

PATROL CHALLENGE VIII - OCTOBER 4-6, 2019

PATROL CHALLENGE RULES

OVERVIEW

- The object of the Challenge is to have FUN, score points, and have a lot more FUN.
- Score points by figuring out Photo Safari locations and taking a photo there.
- Score points by participating in unique PATROL ACTIVITIES*.
- Score points by collecting Scavenger Hunt Items.
- Additional info @ First Timers page at PatrolChallenge.com

TIMELINE

May 1 – Early Bonus Clues start. Get new clues every month.

Oct 3 @ 4pm – Final Clues available for researching only.

Oct 4 @ 4pm – Start taking photos, collecting items and doing activities.

Oct 6 @ 1-4pm – Bring photos and Scavenger Hunt Items to CHECK IN*

Nov 10 – Awards Celebration Extravaganza.

❖ HOW TO REGISTER

1. Registration is online at Patrolchallenge.com.
2. Cost is \$40 per PATROL* & \$10 per Scout. ALL ADULTS ARE FREE!
3. Includes patch, participation ribbon, plaques, full statistics & huge Awards Celebration.
4. Once registered you get optional EARLY BONUS CLUES* every month starting in May – AND YOU CAN DO THEM AS SOON AS YOU GET THEM!
5. The \$10 per Scout is not paid until you CHECK IN* to end the event.

❖ WHAT'S A PATROL?

1. 3 - 8 Scouts participating as a team is a PATROL*. Cannot exceed 8 youth participating.
2. You can't travel, research or participate with any other PATROL*.
3. Scouts & Adults may move in and out of your PATROL* at any time with no penalty.

❖ HOW TO DO THE PHOTO SAFARI

1. Solve a Photo Safari clue – go there and take your photo as proof.
2. Take photos with digital camera or quality phone, use as high a resolution as possible.
3. Must be at least 2 Scouts in the photo for it to earn points.
4. Scouts are expected to be in SCOUT UNIFORM* in all photos and activities.
5. Earn 10 extra points if your PATROL FLAG* is in the photo.
6. Earn 10 extra points if 1 Adult Leader is in the photo and in SCOUT UNIFORM*.
7. Fill out Form "A" with a description of where you took the photo and its Clue #

❖ HOW TO COLLECT SCAVENGER HUNT ITEMS

1. Collect Items from anywhere – be respectful, resourceful and creative.
2. You must bring in the actual Item. Printed Items don't count, unless specified otherwise.
3. Put its CLUE ITEM #* on it & put them in numerical order at CHECK IN*.

❖ TRAVEL RULES

1. **The Patrol Challenge is a Scout Event – NOT A RACE! Be safe in your travels.**
2. IMPORTANT - Every Scout and Adult may not take Photo Safari photos or drive between 11:00pm and 6:00am. Noncompliance = Disqualification!
3. You have the option of SPLITTING* up your Patrol into 2 separate groups.

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4. If SPLITTING* you must have both groups traveling **OR** 1 group traveling and 1 group researching. You **CAN'T** have 2 groups traveling and Patrol Member(s) home researching. Any Patrol Member not with the 2 groups can't work on the Challenge in any fashion.
5. SPLITTING* is **NOT** allowed for EARLY BONUS CLUES*.
6. All drivers must be over 21 years old. All BSA & GSUSA driving & leadership rules apply.

❖ THE PC FINAL WEEKEND OCTOBER 4-6.

1. You will be emailed a password to access your FINAL CLUES* online.
2. FINAL CLUES* are available at Patrolchallenge.com Thursday October 3rd at 4:00PM.
3. When you get your FINAL CLUES* on Thursday you can RESEARCH ONLY*.
4. **YOU CAN NOT** take any Photo Safari Photos, do any Patrol Activities or collect any Scavenger Hunt Items until 4:00PM Friday. Noncompliance = Disqualification!
5. At Patrolchallenge.com print and fill out forms 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D'.

❖ WHERE & HOW TO FINISH THE PC

1. All PATROLS* will CHECK IN* to end the event on Sunday October 6th at a location TBA.
2. CHECK IN* is anytime you like between 1:00pm to 4:00pm
3. When you CHECK IN* you earn the following points:

<u>CHECKED IN*</u>	<u>Points</u>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	750
2:01 – 3:00 pm	500
3:01 – 3:30 pm	250
3:31 – 4:00 pm	Zero
4. Your CHECKED IN* time is when all Scavenger Hunt Items are lined up in numerical order.
5. CHECK IN* after 4:00pm Sunday will cost you 50 points per minute.

When you CHECK IN* bring the following:

1. 1 Flash Drive with all your photos including all your EARLY BONUS CLUES*.
2. Label it with your Patrol Name & your Pack, Troop or Crew #.
3. Adults can download photos if desired. No PDF or slide shows. Make yourself a backup copy. Flash Drives are returned at the Awards Celebration.
4. \$10 for each Scout that participated during the event - if present or not.
5. Completed forms A, B, C, D.
6. All Scavenger Hunt items labeled with their CLUE ITEM #*

❖ MISC. NOTES

- BONUS POOLS - These points are evenly divided between all Patrols that complete the task, find the location, or bring in the item. BONUS POOLS are noted in your clues.
- REFUND POLICY: Request refund by September 6 - full refund. By September 20 - half refund. After September 20 – no refund.
- MONEY BACK GUARANTEE: 1st time participants: Do the October 4-6 event and if you're not satisfied you will get back the \$40 Registration cost. Per Scout cost is not refundable.
- Only Scouts may call Mr. Wrigley (818) 263-4782 or Mr. Oliver (818) 321-2699 during the contest for rule clarifications only.
- All BSA & GSUSA rules and regulations regarding outings, travel and activities apply.
- Final results, plaques, ribbons, patches, & complete statistics on how every Patrol scored will be given out at our huge Patrol Challenge Awards Celebration November 10, 2019.
- Jeff, Paul, Gloria & Eliot are final judges. **NO WHINING - ADULTS WE'RE TALKING TO YOU!**

GIRL SCOUT PERMISSION SLIP PROCEDURE

1. Each Girl Scout Patrol must have its own individual Permission Slip.
2. You can get a Permission Slip partially filled out at www.patrolchallenge.com

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❖ SPECIAL RECRUITMENT BONUS

Earn 250 Bonus Points for each new youth you get to join your UNIT* between August 1st, 2019 and October 4th, 2019. Bring a copy of the registration at CHECK IN*.

The new youth must participate in the Patrol Challenge to qualify for the bonus.

* Definitions of Terms

PATROL ACTIVITIES - Patrols are given fun and unique things to do or accomplish to earn points

PATROL - Consists of 3-8 Scouts who participate as a team. Adults are not part of the Patrol. You can have as many adults participate as you want.

EARLY BONUS CLUES - These are fun, interesting and sometimes unusual things to earn points and you can do them as soon as you get them. Some Units use them as their activity of the month.

CHECK IN - This ends the event. The Scouts bring in their Scavenger Hunt Items, photos from the Photo Safari and anything else they need to do or bring in to earn points. This is an energized and entertaining time. Scouts can share their stories and see what hundreds of other Scouts have done.

SCOUT UNIFORM – We strive to show the public that Scouting is alive and well. Scout Uniforms vary between different unit types. The Rule of Thumb is to dress and look as much like Scouts as you can.

PATROL FLAG - A hand held flag or banner with your Patrol name and decorated as you like.

CLUE ITEM # - Each Scavenger Hunt Item has a unique # to identify it. Put that # on the item.

SPLITTING – The final Oct. 4-6 weekend you have the OPTION of splitting your Patrol into a max of 2 groups to travel separately. Must be at least 2 Scouts in each group and appropriate adult leadership. You can't split into more than 2 groups. If splitting you can have only 2 working groups i.e. 1 at home doing research & 1 on the road gathering clues - OR - 2 groups on the road. Scouts not with a group can't work on the Challenge in any way.

Splitting is not suggested for young Scouts and Patrols new to the PC.

Splitting is not allowed for any Early Bonus Clues.

FINAL CLUES – Are all the EARLY BONUS CLUES plus hundreds of new clues available Oct. 3.

RESEARCH ONLY - Scouts can figure out most clues using internet searches. Others are findable with just a phone call or an observant eye. Older Scouts (Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Troops & Crews) should be doing this research on their own. Adults - **keep your paws off.**

Young Scouts (Brownies, Juniors, Wolves, Bears & Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts) can, & should, be helped by adults.

CHECKED IN – All Scavenger Hunt Items you collect have to be scored. To speed this along put the CLUE ITEM # on the Item then lay them out in numerical order. After all your Items are all laid out you can then request a scorer to score them. The scorer will put that time on your score sheet.

Helpful Hint – *put the CLUE ITEM # on the Items as you find them to save a lot of time and be able to get an earlier CHECKED IN time - earning you more points.*

UNIT – *A Girl Scout Troop, Cub Pack, Scouts BSA Troop or Venturing Crew is considered a Unit. Attn. Girl Scouts - for PC purposes your Service Unit is not considered a Unit.*

PATROL LEADER – *A Scout who is chosen by the Patrol to lead & represent the Patrol as needed. Adults can not represent the Patrol.*