

Hey, parents!

We are Seth and Rachel Lankford, and we are honored to be the Student Coordinators at SOCO Church! Our vision at SOCO Church is that **we exist to point SOuls to Christ through life-giving COmmunity**. We designed Crews as an extension of that mission -- creating an environment for students to get connected with a life-giving community, plugged into the local church, and ultimately experience the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is Crews? Crews is SOCO Church's youth group designed for students in 7th-12th grade. Crews creates an environment for new students to get connected with other peers their age. As with any small group, the ultimate goal of Crews is to get students to take their next steps in their relationship with Jesus. On Sunday evenings from 5:30-7 PM, we meet together at the SOCO Office (901 SW A St., Bentonville) with the intention of going deeper with relationships in a fun way. We will discuss what the Bible says about topics like self-image, prayer, identity in Christ, how to live and act like a follower of Christ, relationships, and so much more. On Sunday nights, your student will be placed in a "crew" similar in grade and gender with leaders who are committed to your student each and every week.

Our volunteers and leaders have all gone through an extensive application, interview, training, and background check to ensure they are the best mentors for your kids. They desire to be present in your student's life through prayer, encouragement, and truth. We ask that you partner with us in your student's spiritual journey through prayer, conversation, doing what it takes to let your student attend Crews consistently, and seeking God as a family. We will begin offering resources to parents like email reminders of our future events and what we discussed in Crews to encourage biblical conversations throughout the week in your home. Our Instagram (@soco.youth) is a great place to receive updates, as well as our Facebook group dedicated to SOCO Youth Parents.

As many of you know, we are still considered to be in a pandemic. We will have masks and hand sanitizer available, and though it is highly encouraged, wearing a mask is not mandated. We love spending time outside and will do so as often as weather permits. If your student is feeling sick or has been in close contact with a person who is sick, please keep them home for the safety of other students until they are well again.

If you have any additional questions, please visit our website at www.soco.church/socoyouth, email us at youth@soco.church, or give either of us a call! Rachel: (479) 685-8828 | Seth: (479) 936-0412.

We believe the next generation was made for impact. At Crews, your students will be equipped for their purpose as they develop a life-giving community and grow in their relationship with Christ.

Looking forward to connecting with you and your students!

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