



# Handbook

2025 Semesters

# Welcome!


Thank you for your interest in the NextGen C.R.E.W.! I am so excited that your child wants to serve the other children in BridgeKidz! Our hope with this ministry is to further disciple your child, while also giving them space to use their gifting for the Lord. Another great aspect of our C.R.E.W. is that the student's will have the opportunity to learn how to disciple others! Please read through the the entire hand book with your child and sign the acknowledgment to commit to The NextGen C.R.E.W. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will gladly answer whatever I can.

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# What is the NextGen C.R.E.W ?

C.R.E.W. stands for CHRISTIANS, READY, EQUIPPED & WILLING! We strive to create a place where 4th through 6th graders can become equipped to serve others with willing hearts. The goal is to help them learn to walk in the fruits of the spirit and serve those around them. Students will have opportunities to serve in the BridgeKidz building on Sundays in roles appropriate for their giftings and maturity level. Additionally, we will meet as a group once per month to complete a devotional focused on training C.R.E.W. members to disciple other students.

NextGen C.R.E.W. members are expected to practice the gifts of the spirit to uplift and edify the church, as well as, work together as a team to serve and advance the Gospel.

*"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."*


*-Romans 12:4-7*



# Student Expectations



NextGen C.R.E.W. Members are expected to..

- Attend NextGen classes when they are not serving. We will follow a Serve 1, Sit 1 model meaning a student needs to be in class on Sunday at least as often as they are serving.
  - Arrive on-time for scheduled service times and serve with a willing heart.
  - Participate in C.R.E.W. devotions by reading the devotion in advance and attending group discussions with their Bible and devotional handout on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Two unexcused absences in a row will result in a student being removed from the service schedule until they attend the next devotional.
  - Set a positive example to peers by participating in class activities, respecting teachers, and modeling how to be a part of the body of Christ.
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# NextGen C.R.E.W. Roles

Students will be placed into a role and scheduled in positions that match their current giftings and maturity level. As a student demonstrates their ability to serve in their current role according to the qualifications, they will be given the option to move into a new role with new opportunities to serve and disciple others.

New students will spend at minimum one semester serving in the “NextGen C.R.E.W. Technician” position so they can learn the basics of classroom flow in their home classroom and demonstrate they are ready to move other student classrooms.

Once a student has shown they are ready to serve in other student classrooms they will shadow in a room of their choice as a “NextGen C.R.E.W. Helper” to ensure it is a good fit. Classroom options for NextGen students are Toddler and Pre-K. Nursery and Elementary rooms will become options when they reach 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



# NextGen C.R.E.W. Roles

## **NextGen C.R.E.W. Technician**

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates respectful behavior while in class and while serving in other classrooms
- Pays attention in class and follows directions of teachers and assistants
- Shows a desire to serve other students with a humble heart
- Can commit to a regular service schedule of at least one Sunday service per month
- Meets all general expectations of a NextGen C.R.E.W. Member

## **NextGen C.R.E.W. Helper**

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates ability to serve as a NextGen C.R.E.W. Technician and consistently meet all qualifications for that role
- Promotes good behavior in class by following instructions and leading other students to do the same
- Contributes to devotional conversations and shows they are striving to apply the material in their service opportunities
- Meets or exceeds all general expectations of a NextGen C.R.E.W. Member



# Scheduling & Communication

We will have a set schedule each month and aim to keep every NextGen C.R.E.W. member on the same Sunday each month.

- **PLANNING CENTER APP** is the platform we use for scheduling. An email will be sent to you with the day your child is requested to serve. Parents will need to get the Planning Center app to see when their child is scheduled and to receive notifications. Please make sure to accept or deny your request as soon as possible. We also ask that if you know your child will not be available to serve on a particular Sunday, to please put block out dates in planning center.
- **COORDINATOR UPDATES** about scheduling, events, and other C.R.E.W. activities will come through a group email. This will include updates like devotional reminders and special event updates. If you have scheduling conflicts or questions please respond to my email or send me a text so we can find a replacement for that slot together.



# Fall Devotional Dates



August 24

September 28

October 28

November 23

December Service Project TBD







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