



Transition FAQ'S For 5th & HS Parents:

Q: Why the transition process for 5th graders going into 6th?

A: As a Family Ministry Team we felt that it was going to be of greater value for our 5th grade to get small glimpses of what student ministry looked like in its various forms (Sunday Morning, Wednesday Night, Special Events), as opposed to just promoting them one Sunday morning and all of a sudden they are in a new ministry. That is why we have them check out what Elevate looks like on a Wednesday Night, it's why we have them check out what a Sunday morning looks like and why they are invited to the various events in April and Rowdy At The Ridge in May.

Q: What's the plan for Sunday Mornings?

A: Ridge Student Ministry exists to "Help Others Follow Jesus," our method in which we do that is: Reach, Raise Up & Release. On a Sunday Morning, your child will experience a Large Group environment that will consist of Worship or sometimes a game, and then the students are dismissed to their Small Group which is broken down by grade & gender. Our new 6th graders will be placed into a group led by a couple adults at Cedar Ridge that will invest in them and challenge them to grow over the years. Our ministry is designed around 7 Principles that we want your student to grasp, understand and live out by the time they graduate our ministry, those principles are: 1) Share the Story, 2) Servant Hearted, 3) Identity, 4) Spiritual Disciplines 5) Engage the Word, 6) KingdomWorker, & 7) Community Matters.

Q: What is different about this Summer?

A: For our new 6th Graders they will still attend the 5th & 6th grade week of Sunset Bible Camp, so not much changes for them there. But they can also get involved in our MS Summer programming which is called "Serve-N-Swim". S-N-S is a chance for us to partner with an organization in the community and serve somewhere together as a group. In the morning we'll serve and then at noon we'll grab lunch together and head to the BA public pool to swim together. The dates for Serve-N-Swim are approximately once a month, and take place from 9-3. Students need to bring money for lunch and \$6 for the pool. We will also have a "**Random Road Trip**" at the end of Summer. Random Road Trip is simply one last opportunity to have fun together as a group before school starts back up.

Q: What will Wednesday Nights consist of when school starts?

A: Elevate is our Mid-Week programming for 6th-12th grade students. It will run for 10 to 11-weeks in the Fall and starts the first Wednesday after Labor Day. Elevate consists of either a Worship Night or Game Night, then a message that corresponds to whatever series we are in, followed by Small Groups that allow the students to discuss what it is they just heard. Elevate is more topical in its lessons and more high-energy than say a Sunday Morning. We want it to be an inviting place where students feel comfortable and excited to invite their friends.

Q: What are the Middle School Special Events throughout the year?

A: The special events for our Middle School students are as follows...

Fall Semester: MS Mission Trip Over Fall Break, typically the middle of October. Last year we served The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs & served Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO. The year before that we took the group to Houston to help with the Hurricane clean-up.

Rowdy At The Ridge: A 6th-8th Grade outreach event where we open up the Ridge on a Friday Night from 7:30-10:00 and allow kids to just have a blast and invite their friends. (This event will take place once in the Fall semester & once in the Spring semester usually around December and May)

Spring Semester: CIY's BELIEVE. Believe is a high-energy event designed for 6th-8th grade students

Summer of 2021: Your 6th grade student will now be a 7th grade student and be invited to 7th & 8th Grade Camp Sunset.



Transition FAQ'S For HS Parents:

Q: What is different for my 8th grader going into 9th grade?

A: Honestly, not a whole lot. Your new 9th grade student will still experience everything the same on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday nights at Elevate. The main thing they will see a change in are the Special Events for High School Students.

Q: So what is different for High School students as opposed to Middle School students?

A: High School students have an opportunity to partake in a variety of activities throughout the Summer & school year. Those events are as follows:

CIY MOVE: MOVE is a High School event designed to amplify the call of Christ on students' lives to become Kingdom Workers. MOVE is held all over the country at various college campuses. This past summer our group went to Cleveland, TN at the Campus of Lee University, and the cost was around \$415. (fundraiser & scholarship opportunities are available).

CRASH: Crash is our summer programming for our HS students. We hangout at various homes through the summer. The night will end with a student led devo or testimony. CRASH will run from 6-8 on various Sunday nights.

Fall Retreat: This will take place sometime in November and just a chance for our HS Group to get out of town away from all the hustle and bustle and just spend some time hanging out together and growing together as a group. This Retreat will look different depending upon the needs of our group at the time.

Mid-Winter Retreat: Held at Sunset Bible Camp it's a chance to gather together with some other area Youth Groups and be challenged by a local speaker and engage in some great worship. Mid-Winter is designed to be that launchpad as we start the 2nd semester. Typically held on the Friday-Sunday of MKL weekend.

Impact Mexico Mission Trip: Every Spring Break we take a group from Cedar Ridge (9th grade and up) to Mexico to build homes for those that need it. We partner with an organization called Casas Por Cristo in Acuna, Mexico.

Impact India Mission Trip: Our goal is to take a group of students to India every other year so that they can experience the lostness there and help share the gospel in that country. We've done Summer of '17, Summer of '19, so our next scheduled trip will be Summer of '21.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: There are a variety of ways to help out with Student Ministry— You can help at any of our special events like Rowdy At The Ridge or Camps or Retreats, or you could even plug in and serve with us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights. If you would like to inquire about any of those elements just contact Ryan at rbennett@cedarridgecc.com or you can call or text him at 405-612-8596.



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