

# Pirate Themed Scavenger Hunt

## List #1

Scavenger hunts are and have always been great fun for all ages. The trick can be choosing which KIND of scavenger hunt to plan. There are several different well-known formats to choose from and so many more that aren't well known. This free list is perhaps the most well known format and is just one of SIX different lists in our Pirate Themed Scavenger Hunt Lists Collection.



The collection not only includes a total of 22 items to find (versus the 12 offered in his document, expanding this particular List #1), but also includes five other lists with different formats: one for pre-readers (utilizing just images), one where clues are offered instead of spelling out which items are to be found, a photo-scavenger hunt option, one list offering bonus points for collecting combinations of objects and one mega list that includes clues to search for to solve puzzles along with searching for items.

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# The Scavenger Hunt

Although a standard scavenger hunt (in its more traditional format from the past) simply arms a team of players with a list asking them to find as many of the items as they can in their homes, etc., we've created an alternative to make it much simpler, more versatile and considerably safer for the participants.

True, the list can be printed and handed to your teams as described above, however in this document we've also included 22 images of the items on the list to find. By printing these images and cutting them out, you'll be able to place them in ANY location (providing the general public or the wind don't touch them.) Inside one's home or facility can now be the perfect location!

## Participants and Playing Area

To begin, you must first determine the number of participants and the playing area within which the participants will be able to find the items. The playing area needs to be able to be easily explained by you and understood by the participants (it will be no fun for the participants to roam 'beyond the bounds' you intended, thus failing to find the items on their list...) When choosing the boundaries, consider a space with an ample number of places to hide the items, without being too large (a space too spread out will greatly lengthen the amount of time it will take for the teams to complete their list.)

By number of participants, I am actually referring to the number of 'teams' that will be participating. Now, you might decide that everyone will work independently on the hunt, collecting their own items. In this case, each team will consist of one team member. If you are pairing your participants for the activity, then you will have teams of two. It's important to refer to these team 'units' because you'll need to know how many copies to make of the lists and items. If you plan on teams of four or five, then you can cut costs down on printing by only providing ONE list per team, etc.

For those not as familiar with how a scavenger hunt might work, consider the following scenario. In it we will assume that 30 participants will be grouped in teams of three (thus 10 teams will be created.) Additionally, we'll assume the hostess has chosen to use the local elementary school grounds for the playing area (it's a Saturday and the school is vacant.)

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Linda's party is all going as planned and her guests are having a great time and she's planned a special scavenger hunt activity for them. As she lives right next door to the neighborhood elementary school, she felt that this was the ideal location to hide her clues. She begins by pulling all of the participants together and groups them in three, thus creating 10 groups. She explains that they are about to all go on an amazing scavenger hunt and that all of the clues on their list can be found on the school grounds, excluding the fields. She also goes through some of the rules that she expects all to abide by to ensure the fun and safety of everyone. One of the rules is that ALL teams must return within 30 minutes with their items if they are to be counted. Once all questions have been answered and Linda is confident that the teams understand the rules, she passes out large envelopes with the list contained inside. On her mark, she calls out GO and the teams frantically open their envelopes to read their lists and begin searching for clues and items at the school. Linda at this time notices the exact time for the sake of the 30 minute time limit.

Over the next 30 minutes Linda enjoys watching her guests frantically look for items and clues to complete the hunt. As the 30 minute time marker comes closer, teams start returning with their items, contained inside their envelopes. Each team drops their envelope in a box Linda has waiting (with Linda making sure that their team number was written on each envelope for the sake of awarding the correct winners.)

Once the guests are all in, they've found they worked up a great appetite. Linda was prepared and had food set out during the hunt awaiting the party guests at the conclusion of the activity. While her guests laugh and enjoy telling each other about their adventures looking for the clues and items on the hunt, Linda and a helper go through each envelope to determine which team got the most points.

Once a winner is determined, Linda excitedly pulls everyone together and quiets the crowd for the sake of announcing the winner. Once the winner is announced, everyone claps to congratulate them and Linda sighs with relief that she was able to provide such a fun activity with little effort on her part!

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Now that you have an idea of how a sample run through works, it's time to discuss the different lists included in this packet.

## BASIC SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS

To use this list simply print the needed number of copies, enough for each team to have one, plus a few extras (because we always seem to need a few extra...) Next print out enough copies of each of the 22 pirate themed items. Print enough of these items to allow each team to collect one of each. Once the pages are printed, cut out the individual items and make like stacks for hiding. Finally, hide the stacked items and you're ready to go – making sure that the Treasure Chest stack is hidden a little harder than the other items as they are worth more points. As an interesting variation, you might also consider NOT providing enough items for every person/team. In this way, teams/participants have to be one of the first few to find the stack of items to get one. Remember, also, when you're adding up the points for each team to count the Treasure Chests as 50 points rather than the 20 points that the other items are awarded.

We hope you have a great time with this hunt and consider checking out our other lists in the collection!

Take care,

Joe Dean  
Designer



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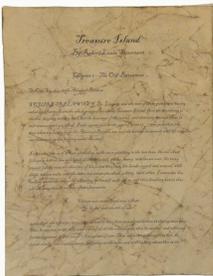
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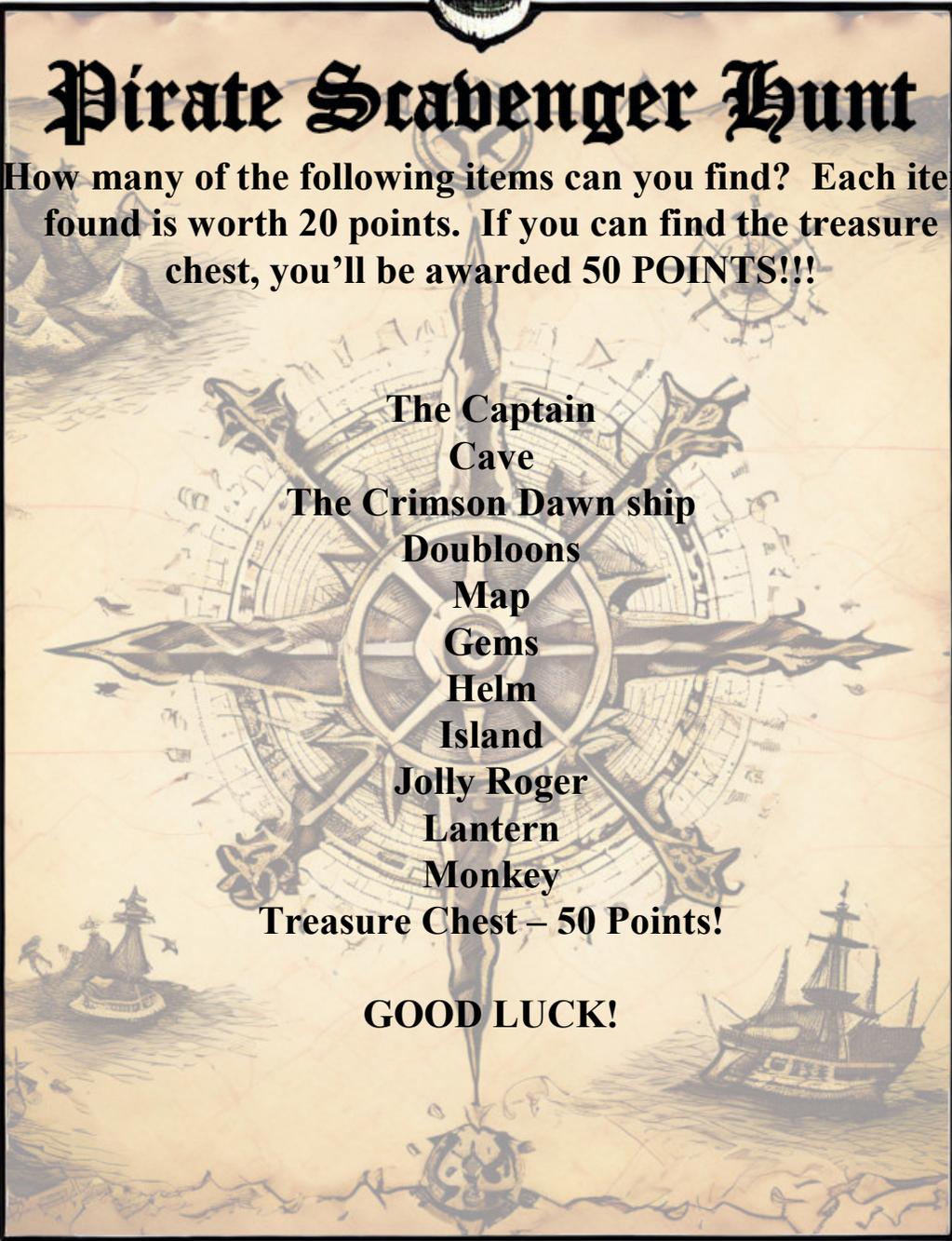
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# Pirate Scavenger Hunt

How many of the following items can you find? Each item found is worth 20 points. If you can find the treasure chest, you'll be awarded 50 POINTS!!!



The Captain  
Cave  
The Crimson Dawn ship  
Doublons  
Map  
Gems  
Helm  
Island  
Jolly Roger  
Lantern  
Monkey  
Treasure Chest – 50 Points!

**GOOD LUCK!**



**TREASURE  
CHEST**



**CAPTAIN**



**CAVE**



**THE CRIMSON  
DAWN**



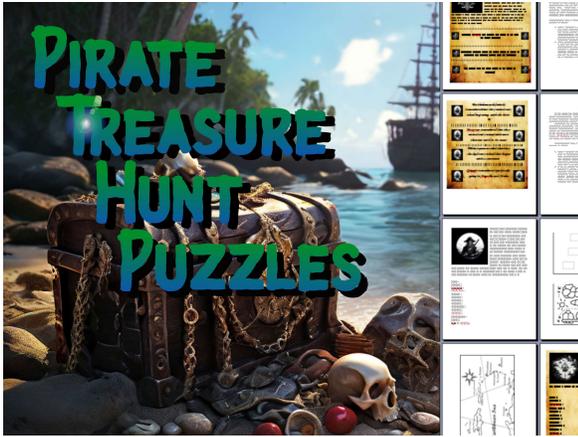
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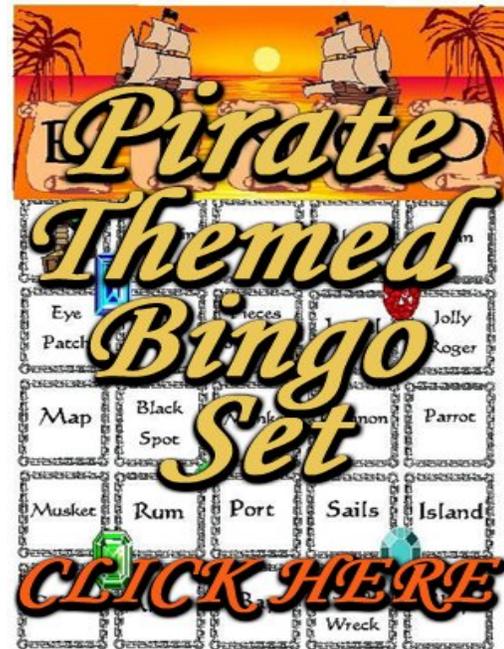
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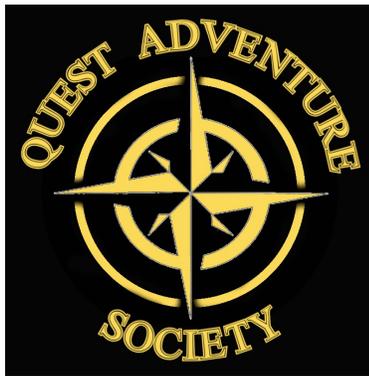
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