

61<sup>st</sup> Annual Arizona Treasure Hunt  
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## **RULES**

### ***Basic Hunt Rules***

Participants in the Hunt must be at least 18 years of age and agree to abide by the following:

- Obey all posted speed limits.
- Operate vehicles in a safe and prudent manner at all times.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Exercise caution at all times.
- Use only one vehicle per team.
- Include no more than six persons, participating in any capacity whatsoever, per team.
- Serve on the Hunt Committee for three consecutive years, if you win first place.
- Do not drive onto any dirt roads or trails marked as prohibited for the operation of motor vehicles.

### ***Registration and Release Forms***

Registration for this year's Hunt begins promptly at 11:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2011 on the aztreasurehunt.org website. Car numbers will be assigned by your team's time of registration. Checks **MUST** be received by the Hunt Committee within ten calendar days of registration to guarantee your place in the Hunt.

Each team must fill out a release form, in its entirety, prior to checkout. This form can be found on the Hunt website. Many teams choose to fill out the form prior to arriving at the checkout location to help speed up the process.

### ***Check-out***

As in past years, check-out will be at the southwest corner of Pima and Pinnacle Peak Roads. The Hunt Committee will be accepting release forms beginning at 4:30 p.m. Turn in your release form to receive your check-out time and card. You must be in line with your check-out card at least 10 minutes prior to your designated check-out time. Your check-out time is your check-out time! If you are not in line and ready to check-out, this will still be the time that is recorded as a check-out time for your team.

Check-out will begin with Car 1 at precisely 6:15:00 p.m. Subsequent teams will check out at 12 second intervals until all teams have been checked out.

## ***Line Sales***

There will likely be items to purchase at checkout. These items may or may not be useful during the Hunt. These will not exceed \$5 in total expense. It is recommended that you have cash on hand to make **ONE** purchase for your team, as credit/debit cards will not be accepted.

## ***Internet usage***

In the current technological climate, most people have Internet access at all times. Internet usage is neither encouraged nor necessary to solve any clues. Have fun researching the HWOW. It will be available 30 days prior to Hunt night. Your Treasure Hunt Committee has gone to great lengths to ensure no advantages are to be had by having Hunt night Internet access.

## ***Sportsmanship***

It is important that all Hunters act in an appropriate manner. Attempting to frighten others, or to destroy or disable the property of competing teams **WILL NOT** be tolerated! We would like to make the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Arizona Treasure Hunt a positive experience for all.

## ***Definition of team status***

A team comprised of novice hunters will be labeled a Rookie team. Rookie teams should indicate this status during the registration process.

A team can be labeled a Pro team if it consists of at least three Hunters who have either:

- served on the Hunt Committee within the past 3 years, OR
- served on the Hunt Committee for a total of 6 years

A team will **ONLY** be considered a Pro team if it is designated as such during the registration process.

## ***Weather***

No matter the weather, the Hunt goes on!!! (Unless, of course, Phoenix receives three feet of snow overnight.)

## ***Check-in***

Check-in is at Pinnacle Peak Patio. The Hunt is over at 11:15 p.m. You must check in at the designated area (see the map in the Brown Bag) between 11:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. **Any team checking in past 11:30 p.m. is assessed DOUBLE PENALTY TIME for each minute past 11:30 p.m.**

Wrap your clue Score Sheet (on which you have placed the peel-off labels of the clues you found) around the UNOPENED emergency envelopes. Bind these with the rubber band found in your Brown Bag. This is all that is turned in.

When you arrive at Pinnacle Peak Patio, go to the check-in point marked on the map where a Committee member will be waiting to "check in" your car.

**DO NOT** turn in OPENED emergency envelopes or any other material from the Brown Bag.

**DO** make sure that the peel-off label for each clue you found is firmly affixed to your clue Score Sheet in the appropriate area.

The post-hunt banquet is also located at Pinnacle Peak Patio. Please have your meal tickets (distributed at check-out) available at the banquet. The tickets will be collected when the meals are served. You will be allowed one pass through the buffet line.

A detailed map of the check-in area will be issued as part of the Hunt night Brown Bag. Coffee and tea are included with the dinner, **BEER AND MIXED DRINKS ARE NOT**. No one is permitted to bring in liquor of any kind.

## ***Scoring***

A team receives one clue credit for each clue found in sequence after the start clue.

If a clue is out of sequence, a team receives 1/2 credit for that clue unless the emergency for that clue was opened and the clue prior to the skipped clue was found. Thus, if clues A, B, and D are found and the emergency for D was opened, the team receives full credit for D (but no credit for C). This is done to be fair to the team that was unable to find clue C but opened the emergency for D as instructed in the emergency for C. Regardless of the credit received for the first clue out of sequence, all subsequent in-sequence clues receive full credit. The "end clue" for a team is the last clue for which a team receives full credit.

Each team's elapsed time on the Hunt is adjusted by subtracting the nominal travel time from the check-out point to their start clue, subtracting the nominal travel time from their end clue (as defined above) to the check-in point, and adding 20 minutes for each opened emergency (except the start emergency).

No adjustments are made for time lost due to flat tires, traffic citations, or other road or off-road hazards, so avoid these at all costs.

## ***Results***

Results will be announced during dinner. There will be some fun recognition, and prizes will be awarded to the teams earning the top three positions. Should a Pro team be the top finishing team, it will receive special recognition, but will not be obligated to serve the three-year committee term. That distinguished honor goes to the members of the top finishing non-Pro team.

***If you are new to the Hunt or would like a more detailed refresher, please see the Rookie Guide.***