

**ELIOT INSTITUTE
PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT**
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REPORT from Josh Kadish, Organizer (August 2016)

We had another successful photo scavenger hunt. The teams that participated enjoyed themselves and it's something the whole family can do. If no one steps up to do it again, Josh is willing to come up the words and if we attend next year, I'm happy to put the slide show together.

I'd say 4-5 teams are ideal for fitting all the images onto PowerPoint slides, anything more than 6 and I'd find it a challenge to show the images efficiently. I was initially concerned there wouldn't be enough time for people to come back from the salmon bake, make it all the way up to the meeting hall to watch the slide show but we attracted a 30-40 people. The timing at 7:30pm on Friday worked well. Alternatively, we could host the slide show presentation after the salmon bake in Juniper (quicker to get to) or feature it as a slide show or repeat at the Social Hour just before salmon bake. There was also interest in having the slide show pictures added to the webpage that Nima hosts all of her photos.

HOW TO

In order to do the PSH, you need someone who is quite adept at organizing photos on a computer, and has an hour a day or so to devote to the task. The basic steps are:

1. Organizer puts clues in the newsletter, 5 clues each day Sunday through Wednesday or Thursday. Clues are open-ended and subject to interpretation. Some examples: Letters of the Alphabet; Accident Waiting to Happen; Canadian, Eh?; Sneaking Out; Unitarian Moment.
2. Organizer announces game at a Sunday meal, puts out a sign-up sheet and a blurb in the newsletter describing the game. Campers organize themselves into teams, sign up, start taking photos. They must submit one photo per clue by midnight the night following the clue is in the newsletter. For instance, the Sunday clues are due Monday at midnight. Clues are submitted by emailing to a central email account. We had a special Gmail account dedicated to this purpose.
3. Technologically adept guy (Chuck Wooten in our case) gets the photos, organizes them. Slide show is presented on Saturday to the amusement of campers, in the Meeting House.

I hope this is clear. Its a fair amount of work, but a lot of fun. We had about 5 teams, so a total of maybe 100 photos, some of which are amazing. One could award prizes or make it a competition, but I didn't do this. I viewed it more as a participatory art project.