

SUMMERHUNT 2008

Hello, my dear friends, and welcome to Summerhunt! It's a scavenger hunt, an adventure, a community of players, and a way of life.

OK, maybe it's not that intense. But it should be a lot of fun. The general idea: for the next six hours, complete as many of the tasks on the list as possible — it's just like the scavenger hunts you may have done as a kid, except it lasts six hours and much more awesome. The ultimate goal — and the explanation, to anyone who asks — is that it's just good, clean fun.

The rules are as follows:

1. Ben will be the final judge of everything. *Final*. As in, judgment day and trumpets sound.
2. Neither Ben nor any other person associated with Summerhunt shall be responsible for any damages, legal ramifications, injuries, deaths, or other harmful consequences that occur during or as a result of Summerhunt. You will never be expected to do anything illegal, unethical, or dangerous. If you think you have to do something illegal, unethical, or dangerous, you're doing it wrong. In general: don't do anything stupid, and if you do, it's your own fault.
3. Each team is allowed one (1) car or similar vehicle (no buses, limos, or other vehicles with more than eight seats), one (1) digital camera, and one (1) team name, which must be submitted *before* the hunt begins, during the registration period.
4. Most tasks, except those which specify something like "BRING", require a photo of your team completing the task. Unless otherwise stated, a photo "of your team" must contain a majority of your team participating in the action. If it is not possible for that number of people to participate in the action (as in, say, "a picture of your team holding an apple"), those not participating in the action must be clearly visible and reacting appropriately to those performing the action.
5. One team can snipe another team by taking a picture of that team clearly performing a task. The picture must be taken as the task is being performed *and photographed*. If a team is sniped, the points they would have earned for that task go to the sniping team instead — and the sniping team may also perform the task themselves for points.
6. Each team will be given time in the post-hunt period to submit their photos. It is suggested that, for convenience, each team stick to one memory card or other medium. We will try to be able to read as many memory card formats as possible, but try to make sure that you have either a common card format or a USB transfer cable (for cameras that *do not require any software to be installed*).
7. Summerhunt is scheduled to begin at 09.30 EST at 185 Graham Street and end at 15.29 EST. Once a team returns to 185 Graham Street, the team shall be out of play and can neither take pictures nor be sniped. All teams must be counted at 185 Graham Street before 09.15 to be included in the hunt. All teammates must be present at the start and finish of the

hunt. Teams will have one hour before the hunt begins (the “registration period”) to check in, provide a team name, and have individual and team photos taken. If there is any delay or early start to the hunt, it will be equally reflected in the finish time so the hunt lasts exactly six hours.

8. Points for any one task range from 0 to 400 in increments of ten. Note that the task list has been randomized with regard to point value!
9. Ben will be on call for the duration of Summerhunt either by cell phone (207.351.5313), home phone (207.284.0234 — you will reach either Ben or someone who can find him), or in person. You are welcome to ask Ben any question you like, but remember that he may decide not to answer. If, however, you spot either an inconsistency in the rules or a clarification that all teams should know, Ben will relay such information to all teams as quickly as possible.
10. Tasks preceded with → are bonuses: you will only receive those points if you complete the task to which the bonus applies. For example, you cannot receive points for “→ making s’mores” without also completing “in a tent”. You may, however, submit one photo for a task and its bonuses. Bonus points are awarded in addition to the base task’s points.
11. Let’s not overwhelm ourselves, here — the judging procedure will be explained after the hunt has ended. Rest assured, it is fair.