

UPSTREAM FOR GRADES 9TH – 12TH

Living for God in an ungodly world - GO AGAINST THE FLOW!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES — FALL 2019

AUGUST

- **Saturday, August 24** (6:00 - 8:00 P.M.)

WATER WARS '19 — Water balloons. Hundreds of them. Maybe even thousands of them! Well, at least in the hundreds. But you won't be counting. You'll be throwing and thrown to and thrown at in a variety of balloon bursting games. Be prepared to get wet!

SEPTEMBER

- **Friday, September 6** (8:00 - 10:15 P.M.)

RAVINE — “Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale - a tale of a fateful trip - that started from an airport gate, aboard a small airship.” In this cooperative card game, you and your friends survived a plane crash onto a deserted island (let's call it Gilligan's Island), but will you survive the night? Work together to forage for food, craft a fire, and build shelters. But be wary: every step you take in the Ravine could be one step closer to madness. (Insert maniacal laughter here.)

- **Friday, September 20** (8:00 - 10:00 P.M.)

HORSESHOES AND LADDER TOSS — A kind horse (let's call him Mr. Ed) has offered to lend us a hoof (actually all four of them) and let us use his horseshoes for a good ol' game of horseshoes. In addition to throwing horseshoes, we'll be throwing ladders. Actually, according to Wikipedia, ladder toss (also called hillbilly golf) is played by throwing “bolas.” Also according to the all-knowing Wikipedia, ladder toss was discovered “on campgrounds in the early 1990's” by a guy named Harold Furry. (...Harry Furry?!?) Not quite like discovering America, but way to go, Harold! The winner will take home the coveted 1st Annual Harold Furry Ladder Toss trophy. (Don't toss the trophy; it will break.)

OCTOBER

- **Friday, October 4** (8:00 - 10:00 P.M.)

FARKLE — This dice-rolling game will test your daring as you 'press your luck' to score big... or lose your points. Farkle has also been called Wimpout, Greed, Hot Dice, Horseradish, Squelch, Zilch, Zonk, and Darsh. So I don't know...maybe we'll play Zonk instead.

- **Sunday, October 20** (Meet at church at 3:30 P.M. Back at 7:30 P.M.)

ESCAPE ROOM — Get ready for another Escape Room challenge! Some of you will try to crack a safe and escape before the alarm sounds in *Rapture Bank Hei\$t*. Others will try to survive a zombie apocalypse in *Escape the Undead*. We'll chat it up over pizza after we escape...or not.

NOVEMBER

- Friday, November 1 (7:00 - 9:15 P.M. - F.R.O.G.S./UPstream combo event)

WERE-COW — This is our version of a popular party game called "Werewolf." No werewolves in this game, just benevolent cows (disguised as people...they walk among us!!!!) who *really* want you to be a part of their herd. But the villagers aren't so keen on cows taking over the town; they're trying to discover who the were-cows are and drive them out. F.R.O.G.S. and UPstream will join together for this age-old battle between man and cow. Appropriately, we'll dine on Chick-fil-A.

- Friday, November 8 (8:00 - 10:00 P.M.)

5 CLUES 1 WORD — *Gift - Skills - Ability - Artistic - Show - TALENT*. You may have played a game like this on your cellular mobile telephonic device. The clues are revealed one-by-one, and the quicker you figure out the 1 WORD, the more points you score. You'll team up and put your heads together as you follow the 5 CLUES to discover the 1 WORD.

- Friday, November 22 (8:00 - 10:00 P.M.)

TACO! CAT! GOAT! CHEESE! PIZZA! — Repeat after me: "Taco! Cat! Goat! Cheese! Pizza!" That's all you need to know and say to play this card game. But the *gorilla, groundhog, and narwhal* cards will keep you on your toes! Fun fact: This game utilizes the *Stroop effect*, which is "a demonstration of cognitive interference where a delay in the reaction time of a task occurs due to a mismatch in stimuli." (Thank you Wikipedia! ...And yes, there will be a quiz on this.) That might not make a whole lot of sense to you, but the "Taco! Cat! Goat! Cheese! Pizza!" will make sense of it for you. Oh, and it's fun. FUN-FUN-FUN! So much so that you'll walk away saying, 'Thank you for introducing and explaining the Stroop effect to the world, psychologist J. Ridley Stroop!' (You will not be allowed to leave until you express this thanks.)

DECEMBER

- Friday, December 13 (8:00 - 10:30 P.M.)

LIGHTS & SUGAR DOUGH — After we sashay and saunter our way through the Eastridge lights area, we'll head back to the 'Christ Our Redeemer Coffee Shop' for some warm beverages, doughnuts, and a few spirited rounds of LEFT-CENTER-RIGHT.

UPstream teens build bonds as we gather together
to strengthen our hope and purpose in Christ as we go against the flow of the world.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Feedback of any kind? In need of encouragement?

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