



### Everyone Knows That No One Really Likes Their Friends

If you're like Cori Landt or Kevin Krazinski or Josh Elder then you have too many friends. But if you're like Lisa Leahy or Cindy Bogher or Jesse Snyder then you don't have many friends at all. We could spend all day talking about the reasons: bad breath, worse style, just plain nerdiness (it's ok, Jesse knows about his breath, I told him), but the fact is some of us have it all together and we still don't have the friendships we want.

Have you ever noticed the difference between your favorite book and a can-opener? Do you love your can-opener? Maybe you do, but what if it stops working for you? Then how are you going to free those delicious Spaghetti-O's from their forced captivity inside the cruel prison constructed by the nefarious Chef Boyardee? You only love the can-opener because you need it. Now what about your favorite book? What does it do for you? Does it provide delicious and nutritious meals for you? Does it clean your room, help you with your homework, make you better looking? Most of us treat our friends like the can-opener: we keep them around as long as they are useful. We don't treat them like our favorite book: trying to know, enjoy, and understand them. We won't be able to move past can-opener friends unless we first know that Jesus gets NO Spaghetti-O's from loving us, but he keeps loving us.

So whether you have too many friends like Melanie K, or too few like Michael O, we all have the same problem. We need Jesus, not friends, and only when we know that will we be able to love friends instead of use them.

Yes, I am coming to **The Problem with Friends JH Retreat**

Name(s)

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School/  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$25 if received on or before Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

Cost after Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: \$35

\*All applications must include a completed 2011 Activity Participation Agreement for 2011 (see website).

Please check the activity you will likely choose for Saturday afternoon\*:

- Ice Skating
- Bowling
- Service Project
- I would like to be a driver for the Saturday afternoon activity and/or dinner Saturday evening (drivers will have Retreat fee waived for up to 1 child)

My Check Amount (should not include activity fee): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cost includes all food and transportation for the weekend

\*Saturday options are subject to change

\*Please detach this form and turn it in with check for full amount with completed Activity Participation Agreement Form for 2011 to:

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# JR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT:

Feb 25, 26 2011



## The Problem with Friends



# THE PROBLEM WITH FRIENDS

## The Details for the Parents:

Things you need to do to get your kid on this retreat:

1. This retreat runs from Friday night through Saturday evening at NLD Church building, but concludes on Sunday morning at Sunday school at 10am; please make sure your kid is able to attend!
2. You will need to send \$10 with your child for Saturday afternoon activities.
3. Packing List:
  - a. Everything your kid needs to sleep comfortably on the floor
  - b. Toothbrush, etc
  - c. Bible, pen
  - d. Warm clothes for outside play
  - e. Clothes for playing in the gym
  - f. An 'outfit' for going out to dinner (I realize this only pertains to the ladies!)
  - g. Kids may bring a cell phone but bringing excessive amounts of fragile, expensive items is highly discouraged

Weekend Schedule		
Dates	Time	Location
Friday Night	7:30	Meet at NLD
Friday Night	8:00	Session 1
Saturday Morning	8am	Big Breakfast
Saturday Late Morning	9:00	Session 2
Saturday Afternoon	Noon - 5pm	Lunch and Options
Saturday Evening	5:30pm	Dinner Out
Saturday Night	6:30	Session 3
Saturday Night	8:00	Pickup at NLD
Sunday School	10:00am	Session 4

## The Details for the Kids

1. We're sleeping at the New Life Dresher Church building: claim your spot early
2. We're going to have fun activities like dodgeball, ice-skating, and Josh Elder beatings: make sure you stretch, no one wants to pull a hamey!
3. We will be having good, clean fun: invite your friends
4. We'll be talking about the Bible: bring one if you have one.

