

SCAVENGER HUNT GUIDELINES

Scavenger hunts have value, if properly conducted as educational experiences. Staff members and registered student organization (RSO) offices should adhere to the recommendations below. However, RSOs also need to ensure that activities of this nature are safe and useful for students who participate in them.

Scavenger hunts must ensure positive experiences for the students involved, save resources, be safe, enhance participants' learning, and cast Purdue University in a positive light.

Scavenger hunts that are not within these recommendations may violate University policies on hazing. RSOs whose parent organizations (i.e. national sorority or fraternity) ban or discourage scavenger hunts may not have them at all regardless of this policy/guidelines.

Scavenger hunts should:

- ✓ be written in advance and reviewed in KRCH 370 (upload document on BoilerLink event form)
- ✓ be conducted at reasonable hours of the day
- ✓ be registered on an event form if conducted by a RSO
- ✓ encourage participants to collect useful knowledge/information about their organization/University
- ✓ have no time limitation to determine a "winner"
- ✓ augment participants' learning about their organization, field of study, educational enterprise, or the University
- ✓ encourage participants to work as a team to completed the objective
- ✓ provide a wrap-up period immediately post-event for discussion among participants

Scavenger hunts should not:

- ✓ be conducted between midnight-7:30am
- ✓ be a requirement for membership or initiation
- ✓ permit participants to collect items or property beyond a small number of brochures from a University of community agency
- ✓ permit participants to obtain signatures of any person
- ✓ be in the nature of a race against time or other teams
- ✓ permit participants to dress oddly or uniformly
- ✓ disturb the peace or peaceful enjoyment of students, staff, or community residents
- ✓ permit participants to trespass
- ✓ permit any person to travel alone after dark
- ✓ permit participants to place themselves at risk
- ✓ involve alcohol or any controlled substance
- ✓ interrupt the normal, daily business of any office

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