

2008 Treasure Hunt Answers

1. The clue refers to the "Swiftboating" of John Kerry in the 2004 American presidential campaign. The clue was hidden near the boats at Sue Swift's cabin.
2. "Crusty anthem," "nutty marches," and "cut-rate hymns" are all anagrams of "Mary Chestnut."
3. A little trigonometry here. In degrees, $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{0.75} = 60$, which yields 40 when reduced by a third. The clue led to the 40 km/hr speed limit sign on the camp road.
4. The waitress picked up \$222 in tips. The clue was at the Crimestoppers sign near the beginning of the camp road, which invites crime witnesses to call 222-TIPS.
5. This clue contains two references to camp baker Jenn Elliott. BREAK "dancing" yields BAKER, and the baker bakes sweets.
6. Ray of the Kinks (the British pop group) is Ray DAVIES. Hayes of the Cougars is Elvin, nicknamed the big "E." DAVIES loses E to yield DAVIS. The clue led to the Davis Island.
7. The zero is "zip" and " $y = mx + b$ " is an equation of a line. The clue was at the zip line.
8. 100 is C in Roman numerals. 10 decibels = a bel. 20 shillings = a pound (abbreviated £). Thus: C amp bel £ = Campbell. It was at the Campbell cottage.
9. These are lyrics from the Bob Dylan song *Highway 61 Revisited*, except all the numbers have been reduced by 1. The clue was at the Highway 60 sign.
10. The silhouettes are of Missouri (abbreviated MO), a lake (abbreviated L) and Oklahoma (abbreviated OK). MO + L + OK = Molok, our recycling company. The clue was at the Molok containers at the car dock.
11. Listeners would hear "too intense" as "2 in tents." The clue was at Tent 2, home to some of our younger campers.
12. The clue refers to the timing of basketball games. In high school, one quarter equals 8 minutes. In college, one half equals 20 minutes. In the pros, one quarter equals 12 minutes. The clue led to the basketball court.
13. What (lake) may lie between Timberwolf and Shah? Why, Misty may! Misty May is a professional and Olympic volleyball player. The clue led to the volleyball court.

14. The blanks are filled in with WAYNE, WORTH, LAUDER, and DALE (Earnhart, Jr.). These are all FORTS. The treasure was hidden at the men's 6-seater.
15. The missing pie filling is (A) cherry, an anagram of ARCHERY.
16. Spiraling counterclockwise from the W in the center, you can spell out WAIL, TREMOLO, HOOT, and YODEL. These are the four calls of the loon. The clue led to Loon Point.
17. Those who saw the movie Pan's Labyrinth know that the dialogue is in Spanish. "Why" and "because" in Spanish both refer to PORQUE, which is a near-homonym of PORKY. The clue led to Porky Point.
18. Replace "teeter totters" with the equivalent "see saws" to get a clue that leads straightforwardly to the Lumber Camp.
19. "Main" here means "ocean." Reparse the sentence to read: "In the main, it's who played Ahab; it's true." The last two words in the poem should, as described, be disregarded. Since Gregory Peck played Ahab in the movie "Moby-Dick," the clue led to the Peck Lake sign.
20. The chessboard is a BOARD, and the four balls combine to make a WALK. The clue was at the lesser-known boardwalk on the path around the island, not far beyond the rec lodge. (Hence the 15 points!)
21. Notice the initials ATKM and ATKM. The clue was at the 80 km speed limit sign on Highway 60.
22. Charlotte, of course, was a spider. If she lettered her (eight) boots, she would be done upon donning boot H. Boot H = BOOTH, referring to the phone booth at the end of the camp road.
23. This is a rebus: QU in 'SDAD = Quin's dad. The clue led to Sladds.
24. The clue suggests the song "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Interestingly enough, the very same tune can be used to convey the different message "The Bear Went Over the Mountain." The clue led to Bear Mountain.
25. Once around the track is A LAP. Facing toward the back, it's PALA. The clue led to Jill Pala (a Jill without Jack). The treasure was at her cabin.
26. The path to the (co-ed) earth fort between the rec lodge and the ropes course has a little signpost to indicate when it is occupied. Green means it is unoccupied, so you can "go."

27. The familiar two-word phrase leading to a table in the dining hall is PEANUT ALLERGY. Move one letter to get PEANUT GALLERY. The word GALLERY leads to the art gallery sign across Highway 60 from the camp road.
28. The ellipse is rotated 90°; then the right and left sides are each flipped horizontally. When the same transformations are performed on the hexagon, the result is the one-lane bridge symbol on the sign on the camp road.
29. If you "upset" IM NOT and BAND, you can spell BADMINTON. The clue led to the badminton court, formerly the basketball court. (Hence: "They don't play the way they used to.")
30. The anagrams and the extra letters are:

MOVIE SCREEN + F
 LOWER OFFICE + N
 PAMPER POLE + A
 SWIM SHACK + R
 CEDAR DECK + I
 PALACE STEPS + R
 BRUSH PILE + C

LODGE THREE + M
 WATER TROUGH + I
 TENT RACKS + A
 PIGEON PROTECTOR + Y
 LADIES' DOCK + P
 WAR CANOE + M

The extra letters can be rearranged to spell CAMP INFIRMARY.

The Double Crostic solution:

WORDS

- A. L ETTER CARRIER (Mr. Beasley, for example)
- B. A UTOMATIC (Opposite of stick)
- C. N EW DEAL (FDR's cure for depression)
- D. C HOCOLATE CHIP (Tiny kiss, of a sort)
- E. E QUUS (Radcliffe stage vehicle)
- F. K URDISTAN (Region attacked by Chemical Ali)
- G. E IGH T ARMS TO HOLD YOU (Original working title for *Help!*)
- H. N IKES (Tiger footwear)
- I. N ORTH AMERICA (Home to Americans and Canadians)
- J. E CHINACEA (Herbal immunity booster from purple coneflowers)
- K. D EATH EATER (Lucius Malfoy, for example)
- L. Y OUTH (Wasted on the young, according to G.B. Shaw)
- M. P UFF THE MAGIC DRAGON (Paper pal of song)
- N. A MPS Units measured by a galvanometer)
- O. R EBS (Yankee killers)
- P. E URIPIDES (Knock-knock name: _____ Pantsibreakayouface)
- Q. N EAP TIDE (Effect of sun, moon, and earth being at right angles)
- R. T OUR DE FORCE (Extraordinary feat)

- S. N IGH T (M. Shyamalan's middle name)
- T. E DDIE MURPHY (Played Thunder Early)
- U. W HEAT GERM (What's good for you sounds bad for the grain)
- V. S TEPS (AA's dozen)
- W. L OVED (John 3:16:4)
- X. E MINEM (Marshall Bruce Mathers III)
- Y. T RICK SHOT POOL (Mike Massey's game)
- Z. T HAW (Ice-out)
- AA. E LGIN BAYLOR (Watch Lance's school for an NBA legend)
- BB. R AFT (Whitewater wagon)

QUOTE

I put colored underwear on the Scavenger Hunt list about three years ago, figuring that teams could come up with come checkered briefs or something. This year the Tanamakoon CIT's participated, and a girl from each team marched proudly up to display a peek of the required item while clad therein.

31. This is a Burma Shave verse with the h's missing. (Here's where Charlie met his fate. Drove too fast, and now he's late." The last sign would say "Burma Shave," but take out the h to get Burma Save. The treasure was at one of the newly-restored sections of the Burma Trail to the rec lodge.
32. If you rearrange the letters of "A dead cranberry plant's demise?" following the pattern of the rearrangement of the alphabet inside the parentheses, you can spell "Beldar and Pymaat's residence?" Beldar and Pymaat were the heads of the Conehead family on television and in the movie, so the clue was at the athletic box, where the cones reside.
33. Turn the box upside-down to read WISHLOW, the camp chef. He had the treasure.
34. BRATZ, e.g., are dolls. At CPI they would be at the Doll House.
35. Upset our nurse (LISA) to get SAIL. The neighbor of the sail dock, the motorboat dock, spent most of the year submerged.
36. This is a log curve. The clue led to the log cabin.
37. Reportedly (i.e., spoken aloud), "illegal" is "ill eagle," which is what an eagle would be when sick. The clue led to Eagle Rock.
38. Take every other character (letter) in this: CaRpEtEd RoOm WaS sInGiNg. It leads to the Cree Row sign.

39. A Boston University (BU) MBA led to the LO (Lower Office). The clue led to Jamey Bumbalo's cabin.
40. The clue leads directly to the sign that says HIDDEN (referring to our camp road) out on Highway 60.
41. The Roman numeral IV + fe (the symbol for iron) yields FIVE (another club). The clue led to the old Forest Five site.
42. Mary Todd Lincoln was Abraham's wife. In the OT, that would have referred to Sarah. The clue led to Sarah McBee, i.e., to Arts and Crafts.
43. Test VIII = testate, a word meaning "having a will." The testate place would therefore be Will's cabin.
44. CRAZY CHART LIKE "crazy" yields CHARLIE KATRYCZ. The clue led to Charlie's residence (Lodge IIW).
45. Turtle, crew, and V (Jim Valvano) are styles of sweaters. The last picture is of Veronica Lodge. The clue led to the sweat lodge by the new Council Ring.
46. Jack Spratt's wife could eat no LEAN. Charlie Brown said "Good GRIEF." If you spoonerize LEAN GRIEF, you get GREENLEAF. It was at the Greenleaf tent.
47. Suggesting a homonym, a GENE "inside the ear" would be JEAN. The clue led to the Jean Norton memorial chapel. "If you come directly here" refers to coming to clue #47 because it is clue #47. The second verse refers to clue #49, as you will see.
48. Fill in the blanks with ROMAN CANDLE IS, which "explodes" to yield ROMANCE ISLAND.
49. Hi Ho Silver leads to the chapel in a straightforward way. The atomic number of silver is 47, which leads you back to clue #47. This explains the line, "If from somewhere else you came, look again – the clue's the same." There was a second treasure hidden at the chapel!
50. The missing clues for the crossword grid (and the locations where they could be found) are:
 - 1A (Tuck Shop) Halftime précis.
 - 9A (Algonquin Joe) No gain comes of it.
 - 33A (Paddle Shack) With face, snogging.
 - 12D (Canary) Yiggits.
 - 13D (Darts Target at rec lodge) More flashy sartorially.
 - 21D (Ropes Course Wall) Loon relative.
 - 27D (Pool table) Heretofore.

30D (Kayak area) Claudia Taylor, to Lyndon.

This is the completed grid:

16		27		22	31	14		35	38	17	30
J	O	U	R	E	R	I	K	W	E	L	L
2			41	11				25			
E	S	P	N	B	U	N	N	I	D	E	A
32				7							
T	O	T	O		S	T	O	N	E	A	D
5	37						43				
	T	O	O	T	H	A	W	E	N	D	Y
13						33					
S	A	N	K	A	E	K	I	S	S	Y	B
6					36		42		12	39	
P	R	O	S	I	R	E	L	I	C	A	I
		20			8	23		21			
O	P	W	A	L		S	E	G	A	R	R
	1		26				28				
R	R	E	C	A	P	U	A	R	M	E	D
4		40		29		18					3
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		9									
I	E	N	O	P	A	I	N	B	E	A	U
19				34				10			
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				15				24			
R	E	I	N	M	E	E	K	A	S	H	E

Notice that four of the squares in the completed diagram contain the four team colors: red, blue, green, and yellow. The numbers in the squares are the four numbers needed for the combination.

The unclued words RAIN and BEAU combine to make RAINBOW, suggesting the order in which the numbers should be arranged. Using the spectral order (ROYGBIV), the combination becomes 3785 (red, yellow, green blue). Since 5873 could also, technically, be considered to be in rainbow order, the teams were given two tries at opening the box.

The unclued words KNOW and WELL combine to make NOEL, giving one more clue to the gifts in the box. (The other clue, deducible from the instructions, is that there are twelve of them.) The box contained pictures of the individual gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and each team uses its colored square in the diagram to

identify its gift. Thus, the red gift (3) was the French hen, the yellow gift (7) was the swan a-swimming, the green gift (8) was the maid a-milking, and the blue gift (5) was the golden ring.

Mic-Chipp Hunt Answers

1. The biggest Pathfinder sign on the island is the backstop at the ball field.
2. The letters in the square spell out "A navel is a something-y button." The "something" is "bell." It led to the bell tower.
3. Ping pong is the other sport that uses paddles.
4. The T's refer to the tee board at the swim dock.
5. The "white socks lost today" would come to the coffin, where we hope they would not stay too long.
6. The silhouettes are of a shoe and a horse. The clue led to the horseshoe pits.
7. You can spot "Lance" in the letters of "a gLANCE."
8. The five separated holes suggest the small men's fort.
9. Substitute "canoes" for "can ooze." The clue led to the canoe dock, where you will, indeed, see a lot of red.
10. The flags "get up" twenty minutes after the Mics and Chipps do, and they come down three hours before Mic and Chipp taps.

The bonus message, pieced together from the letters on the back of the ten colored treasures, was PN TN BAT HAS NOTHING MISSING (FOUR TIMES, IN FACT). Replace the four missing zeroes to spell PONTOON BOAT.