

Ways to connect with your small group outside of the weekend:

Many of these activities can be done with or without parents.

1. Meet at a pool or lake for swimming.
2. See if someone in your group has a fire pit and would be willing to host dinner and s'mores on a campfire.
3. Meet at a park- have lunch or just play
4. Have a sleep-over.
5. Have a ½ sleepover. Kids show up in pj's, participate in an activity (movie, crafts, etc) and then parents pick up so they sleep at home.
6. Have a Wii, Xbox, etc. playing afternoon/evening.
7. Go for a hike/walk as a group.
8. Have a spa party- manicures and pedicures.
9. Come to KidCity Live as a group (meet for dinner before or dessert after)
10. Go strawberry picking.
11. Go Christmas caroling through a neighborhood or senior living facility.
12. Meet for craft making (lots of inexpensive ideas from Oriental Trading).
13. Play a sport together or against another group (kickball, Frisbee, soccer, basketball, etc.)
14. See a movie (rental or meet up at a theatre).
15. Do a service project together (Watoto boxes, make cards for soldiers or elderly etc).
16. Have a water balloon fight.
17. Make t-shirts (puffy paint and inexpensive tees can be found at AC Moore or Michael's).
18. Watch the big game together.
19. Go fishing.
20. Play hide and seek.
21. Meet for an activity- bowling, roller skating, ice skating, bounce house, putt-putt, go carts, etc.
22. Have a themed party- ice cream sundae party, princess party, games, etc.
23. Have a mom or dad only event (such as a relay race type games for dads and sons)- these are great to partner with another group(s) to do together
24. Bake cookies together and deliver to a nursing home, police station, fire station, etc.
25. Attend a sporting event together (Durham Bulls, NCSU games other than men's football and basketball or either free or very inexpensive, high school game)



Ways to show up *RANDOMLY*:

1. MAIL!! Kids love mail. Acknowledge birthdays! Send “get well” and “we missed you” postcards. Or send mail just for fun!
2. Show up at their t-ball games or other sporting events.
3. Bring a birthday gift. (The simplest thing for only \$1 goes a long way.)

Conversation Starters:

1. Tell me about your favorite: candy, movie, friend, video game, etc.
2. Tell me two things you are thankful for today.
3. Do you have a brother/sister? Tell me about him/her.
4. Tell me about your pets.
5. Who is the greatest superhero of all time?
6. Where is your favorite place to play?
7. What’s your favorite movie?
8. Ask them to tell you about their parent(s).