

TIM TEAM

TIM is short for Timothy. In Paul's letter to Timothy he tells him "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12

It also stands for Teens in Mission or Teens in Ministry. The basic goal of TIM Team is to get four or more high school youth from a congregation or community to be involved in mission in their home congregation or community. We have seven areas that we focus on.

1. We want them to work as a team using everyone's gifts. It is a great way to teach how the church works in a very hands on approach.
2. Hospitality is at the heart of God. We give them opportunities to practice hospitality at camp so they can put to use what they have learned within their congregation.
3. Discipleship-This is not a leadership program in the classical sense. We believe everyone should get a chance to develop and use the gifts given them no matter how small or great, one gift or many. The team allows all to use their gifts.
4. Relationship Building-This is both with each other and other youth from the church. They come the same week as others from their congregation, usually younger, and are assigned whenever possible to cabins where youth from their congregation are staying. They do not stay in the cabins but are given times to be with those cabins throughout the week to build relationships. This is not a counselor in training program.
5. They have a time each day with an adult from their congregation to plan in areas of focused ministry for the next year. This is mainly congregationally driven.
6. Dreaming-how they can be of use in meeting needs around them; congregation adult and staff from camp facilitates this process.
7. Covenant making-This talks about their relationship with each other, with the focused areas of ministry, and also with their congregation for the next year. Each TIM Team member signs along with adult and we recommend a pastor and Council President signs also. The Executive Director also signs the covenant.

BENEFITS TO CONGREGATIONS

- Willing volunteers to help carry out a specific ministry in the congregation
- High School youth actively involved in mission
- Can meet very specific needs in community and church
- It allows young people to serve and uses their energy and passion

BENEFITS TO CAMP

- Ties camp closer to the ministry in local congregations
- Allows it to have a vibrant high school ministry
- Many TIM Teamers become future camp staff

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