



# COACHES HONOR

Spring 2010



One of, if not the most encouraging thing about working for COACHES HONOR, is seeing first-hand how coaches are living out the gospel every day on their campuses. When I think about what this looks like on a school setting, my mind immediately goes to my good friend John Green. John has quickly risen up the totem pole of success. He started as a young coach and teacher at Orange Park High school, quickly got promoted to Athletic Director at OPHS, and now he is a Vice-Principal at Lakeside Jr. High. John has a heart to see young boys become men who will have an eternal impact on our communities for good. His Gentlemen Gators program not only teaches the gospel, but more importantly, John is teaching these young men how to live out the gospel every day. After reading his words below, if you would like to know more about his Gentlemen Gator program please contact John at [jwgreen@mail.clay.k12.fl.us](mailto:jwgreen@mail.clay.k12.fl.us). And, please keep him and other coaches you know in your prayers, no doubt they are on the front lines of ministry today!

- Jason Sweet

Slowly and relentlessly over the last few decades, our culture has undermined healthy notions of what it means to be a man. Gentlemen Gators is a club that was created during the 2007-2008 school year at Lakeside Junior High School to teach young men authentic manhood and to give them a vision for nobility. We do this through a code of honor, Christ-centered lessons, testimonies, and strong male mentors. While the world says, "They have taken God out of our schools," we say, "He never left!" For the entire school year we meet weekly with 40 young men and use Jesus and other men of the Bible to teach them a trait of authentic manhood such as compassion, servant-leadership and vision. We are also involved in various community projects, and there are activities to be completed for each week that allow the young men to practice what has been taught.

While our numbers may not be large, each young man leaves our school closer to our Savior, and we know many have come to accept Christ in their hearts, enjoying the new personal relationship. At the end of the year, each Gentlemen Gator is "knighted" with a sword in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, right on the banks of the St. Johns River. They each receive a gift and are then treated to a catered steak dinner. The event is moving and one that each young man will remember for a lifetime.

We have been encouraged to meet with three other county schools who have also launched versions of this club and encourage all who read this to encourage someone at their child's school to do the same. Thank you and God bless!

*John Green*



**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses . . . Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. – Heb 12:1-2**

COACHES HONOR believes there is no higher calling than being called "Coach". These coaches spend countless hours with young men and women who are in desperate need of direction. Coaches are role models, mentors, and teachers who pour out their lives every day!



# 2010 COACHES HONOR Events

## Men's Retreat

April 23-25

Green Cove Springs, FL

On the St. Johns River

\$75 per person

*Join the guys for a weekend of food, rest, community, and being reminded of the truth of the gospel.*



## Marriage Retreat

June 4-6

Vilano Beach, FL

\$325 per couple

Speaker: Ray Cortese

*If you would like to help sponsor a coach and his/her spouse, it would be greatly appreciated.*

## Women's Wild & Wonderful Weekend

April 9-11

Atlantic Beach, FL. Cost: \$110

*Darlene Smith is our speaker & our dear friend Elaine Husband is back. Bring a friend & come to the party!*



## Annual Golf Tournament

June 14

Marsh Landing Country Club

Contact: Jason Sweet

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**Come tee it up for the coaches!**

*\*Please fill out the enclosed registration form for the retreats and mail to COACHES HONOR as soon as possible. Golf Tournament forms will be sent at a later date.*