GOURMET GORGE

To encourage more intimate, casual fellowship in your group and increase parent involvement, try a Gourmet Gorge each week. Everyone goes to one group member's home (a different one each week) to enjoy a dinner prepared by the youth and his or her parents. Each person pays a small amount to cover expenses.

The meals should be simple—hot dogs, tacos, or whatever. If no home is available on a particular Sunday, just stay at the church and order take-out food. After the meal you can sit around talking, watching a short movie, or playing a game. Keep it unstructured and spontaneous, and you'll find the time together perfect for relationship