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Director: Michael Hall

Where to get it: [MVD](#)

It's Casey's (Leah Rudick) birthday and to celebrate, she and her friends are headed to a cabin in the woods for a wild weekend of sex, drugs and partying. A crazed killer (Joseph Campellone) has other plans for them and it's up to Casey's younger brother Scott (Andrew Waffenschmidt), aided by a mysterious novel that seems to spell out their fate, to find their only hope of survival. "Kids Go To the Woods... Kids Get Dead" brings back the classic slasher flick complete with horny teenagers, worthless cops, a crazy war vet and a masked killer.



This odd movie that also has a somewhat odd title is a film I probably wanted to like more than I did. It's got a really cool gimmick going for it. The entire film is presented as if you're watching an old VHS tape. Or should I say an old VHS home video tape that you tapped a midnight horror show over. I can really dig that part of this film. I will even go as far as to say that I dug the acting of our lead, Leah Rudick. But the downside to that is the fact that she may be the best actor in the entire film. She not only sticks out in a good way, but she makes everyone else look bad because she is doing so well in this film. Not sure how she'd do in a bigger film with bigger names, but she can at least be happy with what she does here.



Now for the reason I won't be rating this one any higher than I am. The film is supposed to be presented as your typical "kids in the woods" slasher. And it does that. It may even do that a bit too well for its own good. Everything here gets a little too buy the book and typical in bits. And it's just as typical as it is creative. So, it's an even number in both. That means when we take the good and the bad and we balance stuff out we end up with a film just above average. It's clever and has some good parts, but it's still just above average. And I do wish our slasher in this thing looked different than he does, that kind of hurts things a little as well. That all being said, I'd still say it's worth watching.

(6/10)



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