

Congregational Time Supplement

What Does This Mean?! Confirmation Camp

What is Congregational Time?

- Congregational Time is a chance to meet with every camper from your congregation or group. At WDTM Camp, congregational time is held for an hour each day from Monday to Thursday and half an hour on Friday.
- Adult leaders and sponsors are in charge of this time. Campers should not be left unsupervised.
- Where you hold congregational time is decided Sunday during the adult orientation. We recommend meeting outdoors. If you know where you would like to have it please come prepared with ideas. If you have certain needs such as a TV or DVD player please let staff know at this meeting as well. If you do not know where to have this, staff will be more than happy to explain what options are available. Please announce to your campers at every dinnertime, where your group will be meeting.

What can you do to connect with the What Does This Mean curriculum during Congregational Time?

- There are “In My Own Words” activities for each day that are included in your campers’ Very Small Catechism. These activities are intended to help your campers connect personally with each confirmation topic.
- There are also “_____ and Me” activities at the end of the Very Small Catechism. We will cover these on Friday during Bible study, but you are also welcome to explore them each day during Congregational Time.
- On Friday, your congregation will be assigned one or two worship parts to help our community celebrate closing worship. Take a few minutes during Congregational Time to decide what your group will do for your parts.

What else can you do during Congregational Time?

- Go on a short hike with each other, play a game, make a craft or a project together, or just reflect on the day and check in. Congregational time can be used to build your group closer together.
- The Cross Trails Staff has created a small curriculum that allows your group to check out the Cross Trails Saints & Superheroes theme. A guided series of questions and games allow campers to grow together as a group. This curriculum is available upon request.
- Prepare a presentation or worship service for campers to present to the congregation when they return home. This is an excellent tool to build leadership and creativity within the group as well as an evangelism tool.
- Give the campers time to write letters to their family and friends back home. Some groups have written letters to congregational members who helped send them to camp.
- Does your group like to serve others or want to see the benefit of their work? Have campers make a lasting impression on Ebert Ranch by participating in one of our service projects. Something as simple as hauling firewood can be done. Or if your group sees a need, talk to our staff to see if we can help you accomplish it!