

PINE GROVE

**AWANA
HANDBOOK**



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WELCOME TO AWANA

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at Pine Grove Community Church

What is Awana?



AWANA is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

It is an acronym for:

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

AWANA is an international ministry program that gives children the opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus, regardless of their background.

PGCC Awana consists of three age-appropriate clubs for children three years old through sixth grade.

Why Kids and Parents Love Awana!

Why do so many children attend Awana Clubs at Pine Grove Community Church every Wednesday? Because they have fun while growing in their faith!

Awana Club weekly meetings are filled with engaging, life-enriching experiences. Trained leaders guide children through age-appropriate lessons that help them understand foundational biblical truths. Clubbers learn that God is real, that He loves them, and that He has shown that love through Jesus Christ. They are also encouraged to apply biblical truth to their everyday lives, as Awana is a distinctly Christian, Bible-centered program.

Parents and guardians are always welcome to visit and observe at any time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Awana Commander or any club Director.

Awana Clubs By Age Groups

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We have three clubs geared for 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.



Sparks: Kindergarten (K5) - Grade 2
Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized.



Truth and Training (T&T): Grades 3 - 6
Bible memorization and Bible-centered activities are emphasized.

Directors' Contact Information

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Our Awana Clubs Meet

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:15 PM

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The clubs loosely follow the academic school year, opening in September and closing in May, with breaks for holidays.

Special Nights and Events

- Please refer to the full Awana calendar (hard copy and online) and the Awana Special Nights and Events (center insert) for specifics and details.
- You will also receive an email with additional details in advance of special events.
- Generally, on the first Wednesday of each month, the church hosts a free meal beginning at 5:30 PM.
- Generally, on the first Wednesday of each month, the Awana Share Store is open during Awana activities.

What About Inclement Weather?

Awana 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.

What About Illness?

Please keep your child home if:

- he/she missed school due to illness or
- is showing signs of illness.



Awana Registration Information

- Please complete both the Awana Family Registration Form and the Awana Order Form. Only one of each form per family is needed each new Awana year.
- Please submit the completed forms and payment on Registration Night.
- Please provide your email address in order to receive timely information. All PGCC Awana communications go out ONLY via email. If you are not receiving emails, please check your Spam and Promotions folders.

All forms are available in hard copy or as printable versions from our website at www.pgcc/awana.

For questions about registration, contact the Awana Secretary at pgsecrawana@gmail.com.

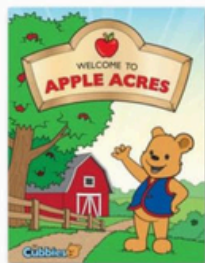
Costs and Dues

- **Costs** - Please refer to the Order Form or the insert for current material costs. Please see the "Materials Needed" section, pages 5 and 6, for items your clubber may need. For additional assistance, please contact your child's club Director.
- **Dues** - We are once again asking parents to pay dues to help to help support the program's costs.

Cost should not keep any child from participating. Please see your Club Director for information about lightly used items, payment options, and scholarships to help cover costs.

Materials Needed

- **Entrance Booklet** - Each clubber completes the club-specific booklet according to their club's instructions. The booklet is provided at no cost.



- **Handbooks** - Each club has its own handbooks. Sparks clubbers complete three consecutive books, while T&T clubbers complete four. *Essentials*, simplified versions that cover the same memorization verses, are available for all Sparks and T&T handbooks.



Cubbies books
(alternate each year)



Sparks books
(each is designed to be completed in one year)



T&T books
(each is designed to be completed in one year)

- **Vests** - Cubbies and Sparks clubbers wear vests for club spirit, and rewards are attached to their vests to recognize their achievements in memorizing verses and progressing in books.



Cubbies vest



Sparks vest



- **Bags** - Recommended to help clubbers keep their Awana materials organized, readily available each week, and stored separately to prevent mix-ups with other clubbers' items.



- **T-shirts** - T&T Clubbers are encouraged to wear the PGCC Awana T-shirt for club spirit.



Please label your clubber's booklet, handbook, vest, and bag!

(Refer to map on page 15 for specific locations)

- **Drop-Off** opens at 6:20 pm with their leaders. Supervision is not available prior to this time.
- All Clubs start at 6:30 pm.
- **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 Awana Secretary. Also, please ensure your designee contacts the Director or Secretary before pick-up.
- Please advise your designee that an official form of identification may be requested at the time of pick-up.



In Case of Emergency

If, during the Awana evening, an emergency requires a change in the person picking up your child, please notify your child's club Director (*see page 2*).



Special Nights & Events

2026

Sept 9	Registration Night & Kick-Off Fun
Sept 16	1st Regular Club Night, PGCC Activities start
Sept 23	Bring a Friend Night & Wear Your Club Colors Night
Oct 28	Special Night: Special Guest!
Nov 18	Tee 'Til You Gobble: Layer T-shirts like Turkey Feathers
Nov 25	NO CLUB - Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 9	Christmas Dress-Up Fun Night
Dec 16	NO CLUB - Prepare for Christmas
Dec 24	NO CLUB - Christmas Eve
Dec 30	NO CLUB - Christmas Break

2027

Jan 6	Grand Prix Cars for purchase (No Share Store)
Jan 20	Wear Crazy Hair Night
Feb 6	(Sat.) Grand Prix Workshop, 9 am - Noon
Feb 17	Grand Prix (No Awana Clubs)
Feb 24	Dress Backward and Inside Out Night
Mar 10	Wear Your Pajamas Night
Mar 17	NO CLUB - Spring Break
Mar 24	Missions Presentation - TBA
April 21	Wear Your Crazy Hat Night
April 28	Final Share Store and Awana Clubs
May 5	Awana Awards Night

Awana Materials & Costs

2026-2027

Dues	Price
Single Child	\$10
Family Maximum	\$20

NEW Drawstring Backpack	\$8
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CUBBIES	Price
HoneyComb Handbook	\$13
Vest (various sizes)	\$15
Bag (recommended)	\$10

SPARKS	Price
Handbooks	\$13
Essentials Handbooks	\$10
Vests (various sizes)	\$15
Bag (recommended)	\$10

T&T	Price
Handbooks	\$13
Essentials Handbooks	\$10
T-Shirts (various sizes)	\$13



Cubbies Club is designed for Preschool-aged children ages 3-5 who are potty-trained to join the Cubbie fun from 6:30—8:15 pm.

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

Please sign your child in and out at the table outside Classroom #35.

Sign-in opens at 6:20 pm.

Lesson Time begins at 6:30 pm.

Sign-Out and Pick-Up is from 8:15 - 8:20 pm.



Handbook Helps for Home

You can help your Cubbie grow excited about learning God's Word:

- Help your child understand the Bible verses ("Memory Seeds") in simple terms.
- Complete the "Memory Seed" that best fits your child's ability.
- Sign and date your child's handbook.
- Complete optional "Under the Apple Tree" activities.
- Celebrate your child's progress as they earn emblems for their vest.
- Ask Cubbie leaders about more ways to support growth.



The Cubbies club song can be found at **awanaplus.com/appleseed**

Scroll to "Handbook Music (ESV)" and select the first track!



Cubbies Snack, Craft, and Game Times

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

Clubbers enjoy non-competitive games designed for active, energetic play. For your child’s safety, please ensure they wear secure footwear and play-friendly clothing that allows for comfortable movement and active participation in all activities.

**“Cubbie of the Day”**

Each clubber will have a turn as “Cubbie of the Day,” usually around his or her birthday, when possible. Cubbie of the Day provides the snacks that night.

- Your child will receive a small gift from Cubbie Bear.
- A reminder note will be sent home with the date and number of treats needed.
- Suggested treats include fruit snacks, cookies, granola bars, or cut-up fruit.
- Please do not send peanuts due to allergies.

Parents/Guardians Are Very Important!

Parenting young children comes with both challenges and rewards. We are grateful when you share events that may be shaping your child’s life, as this helps us better support your Cubbie and ensure a successful evening. Please know that we are always available to help and can provide practical resources if needed.



About Sparks and T&T (Truth & Training) Page 10

Both Sparks and T&T clubs follow similar formats, starting and ending together in the sanctuary but carrying out activities in their separate clubs.

Drop-Off

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.

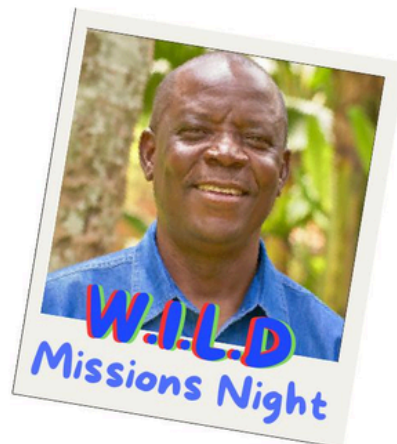
Cubs start at 6:30 pm.

Pick-Up

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.

Large Group Time for Sparks and T&T

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 make Awana even more exciting! The evening begins and ends with group time in the Sanctuary.



Game Time for Sparks and T&T

Playing a variety of unique games involves all the clubbers in fun, fast-paced team activities. Games are age-appropriate and designed for varying physical abilities.



Leaders encourage organization, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship. Please have your child dress casually and wear appropriate shoes for physically active games.



Handbook Time for Sparks and T&T

During Handbook Time, clubbers to show their completed work, recite memorized verses, and receive recognition for their progress. Clubbers also continue working in their books with their leader's guidance.



Leaders emphasize helping clubbers memorize, understand, and apply the Bible truths presented.

Parents/Guardians Are Very Important!

Families are encouraged to be involved in their child's handbook work. Parental support helps children better understand, remember, and apply God's Word.



The Old and New Testament songs we use for club are right here on our website: www.pgcc.us/awana



Incentives for Sparks and T&T

Clubbers earn “Awana Shares” by:

- completing the entrance booklet
- progressing through the handbook
- memorizing Bible verses
- bringing Bible and handbook
- participating in club activities
- wearing vest/shirt for club spirit



Clubbers eagerly anticipate the Share Store for its variety of appealing, age-appropriate items.

Sparks clubbers also receive rewards added to their vests..

How It Works

First, new Sparks and T&T clubbers complete their entrance booklet and present it to their leader.

Then they begin the first handbook in the series.

How Your Child Progresses Through a Handbook:

1. Each handbook is made up of units, and each unit contains sections.
2. Children recite verses and show their progress to their leader, who signs off when the unit is complete.
3. Parents are not able to sign off on unit progress but play an important role. Please help your child practice at home and let the leader know when he or she is ready to present their progress.
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 receive an award for each handbook completed.

Visit our webpage at

www.pgcc.us/awana

for the Awana calendar, this year's forms, this handbook,
and other helpful resources for parents and clubbers.

You'll also find the songs that PGCC
uses for learning the Old and New Testament Bible books.



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**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)

**First time with us? No problem, we've got you
covered! Find out what to expect during a service at
PGCC at www.pgcc.us/about**

For more information about PGCC, visit our website at www.pgcc.us, where you can see upcoming events, view our church calendar and monthly newsletter, and learn about our ministries. Explore what we believe, our commitments, our amenities, and our Audio Archives! If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please call or email us at the church office!



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