

Minecraft Camp Setup Instructions

Thank you for joining us for our Minecraft Camp where your child will partake in many fun adventures in the world of Minecraft. In order to have the best experience possible, please complete this setup before the start of your camp.

Before You Get Started

Before starting, make sure that you have a compatible device for this camp. **Compatible devices are: Windows PC, IOS/Android/Amazon Fire devices (phones and tablets), Nintendo Switch, Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Xbox Series S, PS4, or PS5. Macs and Chromebooks will not work.**

The Minecraft that runs on these compatible devices is known as the Bedrock Edition of Minecraft. It is a unified edition of Minecraft (meaning the game is the same across all those devices) that we use because it allows for players on different devices to play together. The Bedrock Edition is not available for Macs or Chromebooks.

Please note that neither the title of the game nor the store listing will say Bedrock Edition. However, with the exception of the PC, it is the **only** edition of Minecraft available for your device. On the PC, please purchase Minecraft from the Microsoft Store App that comes pre-installed on your computer. It will be listed as “Minecraft for Windows + Launcher”.

You can verify you have the correct version of Minecraft from the Main Menu of the game. For the version number, it should be 1.18.0 or higher.



Finally, if you are using a console (Xbox, PlayStation, or Nintendo Switch), verify that you have an active multiplayer subscription for your console. These paid services are required to play multiplayer on your console; however, they all have free trials you could use for the duration of the camp. Mobile and PC players do NOT need a subscription service for multiplayer.

- *Xbox Live Gold* - Xbox One, Xbox Series X and S
- *PlayStation Plus* - PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5
- *Nintendo Online* – Nintendo Switch

The Setup

The setup consists of 5 main steps that should be done in this order. **Everyone, regardless of the device they are using, must follow these 5 steps.**

1. Create an Xbox Live Account at xbox.com. **We STRONGLY recommend that you make an account for yourself and let your child use it for their camp session.** You can find more information in the Creating an Xbox Live section below.
2. Sign into Minecraft using your Xbox Live Account
3. Join Test Realm using realm code: **TkH-XV2xgfw**
4. Send an email to campinfo@techknowhowkids.com that contains your gamertag (Xbox username), your child's name, and the device they will be using
5. Accept TKH friend requests on xbox.com

What follows in this document is detailed instructions for each step listed above. You may also watch the video if you prefer.

Your child does not need to know anything about the setup, though it may be beneficial for them to be present while you do Step 3 as they will be entering a realm code on their first day of camp.

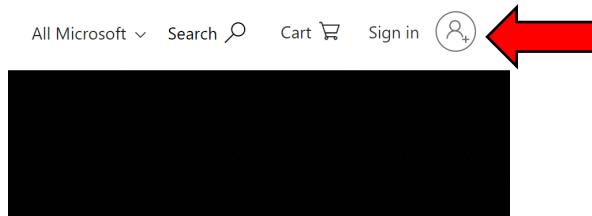
Setup Step 1: Creating an Xbox Live Account

Everyone *MUST* have an Xbox Live account. The reason being both Minecraft and Xbox Live are Microsoft owned properties. As a result, Xbox Live is the multiplayer network that Microsoft uses to connect all players of Minecraft. Also, starting later this year, an Xbox Live account will be necessary for all players of Minecraft just to play the game, not just for multiplayer, so you are getting ahead of the game by doing this now! An Xbox Live account also serves as a general Microsoft account as well.

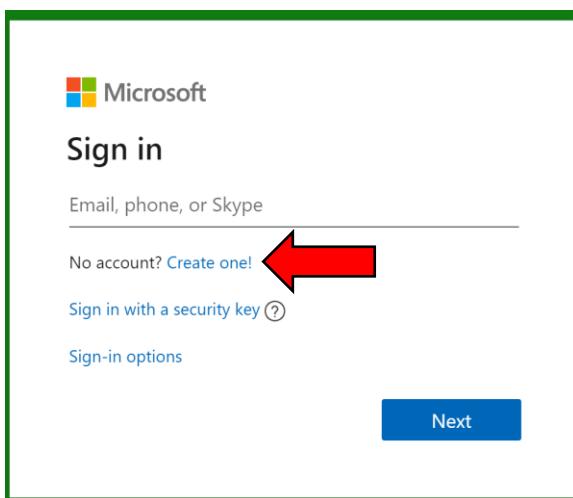
For this camp, we *STRONGLY* recommend that you create an account for yourself and let your child use it for the week. The reason for this is that an improperly setup child account has default privacy settings that could cause problems with multiplayer.

*Note: If you feel it is necessary for your child to use a child account, you can contact us at miguel@techknowhowkids.com for guidance in setting up the account as the process is more involved than what is shown in this guide.

1. Go to xbox.com on a web browser
2. Click on the sign in button located on the top right.



3. Click **Create Account**.



4. Enter email and create a password

Microsoft

Create account

someone@example.com

[Use a phone number instead](#)

[Get a new email address](#)

Next

Microsoft

← [REDACTED]

Create a password

Enter the password you would like to use with your account.

Create password

Show password

Next

5. Enter account holder information

Microsoft

← [REDACTED]

What's your name?

We need just a little more info to set up your account.

First name

Last name

Next

Microsoft

← [REDACTED]

What's your birth date?

We need just a little more info to set up your account.

Country/region

United States

Birthdate

Month Day Year

Next

6. Confirm email and complete captcha. Microsoft will send you an email with a confirmation code. Check your email for the code and enter it on the webpage. You can also uncheck the box here if you're not interested in receiving promotional emails from Microsoft.

Microsoft account

Verify your email address

To finish setting up your Microsoft account, we just need to make sure this email address is yours.

To verify your email address use this security code: **7329**

If you didn't request this code, you can safely ignore this email. Someone else might have typed your email address by mistake.

Thanks,
The Microsoft account team

Microsoft

← [REDACTED]

Verify email

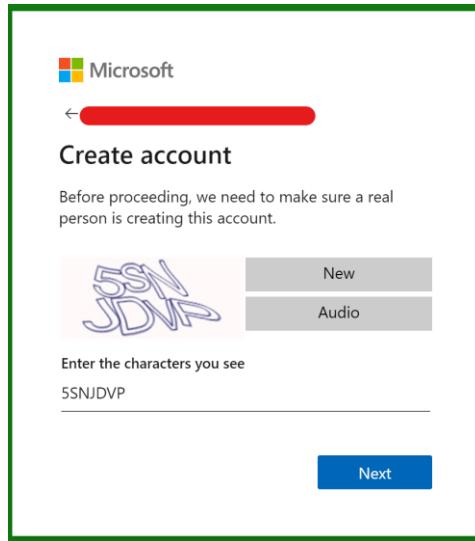
Enter the code we sent to [REDACTED] If you didn't get the email, check your junk folder or [try again](#).

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I would like information, tips, and offers about Microsoft products and services.

Choosing **Next** means that you agree to the [Microsoft Services Agreement](#) and [privacy and cookies statement](#).

Next



7. Click on **I accept** to create an Xbox profile.

To continue, create an Xbox profile

Your login: [REDACTED]

Adding an online Xbox membership to your Microsoft account lets you participate in great Xbox gaming and entertainment.

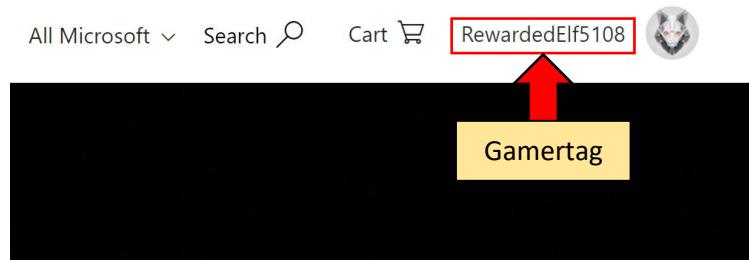
Date of Birth: 5/21/1996
Country/Region: US

I'd like to receive information and offers about music, videos, and games from Xbox and related entertainment providers in email.
 Share my contact information with partners of Xbox and related entertainment products so they can send me information and offers.

Clicking 'I Accept' means you have read and agree to the [Microsoft Services Agreement](#) and [Privacy Statement](#).

I Accept **Cancel**

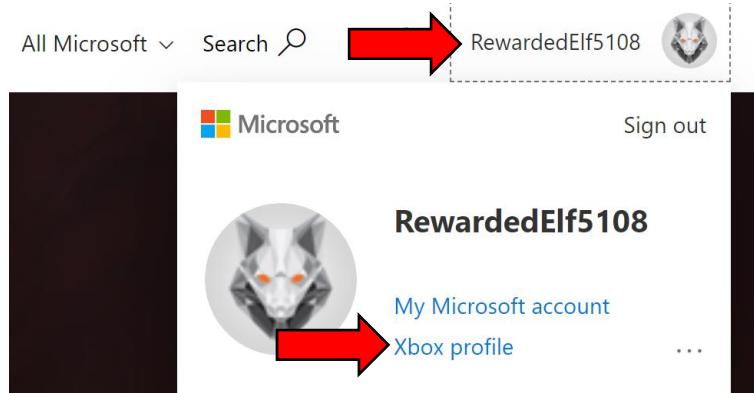
8. You will be redirected back to home page for xbox.com and you will see on the top right that Microsoft has autogenerated a **gamertag** (xbox live username). This is the name that your child will appear with in Minecraft.



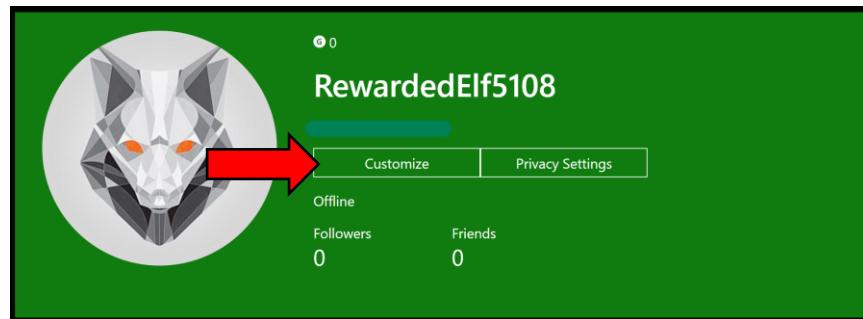
Optional Setup Step: Changing Your Gamertag

If you are fine with the automatically generated gamertag, skip this section. If you would like to change your gamertag follow the steps below.

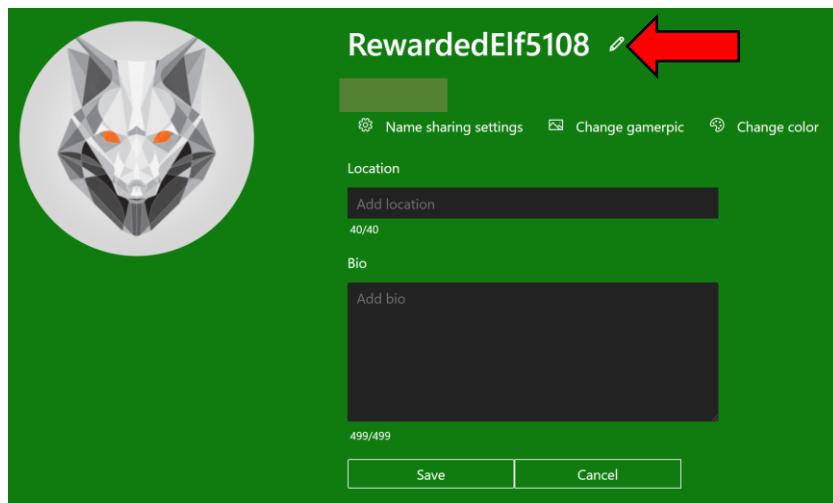
1. Click on your account name in the top right then click on **Xbox Profile**.



2. Click on **Customize**



3. Click on the pencil next to the gamertag to change it.

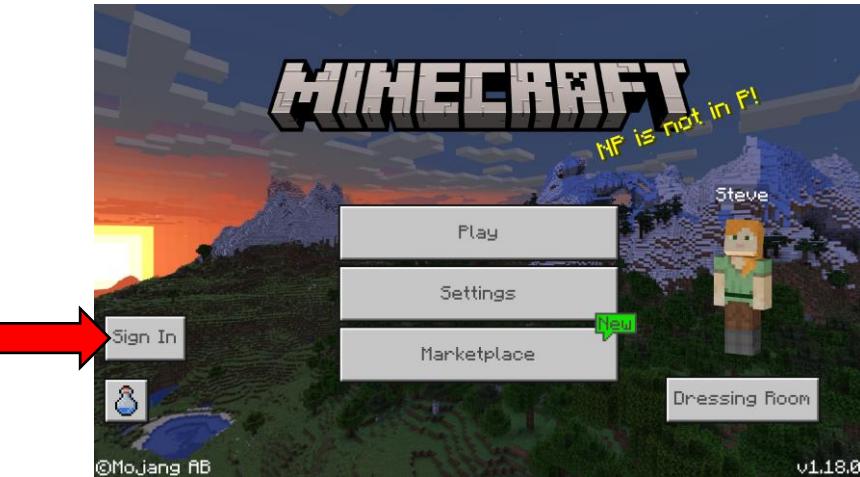


4. Enter new gamertag. If it is available, you will be taken to the next window where you need to click **Change gamertag** to confirm your change.

The image contains two side-by-side screenshots of the Xbox gamertag change process. The left screenshot shows the 'Choose your new gamertag' screen. It features the Xbox logo and the text 'XBOX LIVE'. The current gamertag 'RewardedElf5108' is shown at the top right. Below it, the heading 'Choose your new gamertag' is displayed. A text block states: 'Xbox has expanded the range of possible gamertags and languages. Now you can choose just about any name you want.' Another text block says: 'If you like the gamertag you have now, don't worry. It won't change if you don't want, and no one else can take it.' A input field shows the new gamertag 'techknowhow'. Below the input field, the text 'Up to 12 characters, including spaces. Can't start with a number.' is displayed. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Sign in with a different account' and a green 'Check availability' button. The right screenshot shows the confirmation screen. It also features the Xbox logo and 'XBOX LIVE'. The new gamertag 'techknowhow' is displayed at the top right. Below it, the heading 'Here's what your gamertag will look like' is shown. A list of compatibility information follows: 'techknowhow#7425 - Xbox One console and Xbox apps', 'techknowhow#7425 - Xbox games that don't support the new gamertag system* and all Xbox 360 experiences'. A note states: 'If you see an ID next to your gamertag, it's there to tell you apart from people who may have the same gamertag.' A disclaimer reads: 'This will replace RewardedElf5108. Once you confirm the change, RewardedElf5108 will be available to others.' At the bottom are 'Back' and a green 'Change gamertag' button.

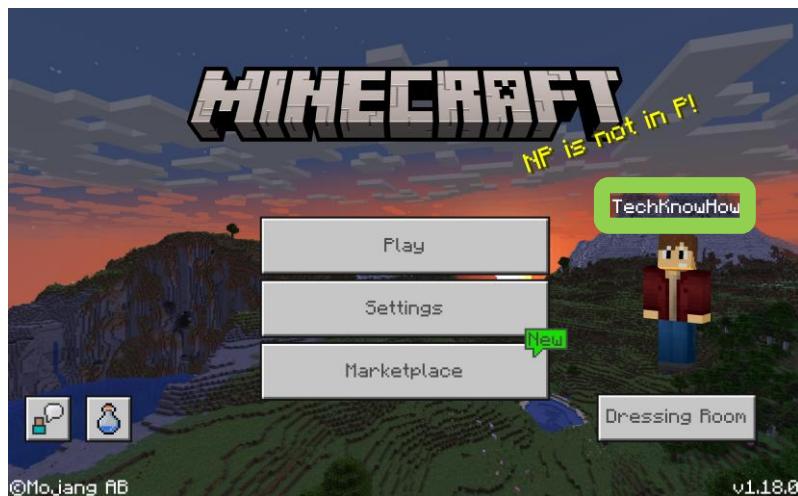
Setup Step 2: Signing into Minecraft With Your Xbox Live Account

For Xbox players, simply sign into the console itself with your Xbox Live account. For everybody else, you need to sign in from the Minecraft Main Menu using the sign in button.



The sign-in process is slightly different depending on the device. However, there will be onscreen instructions telling you what to do. On mobile devices you will be redirected to a web browser that will let you sign in. On PC, a pop-up window will appear allowing you sign in. On PlayStation and Switch, you will be given a link to enter in a web browser where you can sign in and activate your device (much like signing into Netflix or Hulu from a Smart TV). For further details, please watch the video.

After you finish signing in, you should see your gamertag above the character or somewhere else on the screen.

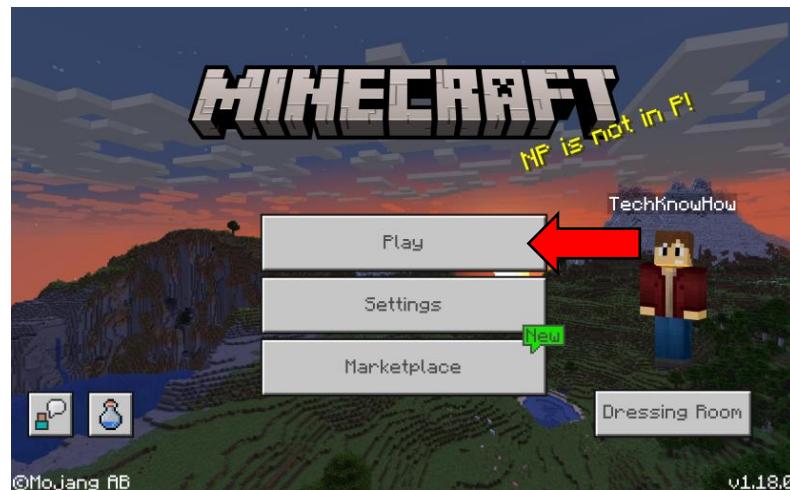


Setup Step 3: Join Test Realm

Realms are worlds in Minecraft that are always online. They are owned and managed by one person, but other players can join and play at any time. To join a realm simply enter the realm code.

For the setup, we are giving you the code to a realm just to test your connection to multiplayer, however, **this will not be the realm used in your child's camp**. On the first day of camp, students will enter the realm code for their session. While teachers will go over how to enter the code, it may be beneficial for your child to watch you do it. That way, they will be familiar with the menus they need to navigate.

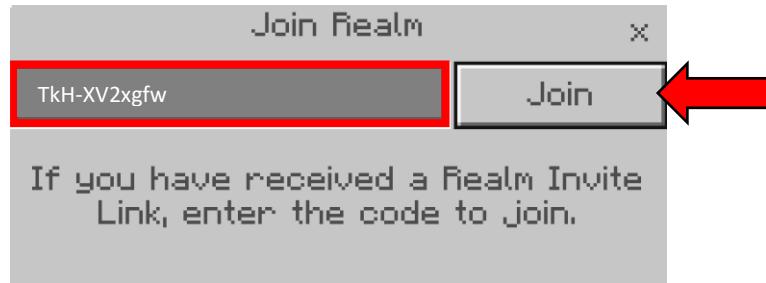
1. From the Minecraft Main Menu select Play



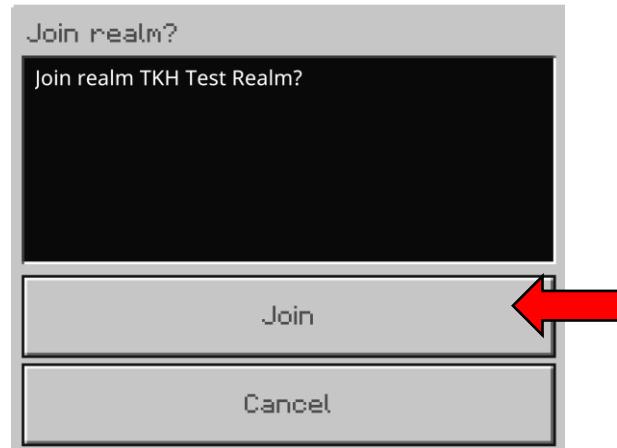
2. Go to the Friends Tab and select Join Realm.



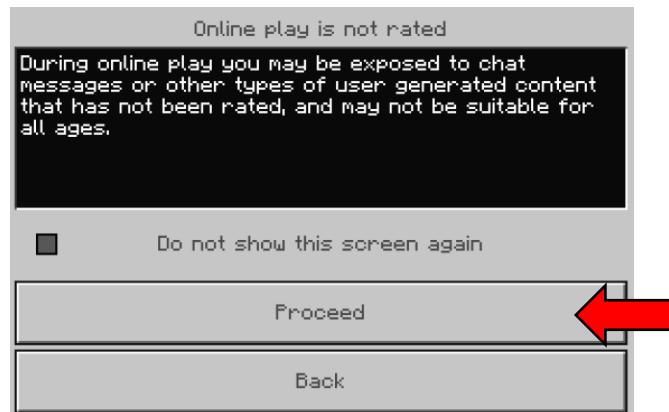
3. Enter Code: **TkH-XV2xgfw** and click join.



4. Verify that the realm you are joining is the TKH Test Realm.



5. Select Proceed



6. You should find yourself inside our Minecraft Realm! Note that you may appear in a different location in the realm than what is shown in the picture. We will keep the realm to visit only which means that you will not be able to interact with anything in the world. But the important thing is to make sure that you are able to join the realm. Since the realm is always open, you can do this at any time.

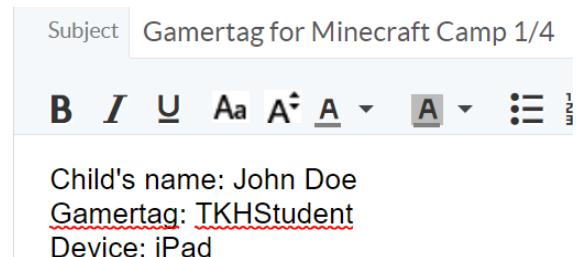


If you are unable to join the realm, go back to the Friends tab in Minecraft. You'll now see the realm listed under joinable realms. If the number here is at 10, please try again later. 10 is the maximum number of players that can be in a realm at the same time. If it is below 10 and you still can't join, please contact us right away at miguel@techknowhowkids.com.



Setup Step 4: Send Us Your Gamertag

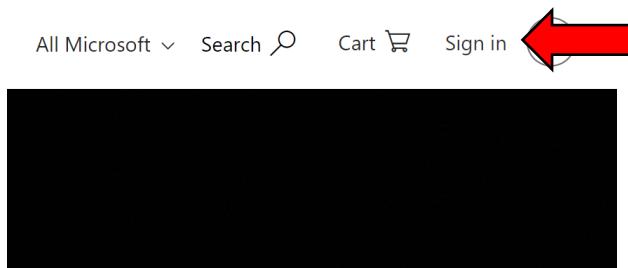
Write and email with the subject line: **Gamertag for Minecraft Camp (insert first day of camp month/day)** and send it to campinfo@techknowhowkids. For example, Gamertag for Minecraft Camp 1/4. This email should include your child's name, gamertag, and the device they will be using. See the example below.



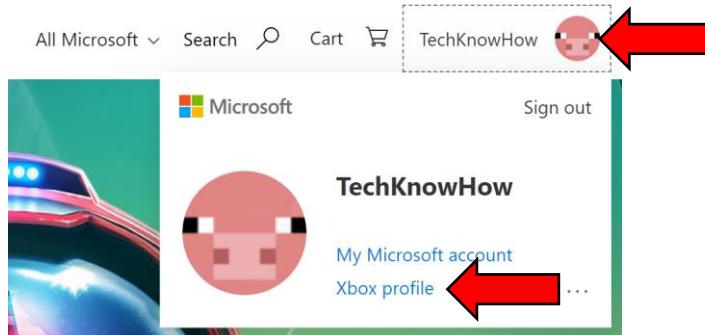
Setup Step 5: Accept Friend Requests on Xbox.com

Before doing this step, wait for a reply to your email from step 4. This email will let you know that we have sent the friend requests and what accounts those will come from.

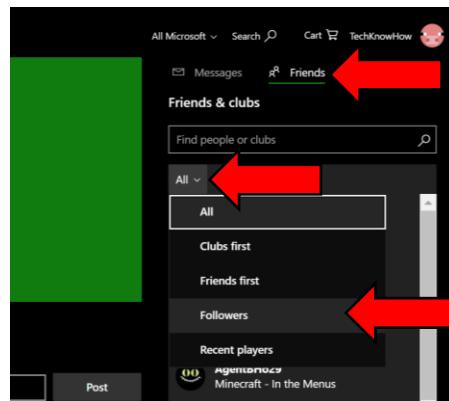
1. Go to xbox.com and sign in using the button at the top right of the page



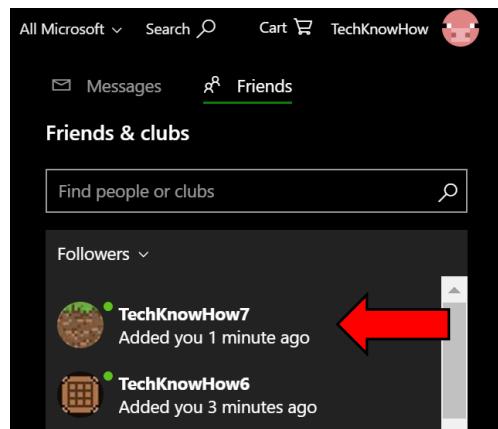
2. Click on your account name in the top right then click on **Xbox Profile**.



3. Click on Friends, then change the friends list from All **People** to **Followers**.



4. You should see our teachers listed here as followers. Click on the account to open their profile, then click Add friend.



5. Repeat step d for all the techknowhow accounts you see in the followers list

If you do not see us in the followers list, you can also do a direct search for our gamertags using the search bar visible in step 3 and 4.