



It is extremely hard to touch the bottom of Caesar Creek wearing lifejackets, but that did not stop Alyson Riedel, 9, Megan Merk, 9, Kelsey Dybvad, 9, and Alexandra Huller, 9, from trying. Abby Cooper, 9, and Lauren Kenney, 9, actually succeeded however, and were just bubbling back up to the surface. Getting out of the suburbs and enjoying the surrounding lakes could really break up the monotony of living in Cincinnati as teenagers.

Holy cow! Or should it be sheep... Ryan Darbonne, 12, dressed up as Little Bo Peep with four of his sheep, Nicholaus Mastruserio, 12, Kevin Crook, 12, Mateo Villamizar, 10, and Luke Sweeney, 11. Young Life was a youth group with lots of members, and it was always considered a good time. Their Halloween event was a chance for everyone to let out their creative sides and be funny.



## Girls, guys, unforgettable memories What everyone is doing

By: Kelsey Kiley

Nothing against hanging out in "mixed company" but sometimes it was nice to just relax and get together with buds. The girls had a night out, and the guys had their night out.

Not having to care how wild the evening was, or how perfect an outfit looked could be a nice change of pace. There was no stress, no pressure. It was just an easy night of good times.

"When I'm with my friends, we love just hanging out; of course, 50 percent of our time hanging out is at the mall!" said Arielle Ingber, 9.

Girls might get together and watch movies; going out to dinner as a group, just to talk, was another alternative. Guys, on the other hand, had their own version of a night out.

I like the one on one time my friends and I get to spend with each other. My life is so hectic that I get lost in it sometimes and it's just nice to have a day where you can catch up and have fun.

-Jane Chernyak, 10

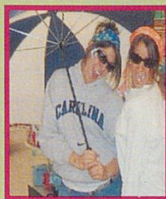
"We start out playing poker but it usually ends up in too much caffeine and we can't concentrate on the game anymore. Then our focus turns to wrestling, video games, foosball/ping-pong/air-hockey tournaments, making random videos, or just chilling. We also eat for pretty much the entire night," said Kyle Darbonne, 9.

Guys were all about action, in more ways than one. Finding things to do wasn't difficult. Poker was always a good option, and foosball was big for a while too.

From girls to guys, everyone was able to find a niche and unwind with good friends. It is possible to have fun without the opposite sex, but admittedly, no matter what, there were some pretty good times with them too.



"Spending time with the buds is a million and one times amazing. I mean, yeah, other things are fine and dandy, but no way would I ever be able to get through life, or even a day without my girls. They are what keep me, me. The end."  
-Rebecca Jahn, 10



"Best friends mean forever, boyfriends just mean for like seven months."  
-Erika Brandewie, 12, with Amanda Cone, 12



"I would be dead if I didn't go to concerts with my friends. Boredom and lack of stimulation in the ears would be the cause of death. That would have been sad... But not too sad."  
-Michael Mallette, 12