



# Communications Learning Activity

## Title

Map of Internet Friends

## 4-H Project Area

- Communication and Expressive Arts
- Science and Technology

## Purpose

To create responsible youth who understand that people they first “meet” on the Internet should never be considered their friend.

## Age Level

Ages 12-13

## Materials Needed

- Pencils
- Blank pieces of paper OR copies of attached activity sheet

## Time

15-20 minutes

## Background

The Internet is a place where we can meet new people and talk about things we have in common. But on the Internet, we must be careful when meeting new people.

This activity displays to youth how it is easy to come in contact with unknown people by trading acquaintance lists with friends.

## Activity

- Distribute the pencils/paper to youth.
- Ask each youth to hold their piece of paper horizontally and write their name in the middle on the left side of the paper; or distribute the attached activity sheet.
- To the right of their name, have youth draw three short lines to make a diagram followed by the names of three friends in their club/class that they like to spend time with.
- Have youth go to each of the three friends in their club/class (one at a time), where the friends take turns drawing three short lines after their name on the paper and writing down the names of three people OUTSIDE of the club/class that they like to spend time with.
- Once finished, have all youth sit down

## Discussion Questions

- Do you know all of the people whose names are written on your page?
- If each of the last nine names on your diagram gave your name to three of their friends, how many people would now have your name?
- Would it be a good idea to talk to all of these people on the Internet? Why or why not?
- How would you feel if one of the people you don't know contacted you online?
- What would you do if one of those people contacted you online?
- What types of information should we never share online? Why?

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Activity adapted from [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)



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## SAMPLE ACTIVITY SHEET

