

# Wednesday Night Youth Group Enhancements

These ideas are designed to add a spark to your regular Wednesday night rhythm, moving beyond isolated events to create consistent fun and engagement.

## Student Olympics

Turn a regular Wednesday night into a **Student Olympics**! Divide all students into teams (by community group, grade, or school) and have them compete in a variety of events throughout the evening. This can include anything from high-energy **dodgeball** to brain-teasing **song lyric fill-ins**. Incorporate both **upfront games**, where a representative from each team competes while everyone watches, and **simultaneous games** where all teams are vying for points at once. Set up bleachers for a short program where you can play big group games and share the Gospel in a clear, engaging way. Crown a champion team at the end of the night!

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## Thrift Prom

Roll out the red carpet for a **Thrift Prom** night! Encourage students to visit local thrift stores beforehand to find their most unique and stylish outfits. Create a festive atmosphere with a **photo booth**, the **red carpet entrance**, plenty of **punch**, and a **dance floor**. Set up tables for students to gather during a brief program where the Gospel can be shared. At the end of the night, crown your very own Thrift Prom King and Queen!

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## Raffle Night

Boost attendance and encourage outreach with a **Raffle Night**! In the weeks leading up to the event, give students raffle tickets for showing up to youth group. These tickets become invitations they can give to their friends from school. On the night of the outreach, have a diverse range of prizes—from highly coveted items to humorous gag gifts.

Here's how the tickets work:

- Each ticket brought by a new student is assigned to the person who invited them, giving inviters more entries into the raffles.
- Every new student receives a set amount of tickets and an entry into a special "new student" prize.
- Returning students also receive tickets for attending the raffle night.
- Intersperse games throughout the night where students can earn even more tickets.
- Allow ample time for students to hang out and enter their tickets into the desired raffles.
- During a short program, present the Gospel and then announce the raffle winners in an exciting way: call out one number at a time, with students yelling "wooo!" if they have it and "ahhh!" if they don't, until a winner is found!

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## Jersey Night

Celebrate unity and team spirit with a **Jersey Night!** Encourage every student to wear a jersey representing their favorite player or team. Have a supply of extra jerseys on hand for those who forget or don't own one. Organize a variety of sports activities, including "mathlete" events to ensure everyone can participate regardless of athletic ability. Consider giving away prizes like a new pair of sneakers or tickets to a local sports game. The visual impact of everyone in jerseys creates a fantastic sense of unity! Gather students on the floor for a direct and impactful Gospel presentation.

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## **White Out**

Go all in with a **White Out** night! Challenge students to come dressed head-to-toe in white, including face paint if they dare. Plan a series of **stage games** where there's a good chance their white clothes might get a little messy (in a fun way!). For those who want to keep their clothes pristine, set up tables where they can decorate white items or create friendship bracelets. Incorporate a bunch of **large group mixers** to encourage everyone to interact and connect. Finally, have students break into their community groups for a more personal and intimate Gospel sharing time led by their leaders.