

# 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.

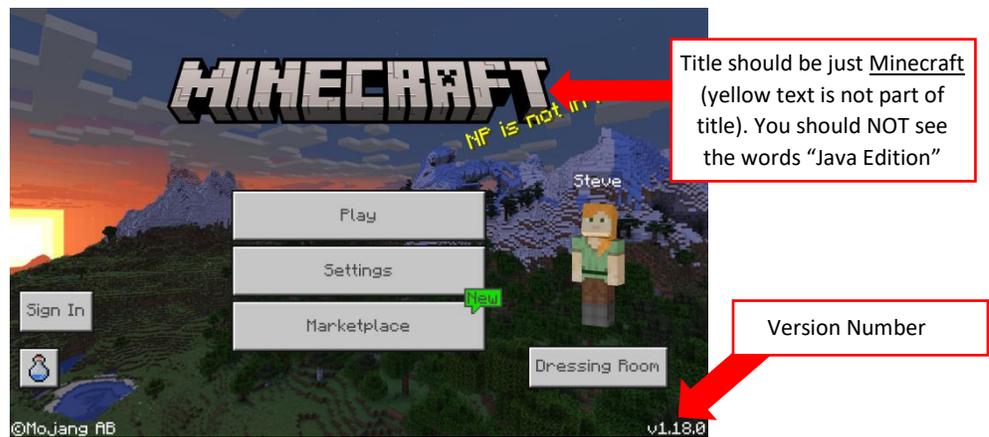
## Before You Get Started

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 1.17.0 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 4 main steps that should be done in this order. **Everyone, regardless of the device they are using, must follow these 4 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](mailto:campinfo@techknowhowkids.com) that contains your gamertag (Xbox username), your child's name, and the device they will be using

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.

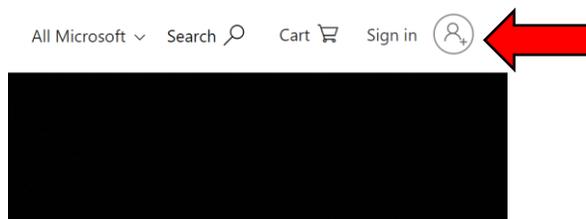
## Setup Step 1: Creating an Xbox Live Account

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.

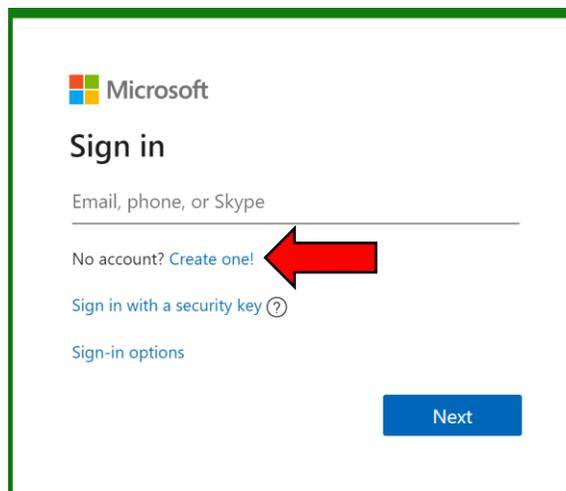
For this camp, we **STRONGLY** recommend that you create an account for yourself and let your child use it for the week. The reason for this is that an improperly setup child account has default privacy settings that could cause problems with multiplayer.

\*Note: If you feel it is necessary for your child to use a child account, you can contact us at [miguel@techknowhowkids.com](mailto: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](http://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

5. Enter account holder information

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

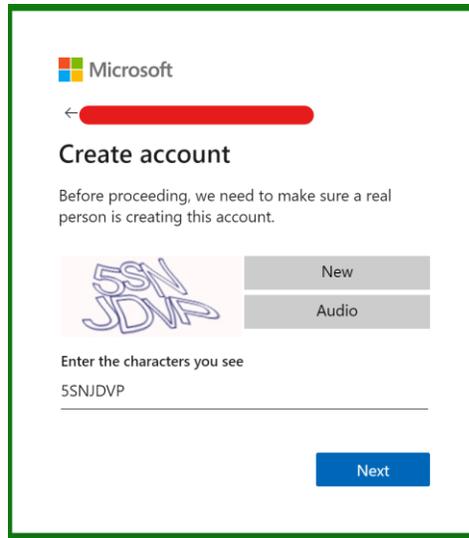
## Verify your email address

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



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

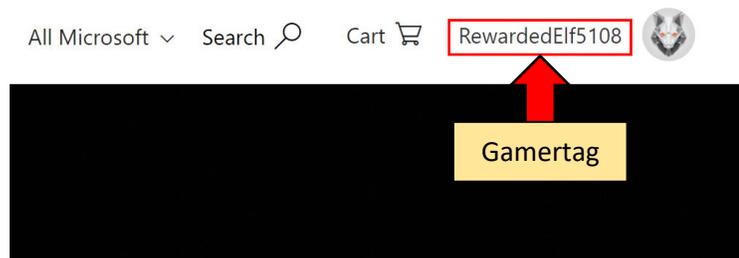
I'd like to receive information and offers about music, videos, and games from Xbox and related entertainment providers in email.

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](#).



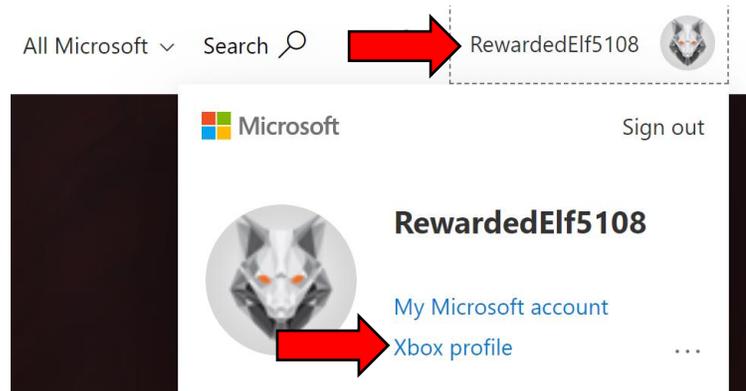
8. You will be redirected back to home page for xbox.com and you will see on the top right that Microsoft has autogenerated a **gamertag (xbox live username)**. This is the name that your child will appear with in Minecraft.



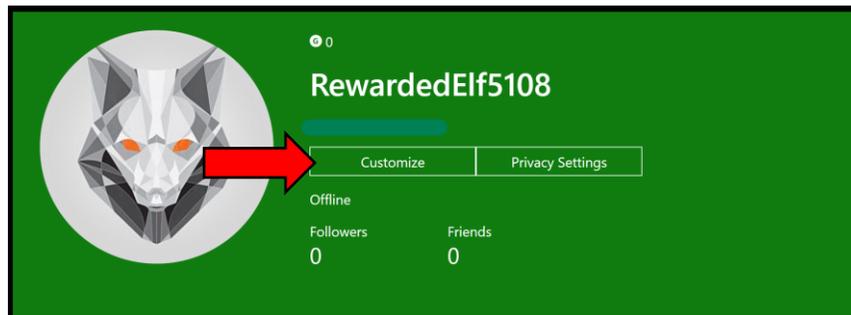
## Optional Setup Step: Changing Your Gamertag

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

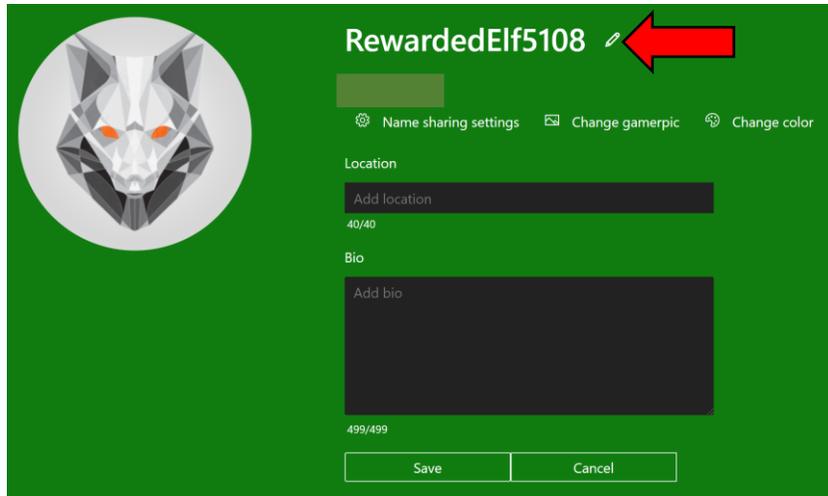
1. Click on your account name in the top right then click on **Xbox Profile**.



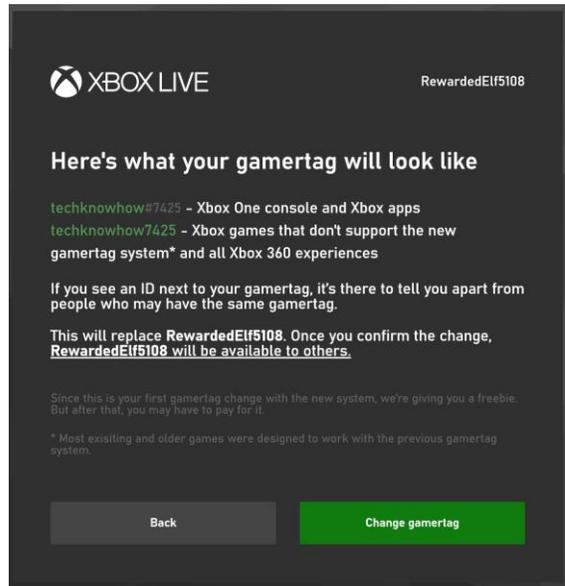
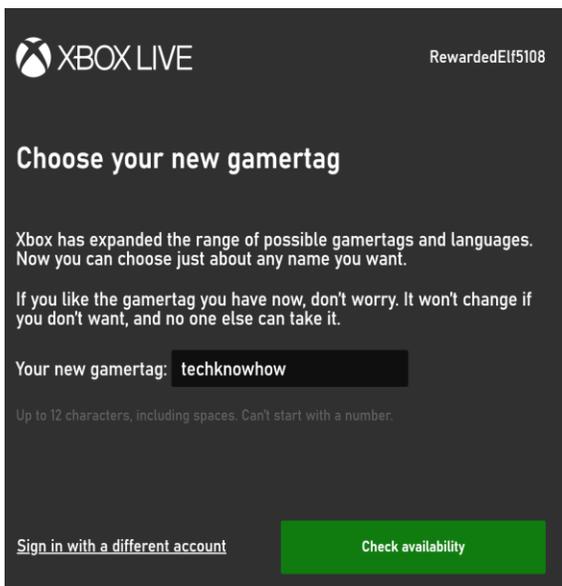
2. Click on **Customize**



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.



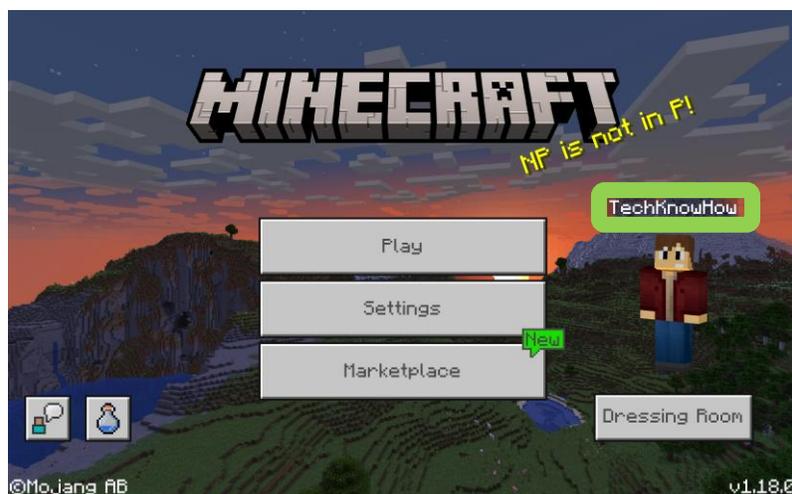
## Setup Step 2: Signing into Minecraft With Your Xbox Live Account

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.

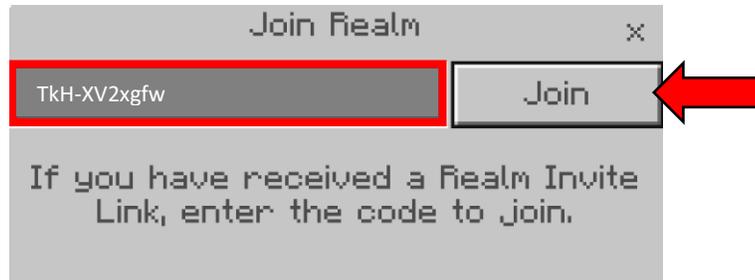
1. From the Minecraft Main Menu select Play



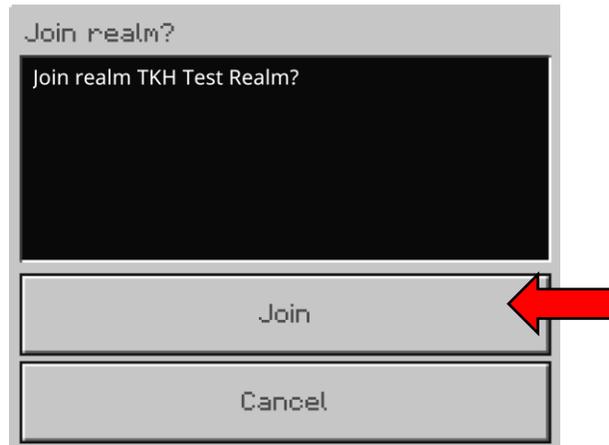
2. Go to the Friends Tab and select Join Realm.



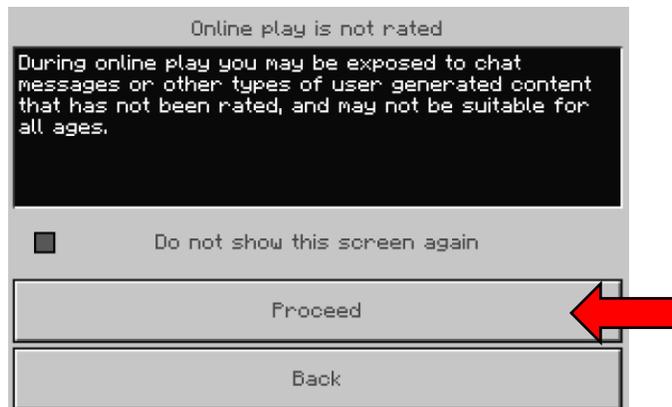
3. Enter Code: **TkH-XV2xgfw** and click join.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

