

CAPITAL CITY DISTRICT  
Golden Empire Council, B.S.A.



**The Great Christmas  
Photo Scavenger Hunt  
2013**



December 7th, 2013

San Francisco, CA

**EVENT GUIDE**

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## What Is **The Great Christmas Photo Scavenger Hunt?**

A **scavenger hunt** is a game in which the organizers prepare a list defining specific items, which the participants - in this case teams of scouts - seek to gather all items on the list - usually without purchasing them - or perform tasks or take photographs of the items, as specified.

The goal is to be the first team to complete their list or as much of the list as they can and be at a designated finish line by a given time or be disqualified. Points will be totaled at the end based on the items completed by taking a clear photo of whatever they are looking for. Points will be multiplied by the number of teammates they are able to get in the photo as well. Creativity is an admirable trait.

According to game scholar Markus Montola, scavenger hunts evolved from ancient folk games. Gossip columnist Elsa Maxwell popularized scavenger hunts in the United States with a series of exclusive New York parties starting in the early 1930s. The scavenger-hunt craze among New York's elite was satirized in the 1936 film My Man Godfrey.

Notable scavenger hunts include the University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt and the annual Tricadecathlonomania, a 24-hour worldwide event that began in Northfield, MN. Scavenger hunts blah, de, blah, de, blah. Lets go have some fun!

### Questions?

Please contact:

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### When?

Saturday, December 7th from 10 am —4 pm plus dinner and travel time. Check in begins at 9 am and goes to 10 am.

### Where?

San Francisco, CA.

Start Line is at the top of the stairs at the Market Street Bart Station.

Finish Line is at the Luigi's Pizzeria Restaurant on Pier 39.

### Who?

All Varsity Scouts, Venture Crews, and Sea Scouts are invited to participate. Adult leaders are invited to come along and enjoy the show. Teams will be working autonomously.

## The Great Christmas Photo Scavenger Hunt Origin...

The Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scout groups have been invited to meet each month during the breakout session of the District Round Table. It was during these meetings that the crews discussed in length the various ideas that they would like to see take place that would be oriented to the older scout both male and female. The Great Christmas Scavenger Hunt was born from these ideas and was soon placed on the schedule. With much discussion, the terms of the event were decided upon and are being placed into this guide. With the exception of the actual list of items that the teams will have to find, everything included here has been their decision.

## Fees and Deadlines?

The cost to attend this event is **\$1** for both Scouts and Leaders. This fee will be used to help with the costs of the awards. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. All registrations need to be in no later than **Tuesday, December 3rd**. Individuals and Units can register at [www.Crew136.com/ScoutStore/index.php](http://www.Crew136.com/ScoutStore/index.php) or go to [www.Crew136.com](http://www.Crew136.com) and click on the link for the store.

Any other costs associated with the event shall be the responsibility of each participant or group. These costs will include but not limited to travel and food for the day. Registration fees are transferable within your group but not refundable. Payments are expected on the day of the event based on the Registration total per unit.

## Personal Health and Medical Records?

To ensure the health and safety of everyone, all Scouts and leaders participating in the Scavenger Hunt should have a current, completed Boy Scouts of America Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B). Units are responsible for each Scout's medical forms and must have the forms available upon request. If any special considerations are needed please contact the Program Coordinator.

## Local Tour Permit?

Every unit attending the Scavenger Hunt must file a Local Tour Planner. San Francisco is outside of the council boundaries. A copy of the tour planner must be available at check-in if needed.

## Parent Permission Slips?

All Venture, Varsity and Sea Scouts (under the age of 18 years old) participating in the Scavenger Hunt must have turned in a signed copy of a parent's permission slip to their respective adult leaders. **At check-in the adult leader responsible for the unit must be prepared to show permission slips, upon request, for all participants.**

## Restrooms and Service Units?

Since scouts will be roaming the city they will need to use restrooms of the local businesses. Please have respect for their facilities and represent Scouting well.

## Weather?

The Scavenger Hunt will be held regardless of weather condition ... wind, rain or shine. Be Prepared for any weather conditions.

## Schedule

### Saturday, December 7th, 2013

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| 7:00AM or so     | Leave for San Francisco by unit.   |
| 9:00AM - 10:00AM | Unit Check-in Look for Table at the top of stair of the Market & Powell Bart Station. Team assignments will be given.  |
| 10:00AM          | Shot Gun Start. All Teams will be allowed to open their objectives envelope and begin the contest.   |
| 4:00PM           | <b>Finish Line</b> Luigi's Pizzeria Restaurant on Pier 39. All Teams must be at the finish line no later than 4PM. <b>Any team arriving after will be disqualified. So it is very very very important that you manage your time correctly!</b> |
| 4:00PM - 6:00PM  | Team Scores will be calculated while teams order dinner and eat.   |
| 6:00PM - 6:30PM  | Scores and Team Awards will be announced.  |
| 6:30PM           | Units will be released for the day.  |

## Teams ?

Teams shall be made up of members of (2) two different units. Each Unit shall have at least (2) of their members on a team. It is important for registrations to be in on time so these Team assignments can be made. All members of the Teams should be in Class "A" uniform for the Scavenger Hunt. However, Holiday accents are encouraged. A nice Santa hat, scarf, elf ears, etc..... Remember as always you are representing Scouting so do us proud!

**Note: there will be no security following you around so please stay together and understand that you are assuming all risks for loss or damaged items. No exceptions!**

## Family/Visitors

Families and friends are welcome to the Scavenger Hunt but are not allowed to participate in the contest itself. All guests and family members planning to attend must register on the website in order for us to give Luigi's an accurate head count for dinner.

## Transportation and Parking?

The Scavenger Hunt staff will not be providing any transportation nor making any special accommodations for unit member transportation needs. All unit leaders must insure that vehicles transporting Scouts and equipment and have the necessary safety and insurance as prescribed by California State Law. All units are required to provide their own transportation to and from the Scavenger Hunt. Under no circumstances are Scouts or leaders to ride in the backs of trucks, trailers or campers.

Parking is the responsibility of each unit. In San Francisco, parking can be limited and expensive so the staff advises taking some form of mass transit into the city.

One current BART schedule in the morning is:

### Pittsburg to Powell stations

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| Leaves 7:17 | Arrives 8:15 |
| Leaves 7:37 | Arrives 8:35 |
| Leaves 7:57 | Arrives 8:55 |
| Leaves 8:17 | Arrives 9:15 |

These times are subject to change so confirmation with BART is recommended. Any and all costs of Transportation and Parking will be at the discretion of each unit. During the competition Teams may wish to take some form of transportation. This will be up to the Teams discretion and their responsibility for any costs involved.

## Equipment?

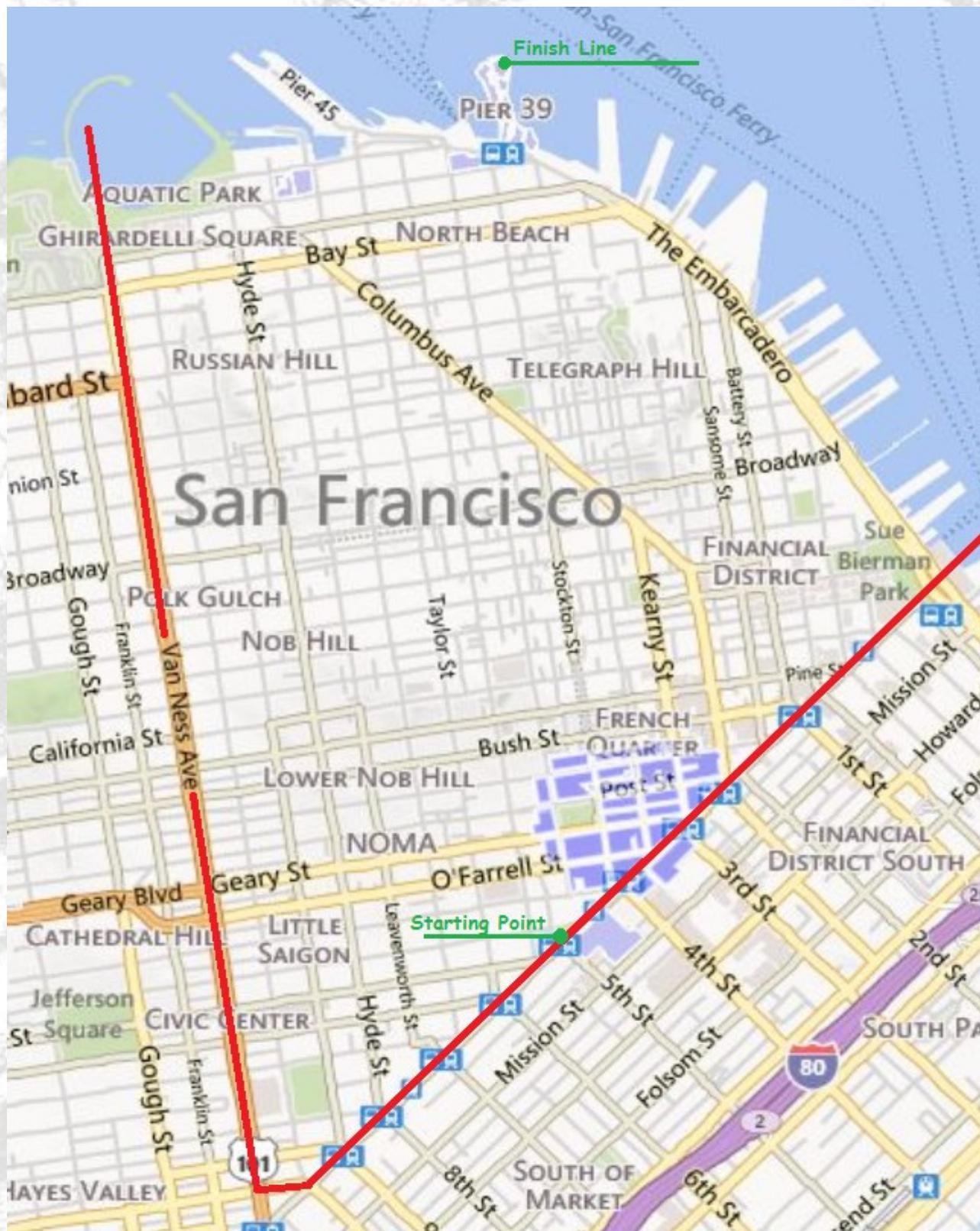
Each member of the team should bring a phone and a camera. The staff phone number will be 916-271-9696 if there are any questions during the competition. Phone use fees will be the responsibility of each individual. Only one camera will be used per team so if a camera is not available to each individual it won't stop you from competing. At the end of the event teams will download their pictures to the Scavenger Hunt staff for calculation of points. Each member should also have a pen and pad for keeping notes during the competition. A compass and a comfortable pair of shoes would really help. Outer wear for the appropriate weather.

## Food ?

During the course of the competition and later at the finish line scouters may wish to stop for a food break. This will be at the discretion of each competitor and team. You can risk losing time on your search or you may wish to bring some snacks in a daypack. The choice and responsibility is yours. The finish line, of course, is at Luigi's Pizzeria on Pier 39. They are aware that our finish line is at their location. We'll be looking into a possible discount for scouters but this has not been achieved yet. Please bring what you think appropriate for dinner at the finish line. Again, your choice, your responsibility.

## Scavenger Hunt Boundaries?

San Francisco is a big place. Do we want our scouts to travel everywhere? Of course not. The contest will be restricted to the area that is East of Van Ness and North of Market up to the waterfront in both directions. Teams that leave this area at any time during the contest will be disqualified. The boundary map is as follows.



## Scoring?

Teams will be awarded points for each item on their lists that they are able to take a picture of. For each member of their team that they are able to get into the picture at the same time will get them extra points per item. Only ONE photo of each listed item will be counted for points. Teams will stay together at all times for safety. Once all the scores are tabulated awards will be given to the top 3 teams before leaving the event.

## Alcohol And Drugs

"It is the policy of Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America or at any activity involving participation of youth members."

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use this facility. Unit Leaders will be responsible for monitoring any prescription medications for it's members.

## BSA Smoking Policy

Smoking is discouraged among adult leaders as a rule. Smoking is prohibited in all program areas, camp buildings. Smoking is discouraged in the presence of boys anywhere on the camp property.

Remember we are Scouts. We're here to have some good, clean, safe FUN!

We're representing the Boy Scouts of America so let's do our units proud.

Units not following the Great Christmas Photo Scavenger Hunt rules may be asked to leave.

Good Luck!

