

Wicked Santa Gift Exchange

Youth Ministry Christmas Party

The Gift

1. The gift must be valued at \$15.00
 - a. It is not cool (and not the spirit of the season) to wrap two .15 cent candy canes and say that's your gift when other people actually spend \$15.00.
2. The gift should be something someone could actually want or use (although the tackier and more "bizarre" the better). It should be new.
3. The gift should be wrapped or in an envelope before arriving to the party. Gift bags are OK only if a wrapped item is inside.
4. Gift certificates are OK
5. As guests arrive to the party, the gifts should be placed in an area where few people can see who brought which gift. All efforts should be made to hide who brought which gift.

The Game

1. Each guest who wishes to participate must contribute a gift valued at \$15.00.
2. Everyone sits or stands in roughly a circle around the pile of gifts.
3. Each participating guest draws a number and holds onto that slip of paper.
4. On the first turn, the guest with paper slip #1 chooses a gift, opens it, and all admire it.
5. On the second turn, the guest with paper slip #2 gets the choice of "stealing" #1's gift or choosing a wrapped gift. If #2 steals #1's gift, then #1 must open a wrapped gift.
6. On the third turn, the guest with paper slip #3 gets the choice of "stealing" any unwrapped gift (#1's or #2's) or choosing a wrapped one.
7. The game continues based on the following:
 - a. If a gift is stolen from you, you can steal a gift (within limits, described below), or open a wrapped one.
 - b. The turn proceeds until a wrapped gift is chosen.
 - c. A gift cannot be immediately stolen back from the guest who just stole it.
 - d. The fourth "owner" of a gift gets to keep it.
 - i. In other words the gift is "dead" after it has been stolen three times.
 - e. "Owners" of "live" gifts must keep them visible and hold them up when requested.
 - f. The gift exchange ends when the last wrapped gift is opened. Usually, guests are encouraged to perpetuate the gift stealing as long as there are "live" gifts, but no one is obligated to do this.

Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare.