

SON BLAZERS **EXPECTATIONS**

2022 – 2023

The SON Blazers are preteens that hold enormous potential. In this group, we have taken the training wheels off and letting them ride... but we remain alongside as their guide. Before children leave the SON Blazers, we want to prepare them to integrate into Youth ministry. The following expectations will add value to your child's faith experience and prepare them for the next level!

** Attend at least 2 out of 3 SON Blazer events per month. We meet every 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Sunday's at 10 AM in-person and virtually. 4th and 5th Sundays are Family Worship.

5th-8th grade will undergo special leadership training Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 am in the SON Blazers room. This will include, but is not limited to Bible memory versus, Romans Road to Salvation, and discussing the 99 Essential Doctrine of faith. As 5th-8th graders progress through their training, they will earn opportunities to serve within the ministry. Some responsibilities will be restricted to 7th and/or 8th grade only.

Please discuss tithes and offering with your child. Encourage them to be charitable, but mostly to obey God. For a quick video on tithing go to https://youtu.be/QYw6_jp1trw .

** Participate in at least 2 SON Blazer or New Era Church Community Service Projects each year (Boots On The Ground, Mission outing to Feed The Homeless, etc.).

** Do at least 1 Job Shadowing a year. Help finding someone to shadow can be provided.

** Do the "High School Planning Check-List" for middle school at least once while in the SON Blazers ministry. <https://learnmoreindiana.org/students-families/grades-6-8/>

** Attend at least 1 of our college/career readiness event between 5th and 8th grade. These may vary from workshops to lectures or a college tour.

The following are some of the optional opportunities:

- Be a participant of Center for Leadership Development (Precious Miss, Project MR., The College Prep Institute, etc.) <https://cldinc.org>
- Participate in your local NAACP Junior Youth council.
- Take free Precollege programs meant for middle to high school students through Indiana University at <https://expand.iu.edu/browse/precollege>
- Use the MyOptions app to for college and career planning at <https://myoptions.org>

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The prophet Jeremiah sent this text to the Jews that were captured and carried into a foreign land. They were told to flourish in the land that they were in and that is what we want for God's children and youth at New Era Church.