

The Inaugural London Scavenger Hunt 2006

The Rules v1.1

1. Each team must have at least one digital camera, but no more than one camera. Camera phones count too, it's about the image not the quality. That said, images have to show the item or action as listed in the List. One device with connection cable and software or storage media should be handed over to the Judges at the end of the Hunt.
2. At the end of the Hunt, there will be Judgement Day which shall include a short period of scoring before the Awarding of the Faithful and Honest begins. Points will be calculated to show an outright winner and or special awards.
3. Pictures. You are expected to take pictures of each item but for items that involve the entire team, the entire team (in their entirety) must be inside the picture.
4. Acquisition of Pictures. All pictures on the list can be obtained and performed legally. It may involve smooth talking, or it may involve something else, but it is all possible. The Judges take no responsibility over your getting thrown into the clink, be it local clink, Paddington clink, National clink, or colonel clink. If you end up there, it is your fault.
5. Fair Play. Sabotage is bad. We don't like it and we don't want it in the Hunt. Sabotaging teams or their items can lead to immediate disqualification, and then, even, we may turn the hounds up in the Finance dept loose on you, too.
6. Contact with Judges. While we don't want to complain and say that Judges have it so tough, the Scavenger Hunt is always teetering on the edge of sheer chaos, and if we can avoid it, we should. As a result, please only communicate with the Judges if you are going to do it in a professional manner. Generally, there should not be much to tell a Judge, anyway, besides dirty jokes about doctors. Just remember that the more people shout, the less will be understood. That seems like it makes sense, no?
7. Props. All props must still be mad props.
8. Points. Point totals are final. Judges give out points for the spirit of the Picture in its presentation.
9. In some places, bonus points are also awarded for going above and beyond the Judges' concept of the Call of Duty. As far as point values, well, we used a dartboard and Tibetan numerological methods in determining how much items were worth, so no complaining that "the pink and white vibrator was worth more than the 10-person tall showgirl pyramid!"
10. There is a category of points called Special Points or, if you prefer, Super Special Points. If you put the kind of effort into a 5-point item that makes it worth, obviously, more than just that, the Judge judging the picture will add Special Points. For example, if we say, "A David Beckham shirt," and you get a shirt at a sports shop, you will only get the 5 points. If, however, if David Beckham is wearing that shirt, then the Judge will award an additional 2 points in Special Points.
11. Points to be added for the extra effort. Note, however, that doing items that don't call for nudity will not bring on Special Points. Nor does involving alcohol in items that don't explicitly call for alcohol. The same goes for sex and drugs. Please note that no items explicitly call for nudity, alcohol, or sex and drugs.

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12. It is the Captains' responsibility to make sure that they submit pictures on behalf of the Team in a timely manner.
13. Team Captains. Only Team Captains can ask Judges questions about the list. Bear in mind things like pointing out typos and bizarrely bad grammar is one thing, repeatedly asking us what's a "Redamak" is another.
14. The Showcase of images will be judged at Judgement Day, which will be at a location specified on the day in the Hunt Pack at 5.00pm.
15. A Good Time. For a good time call 07971 667826.
16. Items. Most items remain the property of the team that secured it except for the items that explicitly call for surrender.
17. We all know about Google, so, typically, count on Internet sourced images being worth nada. The Internet is trying to destroy the Scavenger Hunt. Don't let it. Work with us on this one, please, and we'll all be happier.
18. Photoshop. All Judges are trained in the martial arts of Photoshop and as such digital tampering shall be responded to with extreme prejudice.
19. Underwear will be required at all times, no selling hotdogs please.
20. Providence. If the image you've taken looks a bit 'iffy' and could be claimed to be a fake, then obtain providence through additional images leading up to the final image or a signed acknowledgement from the subject with a mobile number.
21. Permission. Remember those P's and Q's when asking people for permission to take pictures of them, and get a Release Form from anyone who has their picture taken in private property.
22. Illustrating isn't big or clever. If an item calls for something, produce the something; don't illustrate it in crayons, Biro's or using digital trickery of the likes of Flash.
23. Prizes. Prizes are Bragging Rights and a trophy, apparently (truth be told, the Judges know nothing about said trophy).

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Glossary

The Meeting of Tomorrow - This is the brief informal meeting leading up to the Start of the Hunt when Questions can be asked pre-Scavenger Hunt and the Hunt Pack is given to Team Captains.

Start of The Hunt - The designated time when the Hunt shall begin, and the Team Captain is given his Hunt Pack.

Hunt Pack - A pack of things for the Scavenger Hunt, including but not limited to the List.

Release Form - This is a signed document from a person giving their permission for the image to be taken. Smart people also add elements to it to include it's useage on for example a Scavenger Hunt website to promote future Scavenger Hunts.

Scavenger Hunt List (AKA the List) - Um, like er, a list of things for the Scavenger Hunt.

Judgement Day - The name of the gathering when Team Captains will relinquish their Digital Cameras or images from the Digital Camera for marking and possible cross examination. Judgment Day includes the Awarding of the Faithful and Honest.

Allebarone - Say All Bar One really fast with a thick Italian accent.

Awarding of the Faithful and Honest - This is the awards ceremony, often integrated into Judgement Day.

Changelog

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