ready to present a section.
4. When a unit is complete, your child visits the Check-In desk to have progress recorded and receive rewards.
5. At the end of the year, children earn an award for each handbook completed!!

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



Drop-Off for both clubs begins at 6:20 pm in the Sanctuary, where your clubbers' leaders will be ready to greet them. Please note that no supervision is available before this time.

Both these clubs start at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. After the opening, clubbers and their leaders proceed to their individual club activities.

Pick-Up for both clubs is from 8:15 pm to 8:20 pm in the Sanctuary. Clubbers remain with their small group leader until contact is made with parent/guardian, at which time the children are released into the care of their parent/guardian.

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 have your child dress casually and wear appropriate shoes for running games.



Sparks and T&T Handbook Time

Each clubber will be given an entrance booklet (*Flight 3:16* for Sparks and *Start Zone* for T&T). When completed, each clubber may purchase a handbook. At home, the clubbers and their family do the activities and review the Bible verses. The clubbers then show their work and recite their verses to their leaders on club night.

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

Awana Registration Information

Please complete the Family Registration Form for Awana. Only one form per family is needed. Providing your email address is important in order to receive timely information.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up For All Children

(Specific locations are listed in the individual club information sections.)

- Drop-Off opens at 6:20 pm with their leaders. Supervision is not available prior to this time.
- Pick-Up is from 8:15 pm to 8:20 pm.
- All children must be picked up inside the facility at the designated pick-up location for safety reasons.
- Children will be released only to the parents, guardians, or individuals listed on the registration form.
- If someone other than you will transport your child on a particular occasion, please provide written permission to your child's club Director or the Awana Secretary. Also, please ensure your designee contacts the Director or Secretary before pick-up.



In Case of Emergency

Please make arrangements by contacting Pastor Jeremy at the church office at 715-369-5404 or your club Director. (See Contact Info on Page 3).

What About Illness?

Please keep your child home if he/she missed school due to illness or is showing signs of illness.



- 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.
- Awana 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. Email is used for this purpose.

If you are unsure whether Club will be meeting, please call the Church Office at 715-369-5404 by 4:00 pm.

All About Cubbies Club



Cubbies club is designed for Preschool aged children to join Cubbie fun from 6:30—8:15pm in Classroom #35, located across the hallway from the Fellowship Hall (multipurpose room).

Sign-In & Drop-Off and Sign-Out & Pick-Up

Please sign your child in and out at the table located just outside the door to Classroom #35. Sign-In opens at 6:20 pm and your Cubbie may join in a group activity until Lesson Time. Sign-Out and Pick-Up is from 8:15 —8:20pm.

Handbook Helps for Home

Focus on helping your child 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.

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 loose footwear 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. We are grateful to know of any event shaping your child’s life as it helps us help your Cubbie have a successful evening. Please know that we are available to help and provide you with practical resources, also.

As a parent, you can help your child be excited about learning God’s Word. When they pass certain markers, they receive a patch that you can iron onto his/her vest. Ask the Cubbie leader for more information on how you can help.

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.*

To hear the tune, go to awanaplus.com/appleseed.
Scroll down to “Handbook Music (ESV)”