

GBCkids Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do you serve snack during your programs?

Yes, we do serve snack during our Sunday School and AWANA programs. During Sunday School we only serve Kix cereal which is gluten and sugar free. However, at AWANA we serve a variety of snacks at the different clubs ranging from pretzels, cheese balls and graham crackers to the less frequent cupcakes or ice cream treat. During Sunday School, if we were to serve anything other than Kix, an allergy alert would be posted near the sign in sheet.

If you are concerned about your child's dietary or allergy restrictions please let Meghan know, she would be happy to help!

2) What is the breakdown for your Sunday School classrooms?

We provide Sunday School at all three of our Sunday services, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. and each service has its own breakdown given the average size of the service. Please be aware that these could change depending on our volunteer capacity. Currently our classrooms are as follows:

8:30am	10:00am	11:30am
Infants & 1 year olds	Infants	Infants & 1 year olds
2, 3 & 4 year olds	1 year olds	2 and 3 year olds
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2 year olds	4 and 5 year olds
	3 year olds	1st - 5th grade
	4 year olds	
	5 year olds/Kindergarten	
	1st - 5th grade	

3) What process do volunteers go through before they can be in a class?

We have an application that the potential volunteer has to fill out and return along with two references and a background check form. Once the application has been submitted it is reviewed by one of the church Elders and either signed off on or returned to the ministry leader with a request for additional information. Upon approval of the application, the person would speak with the ministry leader in regards to where they want to serve and why they feel called to that area of ministry. There is a period of time where the volunteer can then observe in the classroom and begin serving.

4) When do the children advance into the next classroom?

We have two methods of matriculation. If your child is in the infants through four year olds bracket then they are able to advance to the next class upon their birthdate.

This is not a hard and fast rule, if you are more comfortable having your child remain in their current class for a period of time after their birthday that is completely fine.

If your child is turning five/going into kindergarten through 5th grade they will advance on the school year calendar. Every September we have a "Move Up Sunday" where the children get to meet their new Sunday School teacher, be dropped off in their new classroom or if they are entering 6th grade, graduate into the youth department.

5) Why are the elementary children in the gym and what are the "igloos"?

The elementary children are in the gym for a few reasons. The biggest reason being that we are currently at capacity in our facility. In the spring of 2015 the decision was made by the elders that we would convert the "S-Wing" (underneath the Sanctuary) into an overflow room for the main service which can seat 100 people. This displaced our elementary Sunday School department and because the gym was vacant on Sunday mornings plans were made to be able to temporarily convert the gym into classrooms every weekend. After gaining valuable information from other churches we purchased our inflatable classrooms, our "igloos", and furnished them with the necessary classroom materials. There is also a large group area at the far end of the gym for teaching and worship. We now have an anticipated "end date" on the igloos with the announcement that we will be expanding our facility on our current site. Within the next three years we hope to have a new children's wing which will allow us to pack up our igloos for good.